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# GraceNews

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**Week of April 28, 2013**



**Make Your Mark on**  
**Children's Ministry**

You are invited after every service on Sunday, April 28, to come back and visit the Children's Department to see what's up, and to put your "handprint" on the ministry!



How does Jesus give us  
purpose for living?

Find out Sunday:  
*Encounter  
of Purpose!*



# 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:

Bill Hybels is the Senior Pastor at Willow Creek Church in Illinois, and he is one of the many pastors I admire. I read books that he has written, as well as listen to his teachings on podcast, DVDs, etc. He is the one who taught me what the Holy Spirit had been telling me for a long time, that the local church is the hope of the world. He is also the one who put words to what had resonated in my soul but was unspoken, when he talked about "holy discontent" about things in the world that are "popeye moments": I've stands all I can stands, and I can't stands it no more! When I listen to Bill, he makes things clear for me!



All this to say, I really believe that part of being a growing Christian is being a constant learner, who feeds him(her)self on good books, good preaching, good mentors, good practices. Last week I wrote in this column the importance of reading the Bible, but it goes further than that: who are the voices you listen to that constantly teach you more about what it means to be a follower of Christ? Who is on your playlist, on your bookshelf, on your phone redial? Be a hungry learner, eager to hear the Spirit in many places. I'm with you in the journey!

Blessings,

*Pastor Arlene Jackson*

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## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

**Worship Attendance by Campus: Unavailable this week!**

Cape Coral Campus:

Grace Community Center:

Fort Myers Shores Campus:

Fort Myers Central Campus:

**Fort Myers Central Campus Giving: Unavailable this week!**

General Fund: \$

Missions: \$



# All About WORSHIP

**Organist:** Dr. R. Thad Goodwin [btsdad@aol.com](mailto:btsdad@aol.com)

**Choir Leader:** Robin Ziel [robinleez@comcast.net](mailto:robinleez@comcast.net)

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Jedson Rodrigues [jrodrigues@egracechurch.com](mailto:jrodrigues@egracechurch.com)

**Band Leader:** Chris Jackson [coj1234@hotmail.com](mailto: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 continues the series called **WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR** with a Lesson by Pastor Jedson! Stay for free dinner, 12 Step recovery, and a Bible Study led by Pastor Arlene to help you to discover God's Will for your life.

 **BAPTISM! DO YOU NEED IT?** If you have never been baptized, or are interested in reaffirming your baptism **SUNDAY, MAY 5**, please mark your Let's Connect Card **TODAY** with "please call me about being baptized"!

**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!



# CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Director of Children's Ministry: Venia Joray** [vjoray@egracechurch.com](mailto:vjoray@egracechurch.com)

**Middle & High School Leader: Shannon Kania** [Shannon.Kania@gmail.com](mailto: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!" Help connect our generations of the church, 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.



**YOUTH LOCK IN!** Saturday, May 4th—middle and high schoolers, bring a sleeping bag during Movie Night at 7pm, and prepare to have fun all night!

# REACH MINISTRY



**Reach Leader: Chris Jackson** [coj1234@hotmail.com](mailto:coj1234@hotmail.com)  
**Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright** [serightjudith@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:dukeoakfan@comcast.net)



**Acts of Grace** Here is another chance to get into the act! AOG theater ministry practices and performs skits and dramas. 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! Saturday, May 4th, 7pm:** “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 heart-warming 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](mailto: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. Show up after church at 1:00 and join the class!

**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 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](mailto: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](mailto:Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com)

**Women's Recovery Leader: Sarah McMillan** [smcmillan@egracechurch.com](mailto: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.



**Mobile app  
available!**



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