


Fort Myers Central Campus
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GradNews
C H U R C H
Week of March 31, 2013



**HAPPY
EASTER!**

We begin a new Sunday
series today about
Encountering
Jesus!
Encounter of Hope!



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:

We are indeed a blessed people to have a God who loves us so much, that he sent his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will have life everlasting! (That's John 3:16)

I think this is what Easter is really all about. It's knowing that even though it was a painful, torturous decision, Jesus went to the cross of his own free will, because he couldn't just let us suffer in our sin. He loved us too much to watch us suffer, so he suffered for us. And when he was raised from the dead on Easter morning, it was another gracious action, so we could have assurance of new life, too...not just after we die, but today, right here and now. We don't have to suffer in our sins, because we have a resurrected Savior who lives and reigns forever. We can trust in him, rely on him, call to him, abide with him.

My prayer for you all today is that you count the many blessings that God has given you. He died for your sins, and he rose from the dead so that you could have a new life here, and in the hereafter! So rejoice, enjoy the gift God has given you, enjoy your risen Lord!

Blessings,

Pastor Arlene Jackson

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YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus: March 18-24, 2013

Cape Coral Campus: 1775

Grace Community Center: 248

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 282

Fort Myers Central Campus: 342

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,701.58

Missions: \$159.82



All About WORSHIP

Organist: Dr. R. Thad Goodwin btsdad@aol.com

Choir Leader: Robin Ziel robinleez@comcast.net

Worship Leader: Pastor Jedson Rodrigues jrodrigues@egracechurch.com

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!)

Wednesday Worship, 6:30pm: This week we will have a lesson by Pastor Jedson. The following week: Band Night! Stay for dinner, and 12 steps afterwards!

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! Speak to John Mahan in the sound booth!

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 vjoray@egracechurch.com

Middle & High School Leader: Shannon Kania 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.



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.



Parents—Watch for our new children's check in and out procedure coming soon! Registration forms available, pick one up today! Your children's safety is important to us!

Warren Willis Summer Camp!

Registration is now open! Grace Kidz and Youth (3rd-12th grades) will be attending June 10-15. For more information, contact Venia Joray.

Child Protection Class!

Anyone who works with our children or youth must be current on this class! Upcoming: April 28 at 1:00pm at the Cape Coral Campus. Please contact Venia to register for this important class!

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!



Youthful at Heart?

Do you have a flair for the dramatics or know how to heard cats? If so there may be a place for you in the youth department. We are looking to add a class for our up-coming middle school youth and are looking for additional youth workers. Please contact Shannon Kania for more information.

REACH MINISTRY



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

TURN AROUND Boutique and Thrift Store! CLOSED TODAY FOR EASTER. Open 10am—3pm on weekends! 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 MINISTRY

Connect Leader: Ed Horne dukeoakfan@comcast.net

Free Movie Night! It's that time again, our free movie is this Saturday, April 6th. The movie is entitled **Unconditional** and has a PG13 rating so may not be suitable for young children. The movie stars Lynn Collins, Michael Ealy, and Bruce McGill. A woman's idyllic life is shattered when her husband is killed in a senseless act of violence. As she prepares to take matters into her own hands, two unexpected encounters change everything.

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

sdavis@egracechurch.com

Go Deeper! No Class this Sunday due to Easter. Discuss the Sunday Message series "Encounters" every Sunday at 11:30am in Room #3. In this series, we will look at 5 encounters with the resurrected Christ that has the potential to transform your life.

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. Pre-work paper work will be given out April 3rd. Class is April 13th 9am to 4pm including lunch break. Mark your "Let's Connect" card or contact Sharon.



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
trlpn@aol.com

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 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 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



PAWS (Pets Are Working Saints)! Want to use your pet in ministry? We take our pets to local nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Lee County to share the unconditional love of Jesus and our pets. All pets must be gentle, reliable and must past Temperament Testing. Bring current shot records in order to go through testing. The next testing is on Sat. **Apr 13th** at 10:00 am at the **Cape Campus**. Contact Misti at misti@metroiron.net for further information.

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 are \$10.00.



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