

## WAYS TO GIVE

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THANKS FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY!

## NEED TO KNOW

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Nov 26 / 6:00 - 8:00 pm / Gym

Bring your favorite game.

Concessions will be available with  
all proceeds going towards Grace  
Kids Missionaries.

### NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE

Nov 27 / 7:00 - 9:00 pm / Room 269

A time to honor and remember  
those you have loved and lost in  
the past few years as we enter the  
holiday season.

RSVP Online

### WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT

Dec 4 / 6:15 Social / 7:00 Program

We will discover the delightful  
Peace of the Christmas season with  
Guest Speaker Jenita Pace.  
Get your tickets on the grace  
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# LAUGHING *all the way!*

NOV 26 // LAUGHING ALL THE WAY WEEK 1 // PASTOR JOE BOYD

#### The million dollar question: Why Mary and Joseph?

This is the one I will **esteem**: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, who trembles at My word. **Isaiah 66:2b**

#### Nabat

"To esteem, to regard with pleasure, to respect, to be impressed."

#### The greatness of a person is in the direct proportion to the measure of their surrender in their life.

Then Joseph, her fiancé, being a man of stern principle, decided to break the engagement but to do it quietly, as **he didn't want to publicly disgrace her. Matthew 1:19**

When Joseph woke up, **he did as the angel of the Lord commanded** and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

#### Matthew 1:24-25

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" **Luke 1:26-28**

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!" **Luke 1:29-30**

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" **Luke 1:31-32**

Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. **Luke 1:34-35**

What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For the word of God will never fail." **Luke 1:36-37**

Mary responded, "**I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true.**" And then the angel left her. **Luke 1:38**

#### Mary and Joseph were certain that God was with them.

#### What makes ordinary people extraordinary?

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

#### Galatians 5:22-23a

#### Why didn't humility and commitment make the cut?

**Because we can do those ourselves.**

**Fruit grows in the soil that is cultivated by humility and fertilized by gratitude.**

#### Humus

Dark, organic material that forms in soil when plant and animal matter decays.

#### The fruit production is the Holy Spirits part.

#### The soil preparation is our part.

I'm bursting with God-news; I'm dancing the song of my Savior God.

God took one good look at me, and look what happened— I'm the most fortunate woman on earth!

What God has done for me will never be forgotten, the God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others.

#### Luke 1:46-49 MSG

**Our mouths were filled with laughter**, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

#### Psalm 126:2