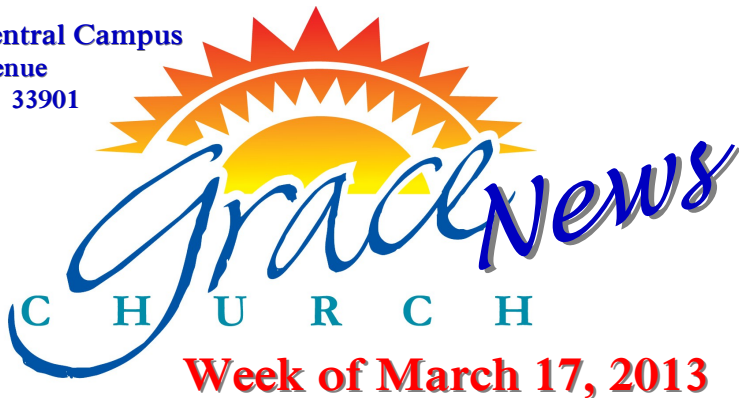


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**Grace News**  
C H U R C H  
**Week of March 17, 2013**

### Grace Kids

Sunday 10 & 11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Infants—5th Grade

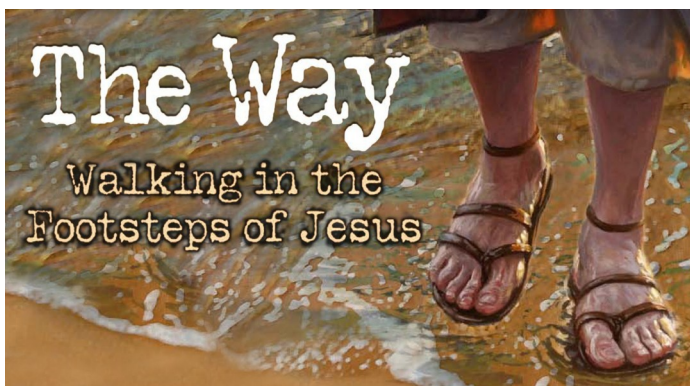
Games! Bible! Crafts!  
Love! Music! Fun!

*Our kids have so much  
fun, they may not want to  
go home!*

*If you would like to  
volunteer in the children's  
ministry, please see Venia  
Joray during church hours or email [vjoray@egracechurch.com](mailto:vjoray@egracechurch.com).*



Join us on  
Sunday as our  
Message Series  
Continues...  
"Sinners,  
Outcasts, and  
the Poor!"



# 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:

A common thing people admit to me is that they have difficulty praying. They feel funny talking to God, because they are new at it and don't know what to say. If you feel this way, know you are not alone. Lots of us experience self consciousness when we first attempt to make conscious contact with God through prayer. Let me give you a few hints that might help kick start your prayer life.



First, there's nothing wrong with praying "scripted" prayers. Jesus gave us an idea of how to pray when he gave us "The Lord's Prayer" found in Matthew chapter 6: "Our Father, who art in heaven..." There are other good pre-written prayers, just google and you will come up with many! Just pay attention to the words you speak to God, and it will "count"!

Another tool to help you to pray is the acronym ACTS. A stands for Adoration: "I love you God because you are..." C stands for Confession: "I'm sorry God that I..." T stands for thanksgiving: "Thank you God, for..." and S stands for supplication (or needs): "God, I pray that you help me (or others) with..." I hope this gets you started on your prayer life! I am with you in the journey!

Blessings,

*Pastor Arlene Jackson*

[ajackson@egracechurch.com](mailto:ajackson@egracechurch.com)

## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

### Worship Attendance by Campus: March 4-10, 2013

Cape Coral Campus: 1522

Grace Community Center: 249

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 251

Fort Myers Central Campus: 319

### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,810.63

Missions: \$147.97



# All About WORSHIP

**Organist:** Dr. R. Thad Goodwin [btsdad@aol.com](mailto:btsdad@aol.com)

**Choir Leader:** Robin Ziel [robinleez@comcast.net](mailto:robinleez@comcast.net)

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Jedson Rodrigues [jrodrigues@egracechurch.com](mailto:jrodrigues@egracechurch.com)

**Band Leader:** Chris Jackson [coj1234@hotmail.com](mailto: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!)

## EASTER SCHEDULE:

### ***Wednesday, March 27, 6:30pm: "Maundy Thursday" service***

(Maundy Thursday commemorates the day before Jesus died, the Last Supper and the betrayal of Jesus, before his crucifixion and his death on Good Friday. Acts of Grace Theater Troupe will re-enact the crucifixion, and we will strip the altar bare as we mourn our Savior until his Easter morning resurrection.)

### ***Friday, March 29: "Good Friday"***

(The church will be open from 8:30am—2pm for prayer and reflection.)

### ***Friday, March 29—Sunday, March 31: "Guarding of the Tomb"***

(The tomb of Jesus will be on the corner of Edison & Grand, guarded by mourning women and Centurion guards from 6pm Good Friday all the way until 6am Easter Sunday morning.)

### ***Saturday, March 30, 10:00am—Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Pictures***

(All children ages 2-11 are invited to get free pictures with the Easter Bunny, have an Easter Egg hunt and participate in crafts and games, as well as lots of candy!)

## March 31—EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES:

***6:30am Sunrise - City of Palms Stadium across the street***

***10:00am One service here at church-blend of music styles!***

(Breakfast from 8:00 until 9:45!)

**Wednesday Worship:** This week is Lesson Night! Pastor Jedson will bring us a message from the Bible that will touch our lives. Let the Holy Spirit in! Worship, enjoy friendship, and you will experience God here! Next week: Holy Week (see above)!



# CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Director of Children's Ministry: Venia Joray** [ladyandthestamps@gmail.com](mailto:ladyandthestamps@gmail.com)  
**Middle & High School Leader: Shannon Kania** [Shannon.Kania@gmail.com](mailto:Shannon.Kania@gmail.com)

## 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 worshipping 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 . See Venia for more information.

**NEW** **Wanted: A few Good Men....** To play checkers, to make an impact on the future and invest in the lives of children! 30 minutes at a time-see Venia for details.

**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

**NEW** **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 MINISTRY



**Reach Leader: Chris Jackson** [coj1234@hotmail.com](mailto:coj1234@hotmail.com)  
**Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright** [serightjudith@yahoo.com](mailto: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! 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 Saturday, March 23, we'll invade local neighborhoods with the love of Christ, and spread the good news! We'll get together Saturday 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](mailto: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-the-clock "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.

**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'!

## 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.

**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](mailto: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.



**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**

[trlpn@aol.com](mailto:trlpn@aol.com)



**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.

**God is a missionary God!** Jesus encourages us and even expects His followers to share the good news of the life that is found in having a personal relationship with Him

## RECOVERY MEETINGS



**Men's Recovery Leader: Scott Thornton** [Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com](mailto:Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com)

**Women's Recovery Leader: Sarah McMillan** [smcmillan@egracechurch.com](mailto:smcmillan@egracechurch.com)

**Monday:** CA at 8:00pm

**Tuesday:** CA at 8:00pm

**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 year-long 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

## 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

## GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER

4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903  
239.656.1320

### Worship Times:

10:00AM - 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

## 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 person and it includes everything! Ladies you need some time with Jesus! Contact Jana 574-7161

**Women of Grace May Luncheon!** The annual Women of Grace May Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Grace Community Center. If you would like to serve as a table hostess or help on the server/decoration team please contact Sharon Davis, in the church office. Tickets will be \$10.00 and will be on sale starting next Sunday.



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