



Your presence is expected on Monday, April 8th at 6:30pm at the Grace Community Center on Hancock Bridge Parkway in NFM for the NEHEMIAH ACTION to ask our County leaders to provide more access to mental health services for children who do not have access to services they need. Just show up and be counted!

### This Sunday:

Do you have too much chaos, anxiety or fear in your life?
If so, you can have an Encounter of Peace with Jesus!



#### 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:**

As you read this, my daughter Amy and I are on vacation in North Carolina! (If you see Chris, pat his shoulder and make sad sounds, as he couldn't come!) We will be back next week!

One thing NC does for me is show me God's glory! The place we stay has no tech, which helps me to appreciate things made by God: beautiful mountains, wild deer, wild-



flowers, waterfalls, cold, crisp weather. Even this time of year, when everything is still half-dead, there is a beauty and expectancy of renewed life to come that we don't get in Florida (where it's always green and colorful.) The word "expectancy" describes North Carolina's terrain at this time of year!

As we follow up on Easter Sunday, we remember that after Jesus came back from the dead, he spent more time with his disciples, teaching them all they needed to know before he went to be with his Father. We can have expectancy that Jesus will continue to teach us how to be his followers, too, if we listen. Easter is not the end, it is only the beginning of a great expectancy we can have of living a resurrected life with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

Blessings,

Pastor Arlene Jackson

ajackson@egracechurch.com

#### YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus: March 25-31, 2013

Cape Coral Campus: 3217 Grace Community Center: 335 Fort Myers Shores Campus: 372 Fort Myers Central Campus: 457

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: information not available Missions: Information not available



## All About WORSHIP

Organist: Dr. R. Thad Goodwin <a href="mailto:btsdad@aol.com">btsdad@aol.com</a> Choir Leader: Robin Ziel <a href="mailto:robinleez@comcast.net">robinleez@comcast.net</a>

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!)

**Wednesday Worship, 6:30pm:** This week is BAND NIGHT! *The following week will be a lesson by Pastor Jedson as we begin our PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE series.* 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!** We ordinarily celebrate communion on the first Sunday of the month, *but not in April*! We will resume in May. 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 Leader: Chris Jackson coj1234@hotmail.com Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright <u>serightjudith@yahoo.com</u>

**TURN AROUND Boutique and Thrift Store!** Coming Soon: Another big 1/2 off sale. Watch for details! Open10am—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! If you would like to invite the community to experience the love of Jesus and the blessings of this church fill out your "Let's Connect" card with your name phone # and email address, mark the back saying you are interested in joining the reach team. We'll contact you with the dates of the next meeting.



# CONNECT MINISTRY

Connect Leader: Ed Horne dukeoakfan@comcast.net

**Jesercize!** What is it, you ask. A women's exercise group. This group meets every Thursday at 6pm in room 6. They pray together and exercise and dance to Christian music. Join this energetic group and be a part of the fun!

**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...

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. Next meeting is this Thursday, April 11th. Come join the group!

**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 "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. This Sunday: Encounter of Peace!

**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.

Ready to Make Grace Church your Home Church? Our next new members class is Sunday, April 28th from 1pm to 5pm. Mark your "Let's Connect" card and be sure to include your phone # and email address so we can contact you with further information.

**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! **New bookmarks** for this quarter are on the "Form" wall or contact Sharon Davis for more detail.

**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, 7th, or 10th. Class is April 13th 9am to 4pm including lunch break. Mark your "Let's Connect" card or contact Sharon.

What on Earth am I here for? We will be starting a new study on Wednesday, April 17th at 8pm. Pastor Arlene will begin this study which is an expanded edition of "The Purpose Driven Life". Mark your "Let's Connect" card to indicate your interest or contact Sharon for more information.



### 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 tomorrow, 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

#### 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

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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