

# Welcome To Grace Brethren Church

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**.. and His name shall be called Wonderful,  
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.**

**Isaiah 9:6b**

A Christmas event poster for Grace Norwalk. The background is dark with a top border of green pine branches and red ornaments. The text is centered in a light gray box. At the top, "CHRISTMAS" is written in large white letters, with "a time of..." in smaller white letters below it. A red horizontal line separates this from the dates "DEC 4 | 11 | 18 | 25" in large white letters. Below the dates, "sundays at 10a" is written in smaller white letters. Another red horizontal line separates this from "GRACE NORWALK" in white letters. At the bottom, "MAKE IT A FAMILY EVENT" is written in white letters, flanked by two white Christmas tree icons.

CHRISTMAS  
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GRACE NORWALK

MAKE IT A FAMILY EVENT

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December 18, 2022

# Today at Grace

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Bible Classes: 9:00am

Grace Gathering [Courtyard]: 9:40am

Grace Worship Service: 10:00am

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## TEACHING SERIES:



**"Submission & Obedience"**

**Pastor Roy Halberg**

**Weekly Theme Passage**

**Luke 1: 26-55**

**We welcome our guests today and if you are new to Grace Norwalk and looking for a way to connect, text the word "CONNECT" to 562.444.1211 and we will text you occasional updates and events at GRACE. We are so glad you are here with us today.**

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## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would like offering envelopes for 2023 please text the words "Offering envelopes" to **562.444.1211** or write "Offering Envelopes" on the connect card in front of you.

## OUR DAILY BREAD ARE HERE

Pick one up for yourself and one for a friend, at the Connect Center



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Victoria Arreola

Fri

Dec 23

## EVENTS THIS WEEK @ GRACE

Women's Bible Study	Mon	Dec 19	6:30pm
Ironmen Bible Study ( <i>Rm C103</i> )	Tue	Dec 20	6:30pm
Gonzalez Small Group ( <i>Gonzalez Home</i> )	Tue	Dec 20	7:00pm
Bible Studies, Grace Students & Grace Kids	Wed	Dec 21	6:30pm
Worship Practice	Thu	Dec 22	6:30pm

## COMING EVENTS

Christmas in the Courtyard	Sun	Dec 25	10:00am
Christmas Worship Service	Sun	Dec 25	10:45am
Grace Gathering (in the courtyard)	Sun	Jan 01	10:15am
<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Jan 01</b>	<b>10:45am</b>

## CHILDRENS MINISTRY

Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Grace Kids Worship Service	Sun	Jan 01	10:45am
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### **10:00 am Christmas in the Courtyard**

[photo booth, coffee, hot cocoa,  
breakfast bites, kid crafts & fellowship]

### **10:45 am Christmas Worship Service**

[a special service for the whole family]

### **Socks Collection**

Women of Grace invite the church to help fill the box in the church lobby with heavy socks of all sizes during the next two months, for the Mission Commission to hand out.

Last week Pastor Oscar talked about how Christmas is a Time of HOPE. Hope is not wishful thinking, but rather hope is to trust and wait expectantly in the promises of God.

As we near Christmas Day, the words that ring deep in my heart and bring about such incredible hope and peace are the words found in Luke 2:11,

*“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a SAVIOR, who is CHRIST the LORD.”*

While I was thrilled to announce the birth of my four kids, it fails in comparison to the greatest birth announcement of all time found in Luke 2. The baby born in Bethlehem has incredible significance for the entire world. Look at the words mentioned in Luke 2 to describe the Hope that we have,

**SAVIOR** ... the one and only rescuer of our sins.

**CHRIST** ... the promised Messiah, the anointed one, the one talked about by the prophets in Old Testament times

**LORD** ... the Godhead in the form of Jesus, who is himself fully God, yet became fully human and dwelt among us, went to the cross and overcame death on our behalf

Christ the Savior is born! Let's rejoice together in this incredible gift!

Merry Christmas Grace Norwalk!

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**Attendance Last Week: In-Person Service: 69**

**Online views: 39**





# CHRISTMAS

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# CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

DEC  
25

10a | Christmas in the Courtyard

10:45a | Christmas Worship Service



Christmas: A Time of Submission & Obedience

Luke 1:26-55

#3 in our series: *Christmas: A Time Of . . .*

Pastor Roy Halberg

→Who is the most powerful woman in the world?

Mary teaches us the value of a humble, trusting, servant's heart

1. Mary's EXPERIENCE teaches us about a servant's heart (vv 26-38)
  - A. The angel's STATEMENT- He called her "favored one" who "found favor"
    - KJV & NIV- "highly favored"
    - TEV- "greatly blessed"
    - CEV- "truly blessed"
    - WUEST- "encompassed with favor"
    - AMPL- "favored one (endued with grace)"
  
  - B. Mary's SURPRISE- She asks "How can this be?"
  
2. Mary's ENCOUNTER with Elizabeth teaches us about faith/trust in the Lord (vv 39-45)
  - A. Elizabeth's STATEMENT about Mary's blessedness (v 42)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. Mary's SONG of praise in response
  
3. Mary's EXALTATION of the Lord in song teaches us about humility (vv 46-55)

→In the miracle of this birth and her choice to be the bearer of the savior, Mary was impressed with \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_

SO WHAT? NOW WHAT?

1. Mary isn't one of the 100 most powerful women in the world . . . then or now!  
BUT, she is worthy of \_\_\_\_\_  
She is worthy of being \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. How does your attitude/spirit compare to Mary's?
  - readiness to serve Him?
  - eagerness to believe God for the impossible?
  - humility?
  
3. Are you committed to being an obedient servant like Mary?
  
4. Mary was committed to serving, trusting, obeying ... without knowing much about what was to come . . . how about you?