

Fort Myers Central Campus
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Grace News

C H U R C H

Week of May 5, 2013



IT'S SHOE BOX TIME!



Operation Christmas Child

Is a ministry that provides gifts in shoeboxes to children in areas of the world who would not ordinarily ever

receive a gift! But the children get more than that—they also receive the opportunity to learn about and experience the love of Jesus. Until the end of May, the metal buckets during offering time are for OCC! Also, you may bring in toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and small toys! It is never too soon to start...now is the time...today is Christmas!

This Sunday and
Wednesday:
**HOLY
COMMUNION**



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:

The 3 values that God has given Grace Church to live by and fulfill his vision are: we are unashamedly God-centered, we are passionately people focused, and we are strategically team based! That means that everything we do, is filtered through these values. "Team" is such a big part of this. From the pastors to the parking lot, we are organized around teams. Teams make us better, and allow the ministry of Jesus to grow and thrive in our church. This brings God great joy!

Pastor Jorge has been our lead pastor at Grace Church for 17 years. He has received a grant to go on sabbatical, an opportunity for him to step away and renew his spirit for many more years of fruitful ministry! He will leave on May 1, and will be gone through August 31. What a time of renewal for him! His entire team is glad he can step away. And because we are team based, he can!

Pastor Kevin Griffin will be joining the pastoral team at Grace Church Cape Coral and the Grace Community Center in June to serve under Pastor Wes as Pastor of Connect & Form. Our team is growing! Is it time for you to join a team?

Blessings,

Pastor Arlene Jackson

ajackson@egracechurch.com



YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus: April 22-28, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1573

Grace Community Center: 240

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 232

Fort Myers Central Campus: 366

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,944.52

Missions: \$110.00



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!)



Holy Communion! We will share the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening during worship this week. This table is open to anyone who needs the love and grace of Jesus in their lives! We use grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol.

Wednesday Worship, 6:30pm: This week continues the series called **WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR** with BAND NIGHT!!! Worship the whole hour, then 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.

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!



THE METAL BUCKETS! All money collected in the metal buckets through June will go for **Operation Christmas Child**. Please see the "Send" page for more information on OCC!

Traditional Choir Singers Wanted! Sing with the traditional choir on Sunday at 8:30am. Sing the classic hymns of faith. Can you make a joyful noise? If yes, then talk to Robin Z after 8:30 service on Sunday morning!



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.


 **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!

Many Thanks ~ to all our NEW PARTNERS in Children's ministry! It was a delight for our children and team to witness your interest and commitment to support the congregational effort to teach children about living a life in Christ! In addition to your prayers and possible donations, if you would like to consider test driving what it means to invest in the future of Christianity by serving* in the Children's Ministry ~ email Venia or call 239 851-6006. *For the safety of our children, all children's ministry team members are required to submit to a background check & attend a Child Protective Class.

 **Mark your calendars ~** for Saturday, July 20th! A one day VBS event is coming to Grace Central - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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! The Sale Continues ~ May 1st & 2nd. Same low prices but all inside! 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's next great event! The Reach Team is showing the love of Jesus by washing cars for free on the morning of Saturday, May 18. We will have a team meeting on Tuesday May 7th at 6:30pm - and will need lots of help to make this outreach a success. Please come and invite your (churched or unchurched) friends and neighbors to be a part of this wonderful ministry. Call or text Chris Jackson, 239 471-4001.



CONNECT MINISTRY

Connect Leader: Ed Horne dukeoakfan@comcast.net



We are getting our Act together! The Acts of Grace Theater Ministry is meeting today, Sunday, May 5 at 1pm in Room #3, to begin to plan our next production schedule for June. New members welcome. Please join us to look at the script. Everyone can be a part of AOG!

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!



Visitation Team! Come join us to visit, call, email or write those who are new

to our church. We try to contact each new visitor every week. Perhaps your heart leans toward those who are ill or shut-in, this team visits those people as well. Email Ed or mark your Let's Connect card.



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.

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! This quarter's 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



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.

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.



Franklin Park Elementary School Local Mission ~ It's time for the end of the year fun WATER DAY at the school. Friday May 17th from 8:30 - 2:00pm. Lots of volunteers needed to help with this fun day for the kids!

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. 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



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 are on "Send" wall.

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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