

*January 8, 2017*

DEFYING  
GRAVITY

Someone came to Jesus with this question: "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" "Why ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments." "Which ones?" the man asked. And Jesus replied: "You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself." "I've obeyed all these commandments," the young man replied. "What else must I do?"  
Matthew 19:16-20 (NLT)

### How do I defy the gravitational pull of "more?"

#### 1. Reject the Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.  
Matthew 19:21-22 (NLT)

#### 2. Embrace the Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."  
Matthew 19:23-26 (NLT)

### God's Vision for Grace Church:

To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God.

## GRACE NEWS

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** - The New Year is a great time to get on track financially! Watch this spot for more information on this transformational experience.

**HARRY CHAPIN HUNGER WALK** - Is Saturday January 21st. We are in need of walkers and sponsors! Join Pastor Shari out on the track. All proceeds will help fund the Grace Church food pantry. Each dollar you pledge equals 8\$ worth of food! Sign-up sheet is in the Welcome area!

**WOMEN OF GRACE** - The annual women's retreat is March 11th-12th. Refresh, relax, grow and connect. Tickets are \$85! For more information contact Kim at (703)-258-5656.

**BIBLE STUDY** - Interested in growing deeper in your faith? Bible engagement in a small group setting is the best way! Join a group: Wednesday evenings "242" at 6:30PM in the sanctuary, Sunday morning Sojourners at 10AM in room 2, or the "Deeper Dive" group at 11:30 Sunday in room 3! Bring a Bible or we can provide one for you.

**CHILDRENS MINISTRY** - Did you know the Children's Ministry needs help? Come help with the children! Contact Beverly Cox at bcox@egracechurch.com.

# LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BASKETS AS YOU EXIT

Date: / /

Service Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1st time     2nd time     3rd time  
 Regular Attendee     Church Member  
 Male     Female

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- Single     18-23     50's  
 Married     24-29     60+  
 Divorced     30's  
 Widowed     40's  
 Middle School     High School     College

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please update my contact information

## 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:

## GIVE BACK TO GOD ONLINE!

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

An effective and time-saving way to give your tithes and offerings without carrying cash or writing checks.

1. Scan **QR CODE** with any Smart Phone.
2. Set up an **ONLINE** giving plan with Grace Church.



**TECH TEAM** - We can always use techies! Contact Scott at [smdonald@egracechurch.com](mailto:smdonald@egracechurch.com).

**SEWING GROUP** - Like to sew? Join our sewing group from 9-11AM and every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Contact Lesley Merrifield (239)-693-5431.

## SCHEDULE

### Worship Times:

Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

Sunday at 10am (Contemporary)

### Grace Kidz/Youth

**Grace Place** (Infant – 5th grade): Sunday 9:45am

**PrE-Team** (3 - 4yo): Wed. 6-8pm

**E-Team** (5yo to 4th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

**TwEEN Team** (5th & 6th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

**Revolution** (7th grade - High School):

Wednesday from 6-8pm

### Recovery

**AA Open Discussion:** Mon, Wed, Fri at noon.

**Steps to Freedom:** CA Meeting Tues. 7pm

**A-Z Group:** Thursday 8pm

**Sobriety Rocks:** AA Speaker Meeting Sat. 7pm

## ATTENDANCE

8:30am	10am	Wed.	Total
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

## GIVING

Shores General Fund	
Last Week	\$ n/a

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