

# Christmas At The Grace Place

Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7:00 pm

Preschool Christmas Program "Christmas Presents"

Saturday, Dec. 10th at 6pm & Sunday, Dec. 11th at 9:00 & 11:00am

*Christmas Concert "Comfort and Joy"*

A special Christmas story told through music—an event you don't want to miss.

Tuesday, Dec. 13th 6:00pm

Celebrate Recovery Christmas Party and Wrapping Event Dinner at 6:00pm with an awesome testimony and great food. Come and celebrate with us. Join us as we wrap over 800 presents for Sandy Pines Children/Mental Facility.

Saturday, Dec. 17th at 6:00pm and Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 & 11:00am

Special musical guests – Cornerstone Brass

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services

December 24 – 3:30, 5, 6:30, 8 pm

Celebrate the birth of our Savior

with a beautiful candlelight service

Childcare age 5 and under only

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25 - 11:00 am

Candlelight Communion Service

### Weekend Services

Saturday, 6:00 pm, Sunday, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Live streaming [www.thegraceplace.com/live](http://www.thegraceplace.com/live) (all services)

Nursery, Children and Youth programs at all Services



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## *Living Positively In Negative Times* *Ephesians 3:20 and Selected Scriptures*

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SCRIPTURE – **Ephesians 3:20** (Amplified Version) *"God is able to do superabundantly, far over and above, all that we dare ask or think. Infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams."*

### **1. YOU HAVE TWO \_\_\_\_\_ IN LIFE.**

➤ You can choose to live by your fears and become a \_\_\_\_\_.

SCRIPTURE – **Job 3:25** Job was a pessimist – he says, *"Everything I fear and dread comes true."*

➤ You can choose to live by your faith and become an \_\_\_\_\_.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 1:20** Paul was an optimist – he says, *"I live in eager expectation while I'm going through all these trials."*

### **2. THREE REASONS PEOPLE OF FAITH SHOULD EXPECT THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

➤ *Expecting the best* \_\_\_\_\_ God.

➤ *Expecting the best* \_\_\_\_\_ your ability.

➤ *Expecting the best* \_\_\_\_\_ others.

### **3. HOW TO \_\_\_\_\_ OPTIMISTIC IN NEGATIVE TIMES:**

➤ An optimist starts their day with a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

SCRIPTURE – **Psalm 5:3** *"In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice. In the morning I lay my request before You and I wait in expectation."*

1. Studies have shown that the first ten minutes of your day sets the \_\_\_\_\_ for the entire day.
2. The Psalmist says, *"I start my day in \_\_\_\_\_. I go before the Lord."*
3. It is very important to \_\_\_\_\_ affirm your faith in the morning.

SCRIPTURE – **Psalm 118:24** *"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

➤ An optimist looks for the \_\_\_\_\_ in every situation.

SCRIPTURE – **Romans 8:28** *"For those who love God, who are called according to His plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good."*

1. An optimist knows that God \_\_\_\_\_ in bringing good out of bad.
2. Looking for good in your situation helps you to be \_\_\_\_\_ and optimistic at the same time.
3. Things turn out best for people who make the \_\_\_\_\_ of the way things turn out.

➤ An optimist gives their \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

SCRIPTURE – **2 Corinthians 1:8-10** *"We were crushed and overwhelmed, and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves. But that was good. For then, we put everything into the hands of God. For He can even raise the dead. And He did help us. And we expect Him to do it again and again."*

1. Worry comes when you assume \_\_\_\_\_ that God never intended you to have.
2. An optimist will \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord when it's out of their control and give the problem to God.

➤ An optimist will be \_\_\_\_\_ in their conversations.

SCRIPTURE – **Ephesians 4:29** *"Don't use harmful words in talking. Use only helpful words. The kind that build up."*

1. Negative words can talk you into feeling \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Bible says to use only \_\_\_\_\_ words.
3. Positive words are a demonstration of \_\_\_\_\_.

➤ An optimist will associate with positive \_\_\_\_\_.

SCRIPTURE – **1 Corinthians 15:33** *"Bad companions ruin good character."*

1. If you want to soar with the eagles, you can't run with the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It is very important in discouraging times that you attach yourself to \_\_\_\_\_ people.

➤ An optimist focuses on their \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The Bible calls it our blessed \_\_\_\_\_ – if you have put your faith in Christ, the final chapter has not been written yet.
2. If you're living your life the way Christ wants you to live it, God is watching, and you will be \_\_\_\_\_.