

THE NATIVITY SCENE
Unpacking Christmas, Part 5

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth... While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son. (Luke 2:1-6)

1. The NATIVITY involved God's grand _____ of the ages:
 - a. The timing of world _____!
 - b. The timing of Mary's _____!

And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord... And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased." (Luke 2:10-13)

2. The NATIVITY included God's gracious _____ for the ages:
 - a. God wants to remove our _____!
 - b. We can receive His _____!
 - c. So we can rejoice in perfect _____!

But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart... And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them. (Luke 2:19-20)

3. The NATIVITY incarnated God's glorious _____ throughout the ages:
 - a. Shepherds rejoiced in _____ God had done for them!
 - b. Mary treasured _____ God had become to her!

Notes: _____



DECEMBER 20, 2020
TODAY'S SERMON

The Nativity Scene — Dave Workman

GET CONNECTED at GRACE

Sunday Services - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Join us in the **Worship Center** for awesome worship, inspiring teaching and community. LIMITED SEATING; please register at www.gracechico.org.

Family Friendly Simulcast - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

The **Student Center** is open with a live simulcast for families of small children, where the littles are free to move around a bit more. Reserve your family table at www.gracechico.org.

Online - 9:30 a.m.

Watch our live streaming broadcast at 9:30 a.m. at www.gracechico.org or anytime on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/gracechico>.

Saturday - 6:00 p.m. (Not meeting 12/26 or 1/2)

Join us in the **Worship Center** for Family Service on Saturday evenings for a jam-packed program with fun activities geared toward elementary-age kids and their families. Register at www.gracechico.org to reserve your table.

what's HAPPENING NOW

Christmas Eve Services / December 24

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus at one of our Christmas Eve services with music, teaching and candlelight. Seating is limited at each of the four service times: 1:00, 2:30, 4:00 & 5:30 p.m. Please register at www.gracechico.org or on the **CHURCH CENTER APP**.

Welcome Luncheon / January 3

If you're new to Grace, join us in the **Children's Chapel** right after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 3, where you can get to know some of the staff and others who are new here. Register online at www.gracechico.org or on the **CHURCH CENTER APP**.

Student Ministries Movie Nights / January 8 & 15

Bring a friend and hang out with our fun Student Ministries crew! Dinner, snacks and drinks are provided.

Junior high (JHM) Friday, January 8 from 5-11 p.m.

High school (HSM) Friday, January 15 from 5-11 p.m.

Register on the **CHURCH CENTER APP** or at www.gracechico.org.

Men's & Women's DNA Kickoff Events / January 15 & 16

Women's Evening: Join with other women from Grace for an evening of worship, connection, and encouragement. Friday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

Men's Breakfast: Join us Saturday, January 16 at 7:30 a.m. for a hearty breakfast, fellowship and encouragement. This is the perfect opportunity to connect with other men at Grace!

Register for both events online at www.gracechico.org or on the **CHURCH CENTER APP**.

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December 20-26, 2020

Day 1: Revelation 20

Day 2: Psalm 139

Day 3: 2 Timothy 3

Day 4: Daniel 12

Day 5: Revelation 21

more to KNOW

Programming on Pause for Christmas

The Grace offices will be closed December 21-28, 2020 and January 1, 2021. Celebrate Recovery will not meet on Christmas Eve, December 24. Family Service will also take a break for Christmas on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Facility Volunteers

We are looking for someone handy with power tools, lawn equipment, and mechanically inclined with an eye for detail to serve on the facilities team at Grace. Hours will be on an as-needed basis to start, could evolve into regular M-F hours. Email Facilities Manager Ryan Rodriguez at ryan@gracechico.org.



Church Center App

Download the app to have all of Grace at your fingertips. Quickly find service information, register for events, join groups, access and update your giving profile, and more! Search Grace Community Church, Chico CA when setting up.

MORE ABOUT GRACE MINISTRIES

Kindergarten-5th grade **Children** meet Sunday mornings during the 9:30 & 11:00 services for group music, media and teaching.

Junior high **Students** meet during the 11:00 service. High school meets here at Grace on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. and junior high meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. To find out more, email jennifer@gracechico.org.

There are lots of ways to **Connect at Grace**. If you are looking for more information on groups, serving on Sundays, or how to become a member, email Pastor Ed at ed@gracechico.org, and he will help you get connected.

FOR MORE INFORMATION About Grace:
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