


Fort Myers Central Campus
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GradNews
C H U R C H
Week of April 21, 2013

membership
CLASS
YOU'RE INVITED



SUNDAY, APRIL 21 after church, 1-5pm, lunch included!
Let us know you will attend by filling out a **Let's Connect Card**,
or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the "Form" Wall. We will
call you and tell you more information!

"Jesus, can you forgive
even me?"

This Sunday:
*Encounter
of Restoration!*



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:

Some of the practices of life that seem like they are the hardest, in the long run produce the most satisfying results. I am thinking along the lines of exercise, getting enough sleep, spending that extra amount of time listening with interest your children or your spouse. While these may be hard on the front end, they give us so much fruit when we do them, we wonder why we didn't do them before.



Involving yourself in active service and fellowship in your church is like that. On the front end, working in the Thrift Store or serving on the Reach Team (just pick one of the many activities) can feel like just another thing to have to schedule into a busy-enough life. Yet until you actually join a small group, or experience the joy of serving someone else in the name of Jesus Christ, you will never understand the full joy of what it means to be a Christian. In reality, Jesus gave us the church so that we can know a higher purpose than just our own little world. And on top of that, just like exercise or eating right, we feel so much more alive when we are plugged in.

Check out this Grace News carefully and see where you can plug in!

Blessings,

Pastor Arlene Jackson

ajackson@egracechurch.com

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus: April 8-14, 2013

Cape Coral Campus: 1686

Grace Community Center: 263

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 267

Fort Myers Central Campus: 286

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,122.29

Missions: \$10.00



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 continue the new message series called ***WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR*** with a Testimony of Kristy Jackson! Stay for dinner, 12 Steps for Christians, and a 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! All money collected in the metal buckets through May will go for **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! Inside~Outside~Upside down you won't believe this one!! **BIG SALE!** April 27th & 28th. 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



Acts of Grace Here is another chance to get into the act! AOG theater ministry is meeting Sunday, April 21st at 1pm in room 2.. Come help us work out our new production schedule for June. Drama geeks, divas, etc. still needed!

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...



May Movie Night! “Ring the Bell” Sometimes the next big thing isn’t what you expect. “RING THE BELL” features Christian music artists Casting Crowns, Steven Curtis Chapman, and Matthew West, along with baseball legends Rick Sutcliffe, John Kruk, and Ben Zobrist. This heartwarming story of redemption will entertain and inspire the whole family.

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 Restoration!

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 with name, phone # and email so we can contact you with all 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? Have you ever asked this question: What is God’s plan for my life? Join this new study on Wednesdays at 8pm. Pastor Arlene leads this study which is an expanded edition of “The Purpose Driven Life”.



New Small Group Forming! For all who are interested in discussing what the Bible says about current events in the world today. No day or time for meeting has been decided yet, it all depends on when everyone is available! Contact Sharon at the above email, or mark your Let’s Connect Card, or sign up on the “Form” wall and you will get a phone call from Mike Shelton!



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?" We will be packing shoe boxes that will be sent to nations who have no access to Jesus. Remember to bring toothpaste & toothbrushes this month. 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.



Mexico Mission Trip ~ This teams focus will be on building a ministry storage unit on Marie & Nolan's property in El Paso, Texas with optional day trips to Juarez to support & encourage them in their ministry there. Trip is October 27 - November 2, 2013. Deadline for application is May 5th. Applications & information is on "Send" wall or contact Terry.

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:

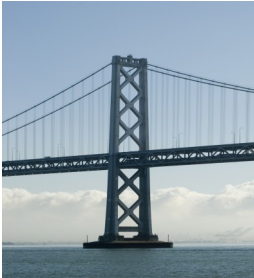
Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM
Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

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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available!**



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