

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



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December 18, 2022

Today at Grace

Bible Classes: 9:00am

Grace Gathering [Courtyard]: 9:40am

Grace Worship Service: 10:00am

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.

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
Worship Service	Sun	Jan 01	10:45am

CHILDRENS MINISTRY

Pre-K – 5th 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!

CHRISTMAS

a time of...

DEC 4 | 11 | 18 | 25

sundays at 10a



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

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?

→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 _____