



Join us
On Sunday
As our
Message
Series
Continues!

Kitchen Team (noun):

- **1.** A crazy bunch of Jesus-and-people loving folks who believe they can bring the love of Christ to the entire neighborhood of down town Fort Myers by cooking and serving over 350 meals to people every single week;
- 2. A group of fun loving people who pray for one another, pray for others, eat quite a bit, laugh even more, and enjoy doing Christian life together;
- 3. An open door for you to serve God on a great team with nice folks, especially if you love to cook! The Kitchen Team cooks and serves on Sunday morning and/or Wednesday evening!

Mark your Let's Connect Card today to make new friends,



God's Vision for Grace Church:

To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God!

How do we live out that vision?

REACH! CONNECT! FORM! SEND!

We seek to **REACH** people who need Jesus, **CONNECT** them to God and other Christ followers, **FORM** them to have a growing relationship with Jesus, and **SEND** them into the world to serve God and others!

Message from Pastor Arlene:

Baby, it's cold outside! The weather seems to have changed on a dime. Just last week it felt warm enough to swim, and this week I found myself searching for sweaters. Seasons of our life can change quickly, too. One minute I'm grateful for some blessing or another that God has given me, and the next minute there's a trial or a temptation that I'm faced with. The fact is that life is unpredictable. Forrest Gump's mom said it best: "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get!" Since that's very true, if we want true security, we must



trust in something that isn't dependent upon our life circumstances. That's where faith in Jesus comes in big handy! The one thing that is unchanging is God's love for you, and his desire to lead you safely through the trials and temptations of everyday life. We can rest assured that if we trust in Jesus, perhaps the seasons we pass through may not always be the "temperature" we want, but we will always get through them with serenity and supernatural power. This is a good promise!

Join us this Sunday as we continue our message series entitled "**The Way**", as we walk through the life and ministry of Jesus to discover how Jesus can become our way of life. I am with you in the journey!

Blessings,

Pastor Arlene Jackson

ajackson@egracechurch.com

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus Feb 5-10, 2013:

Cape Coral Campus: 1838 Grace Community Center: 249
Fort Myers Shores Campus: 260 Fort Myers Central Campus: 295

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: Missions:



All About WORSHIP

Organist: Dr. R. Thad Goodwin btsdad@aol.com Choir Leader: Robin Ziel robinleez@comcast.net

Worship Leader: Pastor Jedson Rodrigues <u>irodrigues@egracechurch.com</u>

Band Leader: Chris Jackson coj1234@hotmail.com

Worship Times:

Sunday Traditional Service at 8:30am (hymns, organ, robes!)
Sunday Contemporary Service at 10am & 11:30am (a kickin' band & jeans!)
Wednesday Contemporary Service at 6:30pm (a bit of everything!)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Joining Sunday, Feb. 24, @ 11:30:

Jon Montero

TJ Voyles

Sabrina Harper

Rita Roberts

Carol Butts

BAPTIZED on Sunday, Feb. 24, @ 11:30:

TJ Voyles, Audre' Mahre, and Sabrina Harper

Traditional Choir Singers Wanted! Sing with the traditional choir on Sunday at 8:30am. Sing the classic hymns of faith. You don't have to know how to read music to sing with the choir, just make a joyful noise! Talk to Robin Z on Sunday morning!

Musicians and Singers Wanted! Sing with the praise band on Sunday...or can you play an instrument? We're looking for your desire to help others to worship! Contact Pastor Jedson to be a singer, or Chris Jackson to join the band!

Tech Booth! If you know your way around a sound board or a power point presentation, you can be behind the scenes on Sunday or Wednesday to make sure the worship presentation goes smoothly! Contact Chris or Pastor Jedson.

Holy Communion! Celebrate the Lord's Supper with us the first Sunday of the month, as well as the Wednesday that follows. The Lord's table is open to anyone who needs the love and grace of Jesus in their lives!



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Director of Children's Ministry: Venia Joray <u>ladyandthestamps@gmail.com</u>
Middle & High School Leader: Shannon Kania <u>Shannon.Kania@gmail.com</u>

Babies and Toddlers!

We love your little ones. Grace Church provides quality loving care during Sunday contemporary worship services and on Wednesday evenings!

Grace Kidz!

Calling all Elementary School aged children for crafts, Bible learning, worship and games during Sunday a.m. contemporary worship services as well as Wednesday evening worship.

Seeking Children Ministry Volunteers!

If you have been worshiping at Grace Church for at least 6 months and are willing to be background screened and trained to work with children, God can use you in amazing ways in a child's life! Have fun and make a difference! Contact Venia.

Child Protection Class!

Anyone who works with our children or youth must be current on this class! Three dates upcoming: Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 6:30pm; Sunday, March 24 at 1:00pm, and Sunday, April 28 at 1:00pm all at the Cape Coral Campus. Please contact Venia to register for this important class!

Easter Bunny Coming Soon!!!

The Easter Bunny is on his way...and he's bringing the Easter Eggs to hide and seek! Keep your eyes peeled for the date of the Egg Hunt and Free Pics with the Bunny!

Youth Group!

Middle School and High School students gather to hang out on Wednesday night at 6:30 for dinner, interaction with the regular worship service, as well as bible study, prayer, games, and general fun in the Youth House. Must like music, Lock-ins, movies, road trips and food!

Want to help with Youth Group?

See Miss Shannon! You'll know her...she's the one with teens all around her!

REACH MINISTRY



Reach Leader: Chris Jackson coj1234@hotmail.com Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright serightjudith@yahoo.com

TURN AROUND Boutique and Thrift Store! Now Open Saturday and Sunday, 10am—3pm! Designer Fashions \$3 and \$5, all other clothes \$1 and a treasure trove of items you can't live without. Come and Shop! All Proceeds go to the ministry of Grace Church. Best Thrift Store Downtown!

VOLUNTEER at Turn Around! Make connections with the neighborhood, and let them know all about our church! Plus lead the customers to the best bargains. Join this crazy team of sorters, sellers, checkers and stockers. Lend an ear and a hand to our neighbors! Email Judy and take a shift!

Random Acts of Kindness! (RAKs) If you love the idea of telling people about your great church and your great God, join the Reach Team as they travel into different neighborhoods to do RAKs...lawn work, bring in garbage cans, give out donuts, make relationships with people and invite them to church! Teams go out about every other week...want to be on one? Email Chris!



CONNECT MINISTRY

Connect Leader: Ed Horne dukeoakfan@comcast.net

THE MEN'S CLUB! Every man is welcome, every third Thursday at 6:30pm. Meet in the Dining Hall for dinner, prayer, projects, speakers, and general friendship with a few dozen of your new pals.

FREE BREAKFAST AND DINNER! Sunday morning free breakfast and coffee from 9-11:30 and Wednesday evening free dinner after worship, around 7:30pm. It's loud and there's plenty of laughter, just like home! You will not go away from this church hungry, so let's all break bread together.

CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

Free Movie Night! The first Saturday of every month, come enjoy a free movie on the big screen, and free popcorn! This month: "**Thou Shalt Laugh!** Plus you can buy hot dogs or nachos. Bring some friends, or come and make new ones!

Acts of Grace Theatre Troupe! All hands on deck!! This Sunday at 1pm is a meeting for all interested and already committed actors and actresses. Come be a part...you can even have a nonspeaking part if you are shy!

Guarding the Tomb! Every year from Good Friday until Easter Sunday morning, Acts of Grace recreates the tomb of Jesus on the corner of Edison and Grand. Round-the-clock "mourning women" and "Centurion soldiers" surround the tomb. Can you take an hour or two slot? 24/7 needed! Contact Ed for all "Acts of Grace" productions.

Food, Glorious Food! Every week the Kitchen Team serves over 350 people meals...with no budget to buy the food! All donations of food are appreciated...or put a few dollars in the donation jar. Then come and enjoy the home cookin'!

Hospitality Volunteers! Are you friendly? Then you can help on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings at the Welcome Desk, as a greeter, or as an usher. You can serve in the parking lot and wear the cool orange day-glo vest! A great way to meet absolutely everyone! Email or see Ed!



FORM MINISTRY

Form Leader: Sharon Davis sdavis@egracechurch.com

GO DEEPER! Discuss the Sunday Message series "The Way" every Sunday at 11:30am in Room #3 Understand more about who Jesus is and your relationship with him!

Prayer Team! Everyone needs prayer. This team prays over the Let's Connect Cards, the seats in the sanctuary, the Pastor, the church, and the people who come to the altar rail during worship services. Prayer works! Talk to Sharon about joining this team.

Walk to Emmaus! A 3 day spiritual retreat that will grow and deepen your relationship with Jesus. You will be changed forever by this spiritual experience. Applications and info are on the "Form" Wall.

University of the Holy Spirit! The Grace Church daily Bible reading and devotion plan where you are guaranteed to get a personal word from God every single day! See the "Form" wall or contact Sharon Davis for more details.



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes <u>trlpn@aol.com</u>

Faith Promise! Did you make a faith promise this year to give to missions? Make sure to share with us how God has provided and made that promise come true for you! Email Terry!

Franklin Park Elementary School! Our "local mission partner"! Help us to gather the school supplies, Christmas presents, warm jackets and uniforms that the school needs, as well as encouraging the teachers and volunteering for special school events!

The Metal Buckets! When the buckets come around during worship services, drop a few bucks in. This helps us to support Nicaragua missions and other mission focuses!

RECOVERY MEETINGS



Men's Recovery Leader: Scott Thornton <u>Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com</u> Women's Recovery Leader: Sarah McMillan <u>smcmillan@egracechurch.com</u>

Monday: CA at 8:00pm

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Wednesday: 12 Steps for Christians for Men at 8:00pm

12 Steps for Christians for Women at 8:00pm

Thursday: AA at 7:00pm

Friday: AA at 8:00pm

INTENSIVE 12 STEP STUDIES! Watch this section for dates and times of yearlong step studies where you actually work through your steps. If you are interested in a step study, contact Sarah or Scott!

GRACE CHURCH...one church in many locations!

CAPE CORAL CAMPUS

13 SE 21st Place Cape Coral, FL 33990 239.574.7161

Worship Times:

8:30AM - Traditional 10:00AM - Contemporary 11:30AM - Contemporary

GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER

4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy North Fort Myers, FL 33903 239.656.1320

Worship Times:

10:00AM - Contemporary

FORT MYERS CENTRAL CAMPUS

2415 Grand Avenue Fort Myers, FL 33901 239.334.3160

Worship Times:

8:30AM - Traditional 10:00AM - Contemporary 11:30AM - Contemporary (WED) 6:30PM - Contemporary

FORT MYERS SHORES CAMPUS

14036 Matanzas Drive Fort Myers, FL 33905 239.694.2797

Worship Times:

10:00AM - Contemporary 11:30AM - Traditional

GCC THRIFT STORE

4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy North Fort Myers, FL 33903 239.656.0122

Hours:

Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

FMC THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue Fort Myers, FL 33901 239.244.5712

Hours:

Saturday: 10AM - 3PM Sunday: 10AM - 3PM



CROSS-CAMPUS Events & Activities

CAMPING TRIP! Caloosahatchee Regional Park, March 1-3. \$20 per family. Never been camping? A good "first time!" Contact Kalynn Green 628-7881

Women of Grace Annual Retreat! April 6-7, cost is \$82 person and it includes everything! Ladies you need some time with Jesus! Contact Jana 574-7161

100 Year Celebration! Fort Myers Shores Campus, Bluegrass festival, food, bring your lawn chair and enjoy all day long! March 16th from 3 to 9pm. For more info, call the church 694-2797 and speak with Leigh Jarvis or email her ljarvis@egracechurch.com.



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