



Discover how God has WIRED you to serve! He has given you a Spiritual Gift! This is an all-day class Saturday, April 13th You must register! See Sharon Davis in the office or mark your Let's Connect Card during worship or email sdavis@egracechurch.com

Palm Sunday, last message In "The Way" series: "The Final Week"



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:

Ok, so last Sunday my message to you was that Jesus made relationships with everyone, including people who did not follow him or know him! And while I spoke those words, God gently nudged me (I hate it when that happens) and whispered: "perhaps you should practice what you preach!" (I hate it when that happens, too!)



So when I got home from church, I called my brother, not a church guy. This time I did not invite him to church, as I would ordinarily do. This time I invited myself to his bowling league. I asked if there was room for me on his bowling team! He said yes, and although I know little about bowling and I promise you that I am a terrible bowler, I will be on my bro's bowling team come August.

Why? Well, sometimes people will not meet us at church. So we just have to meet them where they are. Jesus came to us and dwelt amongst us, as we heard last Sunday. So I will do the same! Who do you need to go to? Remember, do it with care, don't put yourself in emotional, spiritual, physical danger...yet, who is God whispering in your ear to go to? Go!

Blessings,

Pastor Arlene Jackson

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YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus: March 11-17, 2013

Cape Coral Campus: 1692Grace Community Center: 236Fort Myers Shores Campus: 302Fort Myers Central Campus: 296

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,541.51 Missions: \$102.40



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>jrodrigues@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 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!)

Directly following the 10am service—"Teen Extreme Egg Hunt" All teens are welcome to join in an egg hunt to beat all egg hunts. Good luck! You'll need it!

Wednesday Worship, 6:30pm: This week is Holy Week, see above. Next week, a lesson! Stay for dinner, and 12 steps afterwards!



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.

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!!! 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

Bring the CANDY! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and party is this Saturday. 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!

EXTREME EGG HUNT! Easter Sunday, March 31st at 11:00am(after church) for youth grades 8 through 12. Eggs hidden in extreme places for extreme youth to hunt.

YOUTH LOCK-IN! Saturday, March 30th 7:00pm youth grades 8 through 12 come join the party, movies, fellowship, games, and **Guarding the Tomb.** Bring sleeping gear, snacks & drinks and clothes for church on Sunday.

Want to help with Extreme Egg Hunt?

See Miss Shannon! Lots of extreme hiders and donations needed!





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. New for women a lingerie room with brand new items. 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!

Reach Team Looking for New People and Ideas! The next Reach team meeting is Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30pm. We will start to look at team building and will be planning future Reach Events. Come join the Team!! Invite a friend!





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.

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...

Kitchen Team Volunteers! Did you know you don't have to cook to be a part of the kitchen team? We need people to serve, clean tables during the meal and visit with our guests, and clean up after the meal. Getting a drink refill for someone is a good way to start a conversation. We can always use servers on Sunday during the 10am church service or clean up help after the 10am service. Join the team and help this ministry grow. Get more details by contacting Ed Horne.

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 <u>sdavis@egracechurch.com</u>

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 Sign-up! 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. Sign up on the "Form" wall or mark your "Let's Connect" card!



SEND MINISTRY Send Leader: Terry Rhodes

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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

OIAM 2014! Would you like to be in on the planning of Operation Inasmuch for 2014? The first planning meeting is at First Baptist Church in downtown Fort Myers on April 25th at 6:30pm. For more information contact Terry Rhodes.

Justice Ministry! This years Nehemiah Action of the Justice Ministry is April 8th at 6:30pm. This event is being held at the Grace Community Center on Hancock Bridge Parkway. Come be a part of this year's action for mental health reforms for children in Lee County.

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

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 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 Dee Massie at 239 910-6737. Tickets will be \$10.00 and are now on sale. Men, we are also looking for set-up, hospitality, and clean-up help. Sign up in the hallway or contact Dee Massie at 239 910-6737.









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