

An aerial, slightly blurred photograph of a suburban neighborhood. The scene shows several two-story brick houses with brown roofs, green lawns, and trees. A paved road curves through the center of the neighborhood. The overall lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

**“Won’t  
you be  
my  
Neighbor?”**

*August 11, 2019*

*But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."*

Matthew 22:34-40 (NLT)

### **How do I love my neighbor as I love myself?**

*Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."*

John 3:5-8 (NLT)

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# GRACE NEWS

***If you want more information or to volunteer with any of these opportunities, please make a note on the Let's Connect card.***

**Fishing Club** – Tuesday, August 13th, 6:30 pm, in the Gathering Place. Join us for dinner and a discussion on Jesus and the disciples that were Fishermen just like us! Joy and peace can be found from the one that calms the seas for us.

**Family Promise** – Next year, Grace Church will be partnering with Family Promise to provide food, shelter, and support services for homeless families. In order to get a better idea of what it will mean to us, I am looking for volunteers to take dinner to 2 families on August 20th. Prior to this, there is a training on Aug 13th from 4 – 5:30. For more information or to sign up, indicate on your connect card or call the office.

**Cambodia Mission Informational Meeting** – Sunday, Sept. 1st @ 11:00 in the Gathering Place. Mission Team now forming for Cambodia October 5-15, 2020. The purpose of the Mission will be Spiritual Formation, Vision trip, Prayer walking, Human Trafficking, partnering with our mission partner Phil Hudson. For more information contact Bethany in the church office. Applications are available in the Lobby.

**Hunger for Healing for MEN & WOMEN** – Tuesday, September 3rd – 5:30 – 6:00 bring your own dinner and catch up with the group. 6:00 – 7:30 meeting. There will be a men's AND women's group - learn how to apply the Twelve Steps to alleviate emotional pain and stress for practical spiritual growth in Christ. There's still time to join us! Indicate on your Connect Card or call the office for more information.

# LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date:     /     /      1st Time Visitor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



I would like to meet with the pastor.

## MY DECISION TODAY

- I said **YES** for the first time, and became a follower of Jesus.
- I decided to **RENEW** my relationship with Jesus.

*We have resources to help you with your decision.*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Prayer List     For Pastors Only

## I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

## SMART GIVING

go to: [egracechurch.com/give](http://egracechurch.com/give)

-OR-

text any amount + "Sarasota" to:

**239.205.3123**

(like this: 100 Sarasota)

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# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**ALL are invited to join us for any of our regularly scheduled events!**

**Exploring the Old Testament** – Sundays, 8:15 – 9:30 am in the Gathering Place. This is a safe place to learn and explore the Bible. Ask questions. No preparation needed.

**Pastor Bible Study** – Tuesdays at 7:30 am, in the Gathering Place. We meet to read a portion of the Bible, then discuss what it meant then and how it applies to current times.

**Fishing Club** – 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. We will fish and 'hook up' with other fishermen. Fishing poles are available if you don't have one of your own. Dinner available. Location varies.

**Prayer hour** – Wednesdays, noon – 1 pm in the Worship Center. Come join us in praying for our church, our neighborhoods, the 941, & the nations or if you are in need of prayer.

**Sprout** - 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month - Food distribution by All Faiths Food Bank from 9:00 – 10:30.

**941 Exchange Clothing only** - Open the 2nd Thursday of the month during food distribution from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Most items are \$1.00 or less.

**The Bible Plain and Simple**, Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Starting Point room. Join us as we walk through the Bible using a children's Bible.

**941 Exchange:** Shop, Donate, Volunteer - Every Thursday & Friday 9:41 am – noon

**Grace on the Bay Kayaking** – 2nd Saturday of the month, leaving from Vamo Drive Park at 9:41am. Bring your own kayak, call the office or text 'KAYAK' to 941-241-0188 and we will bring one for you!



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