


Fort Myers Central Campus
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GraceNews

C H U R C H

Week of April 14, 2013

Congratulations to Sabrina Harper and Charles Altman on the birth of Jeremiah! Also, **Praise God** for Cecilia and James Shoemaker's marriage!

Condolences to Nicole Sparks on the passing of her Aunt.

There is something that
you can count on when all
else seems unsure...

This Sunday:
Encounter
of Assurance
with Jesus!



Ever ask the question:

WHAT ON EARTH
AM I HERE FOR?

Beginning Wed., April 17, 6:30pm, Pastor Jedson will begin a message series and Pastor Arlene will teach a Bible study at 8pm to help you discover God's Will for your life! No registration required!



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:

Today, I want to tell you about the single thing that has helped me grow the most in my Christian walk. As you know, I was not a Christian "from birth", After I gave my life to Jesus in my 30's, to do with it as he saw fit, it seemed a little like "what now?" What is the first thing I ought to be concentrating on, now that I'm a Christian?



My answer was: The Bible. I began to read the Bible (I didn't know the first thing about the Bible, but slowly I got the hang of it!) I know you have heard me say this before, but it's so important that I must say it again: I am convinced that a growing Christian is a Bible reading, understanding, and memorizing Christian. I can almost always measure the degree of my growth in Christ-likeness by the amount of time and energy I have spent in bathing in his message to me, the Bible. It is very difficult to know what God wants you to do when you are not reading the Bible on your own. God gave you his message of Love, and if you want to grow to be more like Jesus, if you need more answers for your life, then be a Bible reading, understanding, memorizing, and enjoying Christian. It will change your life. Really, no kidding. Try it!

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: 1405

Grace Community Center: 210

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 257

Fort Myers Central Campus: 286

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,961.59

Missions: \$188.22



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 begins the new message series called *WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?* Stay for dinner, 12 Steps for Christians, and a new Bible Study led by Pastor Arlene to help you to discover what God's Will is for your life.

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!

Holy Communion! We share the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of the month, and also on the Wednesday night that follows. This table is open to anyone who needs the love and grace of Jesus in their lives!



THE METAL BUCKETS! Beginning Sunday, April 14th, all money collected in the metal buckets will go for a specific mission: Operation Christmas Child. Please see the "Send" page for more information on OCC and how you can get involved!



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.



ALL HANDS ON DECK or the wall!!! Sunday, April 28th after each service - join us to add your handprint to the children's wall and "Make Your Mark on Children's Ministry!" Great way to connect our generations of the church, help decorate the children's space and see first - HAND the fun we have sharing Jesus with God's youngest ministers!

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 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! Coming Soon: Another big 1/2 off sale. Watch for details! 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! 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

Jesercise! 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.

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.



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



Operation Christmas Child ~ or OCC as we call it, is a mission project that we do locally but its outreach is worldwide. "How is that possible?" you ask. We will be packing shoe boxes that will be sent to nations who have not heard about our Jesus. You can get involved in a number of ways. Contact Terry for more information.

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.

Send Team Meeting! Is God calling you to serve the marginalized either locally or globally? There are many ways to serve, come check out the Send Team. Next meeting is Wednesday, April 17, 5:30pm. Come to the meeting stay for Wednesday Services!!

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

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.

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



KARAOKE PARTY! Don't be shy, give it a try!

We have lots to celebrate – so join people from every Grace Church campus for an ice cream social and karaoke party at the **SHORES campus** at 14036 Matanzas Drive. We'll provide the ice cream; you bring your favorite toppings. Come enjoy this fun, free event brought to you by the Connect team! Sunday, May 5th, 7PM.

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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