



'T IS THE SEASON

December 1, 2019

MESSAGE NOTES

'Tis the Season | Part 1

How am I preparing myself for Christmas?

1. Am I preparing for Christmas as a _____?
2. Am I preparing for Christmas as an _____?

How can I prepare for Christmas well?

When Herod was king of Judea, there was a Jewish priest named Zechariah. He was a member of the priestly order of Abijah, and his wife, Elizabeth, was also from the priestly line of Aaron. 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.

Luke 1:5-7 (NLT)

1. See the _____ in the ordinary.

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. While the incense was being burned, a great crowd stood outside, praying. 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..."

Luke 1:8-13a (NLT)

2. Release _____.

Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure this will happen? I'm an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years."

Luke 1:18 (NLT)

3. Welcome the _____.

Then the angel said, "I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time."

Luke 1:19-20 (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

COMMUNITY NIGHT OF MUSIC- Join us for a special night of music and more on December 11th. Bring a dish for the potluck at 6 PM and music will begin at 7 PM

BLUE CHRISTMAS- Dealing with loss can make the holidays bittersweet. Come and experience a service of healing and hope, followed by refreshments on Sunday, December 15th at 5 PM.

NEW OR GENTLY USED TOYS- Can you help with a new or gently used toy to help our 2nd Saturday neighbors with children? We could also use tissue paper for wrapping. Toys can be dropped off Sunday in the Welcome Area. Or they can be brought to the Community Center on December 14th between 7:30 AM and 8 AM. Any questions contact Adela at 239-357-6989 or Linda McCoy 239-826-1698.

ANGEL TREE- This 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. 15th, and bless a family this Christmas.

WOMENS CHRISTMAS PARTY- Tonight at 5 PM in the Connections Café! Please bring a wrapped ornament for an exchange and your favorite holiday finger food to share. Any questions contact Adela 239-357-6989 or Lillian 239-339-7362.

CAMBODIA MISSION TEAM- Come shop this Saturday and support our mission team!

GRACE WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT- Conversations with the women of the nativity next Sunday from 1:30-5 PM at Echo Farms 17392 Durrance Rd, N Ft Myers. No cost and childcare is available if registered today. Opportunity to be still and listen to God's voice and greet each other in informal Bible study, worship, and quiet time.

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?

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: _____

☐ Public Prayer List ☐ For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

SMART GIVING

go to: 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

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

Revolution (6th 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)

NA Meeting: Saturday 6:30pm (Room 2)

NA Meeting: Sunday 6pm (Room 2)

ATTENDANCE

8:30am	10am	Wed.	Total
34	164	206	404

GIVING

General Fund	
Last Week	\$5,546