

# the gifts of Christmas

Dave Reimer

## THE INCARNATION

### *I'll Leave Home for Christmas*

John 1:1-14, Philippians 2:5-11

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ – Who is this baby? John 1:1-14

A. \_\_\_\_\_ – In the BEGINNING was the Word

B. \_\_\_\_\_ – and the Word was WITH God...

C. \_\_\_\_\_ – and the Word WAS God...

D. \_\_\_\_\_ – All things were MADE through Him...

E. \_\_\_\_\_ – In Him was LIFE...

F. \_\_\_\_\_ – and the life was the LIGHT of men...

G. \_\_\_\_\_ – and the Word became FLESH

II. \_\_\_\_\_ – the greatest gift ever, Philippians 2:5-11

#### KEY

(I. The INCARNATION; A. ETERNITY; B. PERSONALITY; C. DEITY; D. CREATING;  
E. ANIMATING; F. REVEALING; G. INCARNATION; II. HUMILITY...)

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CDs may be purchased at the Connection Desk.

December 13, 2015

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## TODAY@GRACE - December 13, 2015

### Worship - Kids Christmas Program

9am & 10:30am  
Nursery & Nursing mothers room available

### Adult & Children's Sunday School

9am & 10:30am  
Complete list of classes available @ Connection Desk

### Middle School Igniter

9am ~ Deck Room

### Sack Lunch Fundraiser

After both services ~ Atrium & Foyer

### High School Igniter

6:30pm ~ Activity Center

#### new members

Greg and Kelli Huxman will be welcomed as members on Sunday, December 27.

#### sign up station in the foyer

Men's Prayer & Fellowship Breakfast

#### freedom 2017 envelopes

Freedom 2017 envelopes are available by the offering baskets located near each Worship Center door.

Dear Guests,

*Thank you for worshipping with us. We realize there are many places you could be on a Sunday morning. We are so glad you are here! If you need any assistance, please see an usher or visit our Connection Desk.*

*If you are a **first-time guest**, please complete the Communication Card (attached to the worship folder) and bring it to the Connection Desk in the foyer to receive a free gift as a thank-you for visiting.*

*You may notice that no **offering basket** is passed during today's service. Baskets are at the doors. We invite guests to receive the blessings of this morning's service without feeling compelled to give.*

Grace Community Church Family

## LIFE@GRACE

### harvest of love

The Salvation Army and the Newton Ministerial Alliance are networking together to sponsor "Harvest of Love." The purpose is to gather non-perishable good and cash donations in an effort to feed the growing number of people in need in Harvey County. GCC will be collecting non-perishable food items beginning this Sunday through December 20 at the tank by the mailboxes.

### thank you from elmer reimer...

To the Grace Church family - Thank you very much for your applause and many kind words of thanks last Sunday in acknowledgment of completing the 75 years of ministry the Lord has given me. Thank you also for the reception at the close of my last class and for the beautiful plant arrangement. TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY AND HONOR!

### thank you from extend...

to everyone who generously gave to the "4 Ways to Extend the Love of Christ This Christmas." We were able to take 97 boxes to Haiti, to send \$1,278 to the Buller's and take numerous items to the Harvey County Homeless Shelter and World Impact Thrift Store.

### young adult ministry christmas party

Thursday, December 17 | 7:30pm | Fireside Room

Wear an ugly sweater, bring a white elephant gift, and come ready for games and treats! All college students and young adults are welcome.

### men's prayer & fellowship breakfast

Saturday, December 19 | 7:30am | Fireside Room

Loren Kurtz will be presenting "Kingdom Workers - Igniter's Trip to Reynosa, MX" at this month's meeting. Visit the Sign Up Station today or register online.

### christmas eve services

Thursday, December 24 | 2pm, 4pm, 6pm | Worship Center

Grace will host a simple and beautiful celebration for the whole family with scripture, carols, candlelight and communion. Please join us and invite a friend for this special worship service that celebrates the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

### sunday school and igniter break

Sundays December 27 & January 3

All Sunday School classes and Igniter will be on break for Christmas and New Years. Nursery will be provided as well as activity bags for children in the worship service.

## THIS WEEK & BEYOND

### December

- 17 Elders 6pm Deck Room
- 19 Men's Prayer & Fellowship Breakfast 7:30am Fireside Room
- 23 Awana on break through December 30
- 24 Office closes at 12pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 2pm, 4pm, 6pm Worship Center
- 25 Merry Christmas! Office closed
- 27 All Sunday School & Igniter on break through January 3
- 31 Office closes at 12pm

### January 2016

- 1 Happy New Year! Office closed
- 3 Starting Point 12pm Fireside Room
- 7 Young Adult Ministry Welcome Back Party 7:30pm Fireside
- 10 Grace Foundations 10:30am Fireside Room through January 31
- 15 Women's Game Night 7pm Fireside Room
- 17 Child Dedication Sunday both services
- 17 GroupLink 2pm Fireside Room

### Grace Community Church Ministry Team:

Senior Pastor: Dave Reimer  
Counseling, Discipleship: Steve Friesen  
Student Ministries: Loren Kurtz

Worship & Community Life: Kyle Schanbacher  
Children's Ministries: Juli Dirks  
Nursery Director: Lori Jordan

### Grace Network Churches:

Grace Community Fellowship (Hillsboro): Adam Utecht  
Grace Crossing (Moundridge): Jason Rains  
New Anthem Community Church (Park City): Landon Jordan

### Board of Elders:

Chairman: Joe Freud  
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Vice Chairman: Allen Graber  
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Doug Paden

Secretary: Brian Loewen  
Dave Reimer  
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## STATISTICS FROM DECEMBER 6

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 645

GENERAL OFFERING \$24,337

FREEDOM 2017 \$7,153

## GIVING

Automatic and online giving available at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org) or scan the QR Code.

Fiscal year as of 10/31/2015:  
Income \$897,595  
Budget \$1,063,680

