# = It Wouldn't be = CHRISTMAS

Without...



# **MESSAGE NOTES**

## It Wouldn't Be Christmas Without... | Part 2

Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations. They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive, and they were both very old. One day Zechariah was serving God in the Temple, for his order was on duty that week. As was the custom of the priests, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense.

Luke 1:6-9 (NLT)

### How do I remain hopeful when everything is not right?

While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John."

Luke 1:11-13 (NLT)

1. Live _	in God.		
	But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah!" Luke 1:13a (NLT)		
2. Live	in God.		
	But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer." Luke 1:13b (NLT)		
3. Live _	in God.		

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Luke 1:13 (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**

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY-** Tonight at 5 PM in the Connections Café! Please bring a wrapped ornament for an ornament exchange and your favorite holiday finger food to share. See you there!

**NEW OR GENTLY USED TOYS**- Can you help with a new or gently used toy? We will make these available on 2nd Saturday to help our neighbors with children, along with tissue and Christmas bags for wrapping. For more information see Adela.

**COMMUNITY NIGHT OF MUSIC-** Join us for a special night of music and more on December 13th. Bring your favorite holiday dish to share for our potluck at 6 PM in the Connections Café and Music starts at 7 PM.

BLUE CHRISTMAS-Dealing with loss can make the holidays bittersweet. Join us for a service of healing and hope, followed by refreshments on Sunday December 17th at 5 PM.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING**- Enjoy your favorite Christmas music on this special morning service at 10 AM.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES- Celebrate the birth of Christ with Contemporary music and something special for the kids at 5 PM. Come Celebrate with your favorite Traditional music at 7 PM Sunday Evening.

**JOY GROUP-** Come join us for our Annual Christmas Potluck on December 18th at 12 PM.

# 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						
$\square$ Married $\square$ 24-29 $\square$ 60+						
□ Divorced □ 30's						
□ Widowed □ 40's						
☐ Middle School ☐ High School ☐ College						
Address:						
City:						
tate: 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 Pasto	ors Only		
I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:				

### **SMART GIVING**

go to: egracechurch.com/give

-OR-

text any amount + "Shores" to:

239.443.5901

(like this: 100 Shores)

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





**MEN'S MEETING-**The next men's meeting and fellowship will be on Thursday, December 21st at 6 PM at the Mix Grill. The topic will be "Where is home?" Recommended reading is Jeremiah 29 versus 1-14.

# **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 Meeting: Mon, Wed, Fri 12pm (Office)

**OA:** Monday & Thursday 7:30pm (Family Room)

Daniel Plan: Tuesday 1pm (Room 2)

**AA Women's Meeting:** Tuesday 7pm (Office)

AA Open Discussion: Thursday 8pm (Cafe)

AL Anon: Friday 12pm (Family Room)

AA Open Speaker: Saturday 7pm (Cafe)

## **ATTENDANCE**

8:30am	10am	Wed.	Total
44	113	0	157

## **GIVING**

Shores General Fund				
Last Week	\$ 5,060			

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