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# Grace News

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**Week of May 12, 2013**

**REACH**



## FREE CAR WASH

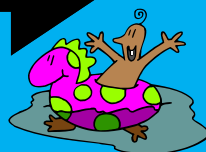
Wash cars and bless our neighborhood!

This Saturday, 9-Noon.

Free food, prayer!

Be hands and feet!

**SEND**



## FRANKLIN PARK ELEMENTARY

**“WATER DAY!”**

This Friday 8:30-2:30

Help with food & games

Be hands and feet!

Some ways that we partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God!

New Sunday  
Message Series:

**FULLY DEVOTED!**

This week:

***Living by the Spirit!***

GOD'S VISION OF GRACE CHURCH:  
TO WITH PARTNER GOD IN TRANSFORMING PEOPLE  
UNBELIEVERS FROM TO FULLY DEVOTED DISCIPLES  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

## 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:

Several years ago I learned an important lesson about how to tell whether or not I was growing in my daily walk with my Savior, Jesus, from a surprising source: my then-7-year-old daughter. One night I tucked her into bed and we said our nightly prayers. We prayed for the usual: family, friends, and people who need Jesus and don't know him. We also prayed that we both become more and more like Jesus. When we finished, Amy asked me, "Mom, do you know what the fruits of the Holy Spirit are?" And I said yes, of course I did. She promptly asked, "well, what are they?" I told her that they were results of the Holy Spirit controlling our lives. She said, "I know that, but can you NAME them?" I fumbled around a bit before admitting that I could not name all of them, although I mostly knew them. (I was trying to save some face.) My daughter looked me in the eyes and said, "How do you know if the Holy Spirit is controlling your life if you don't know what the results look like?" She had a point! On that day, I let her teach me the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control. When the Holy Spirit controls your life, HE will produce these things in you! These next five Sundays, we will be learning and talking about the Holy Spirit. If you need His fruits, then come experience and learn about His Spirit!



Blessings,

*Pastor Arlene Jackson*

[ajackson@egracechurch.com](mailto:ajackson@egracechurch.com)

### YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

**Worship Attendance by Campus: April 29-May 5, 2013!**

Cape Coral Campus: 1486

Grace Community Center: 236

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 219

Fort Myers Central Campus: 308

**Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:**

General Fund: \$4,078.66

Missions: \$110.00



# 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!)

**Holy Communion!** We will share the Lord's Supper this Wednesday evening at our service. This table is open to anyone who needs the love and grace of Jesus in their lives!

**Wednesday Worship, 6:30pm:** This week continues the series called **WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR** with a Lesson by our Youth Leader, SHANNON KANIA. 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](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.


**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.

 **Child Protection Class dates** ~ Wednesday, May 15 at 7:15pm and Sunday, June 2 at 1:45pm. Both these classes take place at the Cape Coral Campus in Grace Place. Contact Venia for more details. [vjoray@egracechurch.com](mailto:vjoray@egracechurch.com)

 **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](mailto:coj1234@hotmail.com)  
**Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright** [serightjudith@yahoo.com](mailto:serightjudith@yahoo.com)

**TURN AROUND Boutique and Thrift Store!** New “Christmas Room” is here. 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 ~** Reach team needs all kind of help to show the love of Jesus to our neighbors! Help us out with our free community car wash this Saturday, May 18 from 9am-12noon. Free car washes and hot dogs for the community. Bring towels, hoses, buckets, sponges, whatever you might have to make this event a blessing to us all! Call or text Chris Jackson for details, 239 471-4001.



## CONNECT MINISTRY


**Connect Leader: Ed Horne** [dukeoakfan@comcast.net](mailto:dukeoakfan@comcast.net)

**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'!

**Men's Club work day coming ~** The men's club is planning another work day to aid in the care of the church facilities. Tentative plans are to sod the courtyard on June 8. Watch here for more details and come be a part of this work and fellowship with other men of your church.

## **CONNECT MINISTRY** continued...

**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.


**Acts of Grace** ~ Is beginning to practice for their next production. Meet with them today, 1pm room #3, and get your part in the next play. Get connected with this fun group!



# FORM MINISTRY

**Form Leader: Sharon Davis**


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 **Go Deeper!** Discuss the Sunday Message series! This week starts our new series, "Fully Devoted". The vision of Grace Church is "to partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God." This series will help you grow into a fully devoted disciple of Jesus! Join the class each week for these stand alone study notes on each sermon topic. This week, "Living by the Spirit".

**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,



# 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 small stuffed animals this month. Contact Terry for more information.

**Upcoming Meetings** ~ The next Send team meeting is Wednesday, May 15 5:30pm. The next OIAM team meeting is Thursday, May 23, 6:30pm at First Baptist Church



**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](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. 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



**Memorial Day Picnic!** Monday, May 27, 11-3pm  
at Lakes Park. Hot dogs, condiments, and lemonade  
provided. You bring your favorite picnic dish to share! Bring a  
chair to relax or join in the games. Come spend time with your

church family and bring some new friends as well!

**Want to quit smoking?** Everglades Area Health Education Center (AJEC) will be offering a free 2 hour "tools to quit" smoking class at the Grace Community Center on Saturday May 18 from 10-12. Register for this class by calling 977 819-2357. **Walk ins will be permitted!**



**Mobile app  
available!**



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