



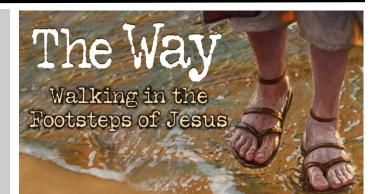
### MEN'S CLUB! 2nd Thursdays @ 6:30

You will eat a good meal, hear from speakers about what men are doing in the world for Jesus, and hang out with people you like...or meet new pals.

The Men's Club also works hard to do projects around

the church and to make sure that the men do their part in building the Kingdom of God! Also, the guys have adopted several kids in Nicaragua. You will also pray for one another and help one another in all seasons of life. MEN, THIS IS THE WAY YOU BEGIN TO PLUG INTO YOUR CHURCH! By the way, see you this Thursday at 6:30. Bring sons, nephews, friends, etc.!

Join us On Sunday As our Message Series Continues!



## 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:

If you are reading this, I would bet you have weathered some storms in life. It doesn't take much prophecy to guess that you have experienced disappointments, losses, and hurts that have cut you deeply, with lasting scars. It seems like life is a contact sport, and human beings bump into one another, and even when we are not busy finding ways to injure one another, life steps in to give us its own share of strife. Jesus said it best when he told us that in this life, we would have struggles. Storms of life are just the status quo.



But if you are reading this, you have a remedy to the hopelessness of being a victim of the world's storms. When we begin to walk in The Way of Jesus, it does not disqualify us from the storms coming, but it does guarantee us that there will always be shelter to weather whatever storms that come. In addition, Jesus promises us we will not weather those storms alone. Jesus says he will be with us through them all, our solid Rock. This Sunday we will be talking about this very thing! So join us this Sunday as we continue our message series entitled **"The Way."** Let's walk together through the life and ministry of Jesus to discover how Jesus can become our way of life, and our solid Rock and Redeemer no matter what life or people throw at us! I am with you in the journey!

Blessings,

Pastor Arlene Jackson

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## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus Feb 18-24, 2013: Cape Coral Campus: 1755 Grace Commu Fort Myers Shores Campus: 267 Fort Myers Cer

Grace Community Center: 216 Fort Myers Central Campus: 305

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,993.81 Missions: \$54.71



# All About WORSHIP

Organist: Dr. R. Thad Goodwin <u>btsdad@aol.com</u> Choir Leader: Robin Ziel <u>robinleez@comcast.net</u> Worship Leader: Pastor Jedson Rodrigues <u>irodrigues@egracechurch.com</u> Band Leader: Chris Jackson <u>coj1234@hotmail.com</u>

### 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!)

#### EASTER MORNING Worship Times: 6:30am Sunrise - City of Palms Stadium across the street 10:00am One service here at church-blend of music styles! (Breakfast ends at 9:50am on Easter morning!)

**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!

**Wednesday Worship:** This week is BAND NIGHT! An entire night of music and worship. It's loud, it's fun, and you can feel God here! Next week: a Lesson by our own Pastor Jedson!

**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.



## 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! Next date is Sunday, March 24 at the Cape Campus. See Venia for more information.

**Easter Bunny Coming Soon!!!** The Easter Bunny is on his way...and he's bringing the Easter Eggs to hide and seek! Saturday March 30th at 10AM. Free Pics with the Bunny, Candy, Crafts, and Games! Ages 2-11



Start bringing the CANDY! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and party will be here before we know it. We need lots of Candy for our kids. Individually wrapped candy of all kinds will be greatly appreciated. Leave candy at the Welcome Desk in

the candy bin.

#### 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 Leader: Chris Jackson coj1234@hotmail.com Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright <u>serightjudith@yahoo.com</u>

**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! 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!

**Egging the Hood!** The Reach Team will be inviting our neighbors to come check out Grace Church, the Ft. Myers Central campus, as we prepare to "egg the hood!" On Wednesday, March 13th, after the worship service (about 8pm), we're going to get together and put together 400 plastic baggies with a plastic egg, some candy and an invitation to come to Grace Church. And then on Saturday, March 16 and Saturday, March 23, we'll invade local neighborhoods with the love of Christ, and spread the good news! We'll get together both Saturdays at 9am for our Spirit filled adventure. ALL are welcome to join us! Questions? Email Chris Jackson.



## CONNECT MINISTRY

Connect Leader: Ed Horne dukeoakfan@comcast.net

**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-theclock "mourning women" and "Centurion soldiers" surround the tomb. Can you take an hour or two slot? 24/7 needed! Sign up for your slot in the hall. Contact Ed for all "Acts of Grace" productions.

## CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

Visitation Team! Come join us to visit, call, email or write those who are new to our church. We try to contact each new visitor every week. Perhaps your heart leans toward those who are ill or shut-in, this team visits those people as well. Talk with Ed or mark your Let's Connect card.

The Men's Club! Every man is welcome, every second 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.

Food, Glorious Food! Every week the Kitchen Team serves over 350 meals to people...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!





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.



Wired Class is coming! Want to know how God has wired you for ministry? Find your spiritual gifts, personal style, and your passion for ministry in this class. April 13. Save the date! Details to follow!!



## SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes

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Costa Rica Mission Trip! Applications for the next mission trip to Costa Rica are on the SEND board. Applications are due March 17th. The trip is September 14-21, 2013.

Franklin Park Elementary School! Our "local mission partner"! On March 21st from 4-8pm is our next opportunity to volunteer and make a difference. Help set up for a special presentation. Other opportunities available are; working in the library, and mentoring students one on one. Contact Bill Guyn at 995-2199, or mark you your Let's Connect card.

Are you passionate about going near and far for Jesus? If so, SEND team may be the place for you. Our team coordinates missions locally and globally. Our next meeting will be March 13th at 5:30pm come see if this is your fit!





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

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

#### GCC THRIFT STORE

4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy North Fort Myers, FL 33903 239.656.0122 Hours: Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

#### FORT MYERS SHORES CAMPUS

14036 Matanzas Drive Fort Myers, FL 33905 239.694.2797 **Worship Times:** 10:00AM - Contemporary

11:30AM - Traditional

#### FMC THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue Fort Myers, FL 33901 239.244.5712 **Hours:** Saturday: 10AM - 3PM Sunday: 10AM - 3PM



## CROSS-CAMPUS Events & Activities

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

**Bluegrass Festival!** Join us at the Shores campus as we celebrate 100 years of Methodist ministry with a Bluegrass Festival on March 16th from 3-8pm! The Myakka River Band, The Bugtussle Ramblers and four more bands will play. The show is FREE! Bring a lounge chair or blanket, and plan to spend the afternoon. We'll have burgers and dogs for sale to benefit Shoes of Hope, a ministry of Grace Church that puts shoes on needy kids in our community. Come out and help us launch into the next century for Christ!







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