



*CHARACTER*

*DEVELOPMENT*

*November 25, 2018*

*When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.*

Esther 4:12-17 (NIV)

**How do I as a Christ follower courageously respond to "Kingdom opportunities?"**

1. Rely on my \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Die to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Embrace \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Xerxes, near and far, to have them celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor.*

Esther 9:20-22 (NIV)

## 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

**ST CROIX MISSION TRIPS-** Bob Johnson will be leading 3 mission trips to St Croix next year. These are UVMIM trips. Each trip will be for 2 weeks in order to meet FEMA requirements, since they are paying nearly all the costs. The goal is to rebuild resident's roofs which were damaged or destroyed in Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The first trip will be Jan. 27-Feb. 9. For more information ontact Bob at 239-694-1803. Applications can be found in the Welcome Area.

**ANGEL TREE-** Is a Prison ministry that helps incarcerated parents keep connected with their children. Grab a few tags off the tree, return wrapped gifts by Dec. 16th, and bless a family this Christmas!

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY-** December 2nd at 5 PM in the Connections Café! Please bring a wrapped ornament for an exchange and your favorite holiday finger food to share. Come and bring a friend!

**COMMUNITY NIGHT OF MUSIC-** Join us for a special night of music and more on December 12th at 6 PM for Potluck and Music at 7 PM.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** – Are you able to spend a few hours a month to help us keep our high traffic areas clean and welcoming? Write "Yes!" on your "Let's Connect" Card.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** – Love helping little ones discover the love of Jesus? Come help with the children! Your kindness can change the life of a child forever. 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 Partner  
 Male      Female

How did you hear about Grace Church?

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

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- 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:

## SMART GIVING

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

-OR-

text any amount + "Shores" to:

**239.205.3123**

(like this: 100 Shores)

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



# 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)

**AA Men's Meeting:** Monday 7 PM (Office)

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

**NAR-Anon Meeting:** Wed. 6:30pm (Family Rm)

**AA Open Discussion:** Thursday 8pm (Cafe)

**AL Anon:** Friday 12pm (Family Room)

**AA Open Speaker:** Saturday 7pm (Cafe)

# ATTENDANCE

8:30am	10am	Wed.	Total
46	160	146	352

# GIVING

Shores General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 3,807