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GraceNews

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Week of May 19, 2013

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

New Sunday
Message Series:

FULLY DEVOTED!

This week:

Reached by the Spirit!



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:

In my University of the Holy Spirit reading, 1 Thessalonians 3, verses 7 and 8 stood out to me: "So we have been greatly comforted, dear brothers and sisters, in all of our own crushing troubles and suffering, because you have remained strong in your faith. It gives us new life, knowing you remain strong in the Lord."



Paul, Silas and Timothy are writing to the Thessalonian church about how pleased they are that they are staying strong during times of trial and persecution. The Thessalonians' faith strengthens the three! I don't know how it works, but I've experienced it. When I am weak in faith, others strengthen me, and when others can bear it no longer, my faith does the same for them. As Christians, we have a circle of faith called the Church. That's why there is no such thing as a "solo Christian." That's also why around here we do Glory Sightings, to bring one another up. When I'm down, your experiences of faith lift me up, and when you are down, mine can lift you. Only a community of faith can do that. We cannot do it on our own! I am grateful that you are my community of faith, and that you are with me in the journey. I am with you, too!

Blessings,

Pastor Arlene Jackson

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YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus: May 6-12, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1609

Grace Community Center: 245

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 219

Fort Myers Central Campus: 367

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,552.94

Missions: \$100.00



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 serve the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of the month, as well as the following Wednesday evening. All who desire the forgiveness of Jesus Christ are welcome at this table!

Wednesday Worship, 6:30pm: We continue the series **WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR** with a Testimony of God's grace in the life of Ken Coleman. Hear living proof that Jesus can and will transform your life if you let him! After dinner join a 12 Step recovery group, or a Bible Study by Pastor Arlene to help you discover God's Will for your life.

Musicians and Singers Wanted! Sing with the praise band 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 as a musician!



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.

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 ~ Sunday, June 2 at 1:45pm. This class takes place at the Cape Coral Campus in Grace Place. Contact Venia for more details. 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 herd 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! Look for new items this week as we replenish our shelves. 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. 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! Are you good at lifting, sorting, and stocking shelves, then contact Judy to work during the week. Email Judy and take a shift!



CONNECT MINISTRY

Connect Leader: Ed Horne 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.

Free Movie Night ~ Saturday, June 1st 7pm we will be showing "This is our Time". Ethan, Luke, Alé, Ryder and Catherine are five friends connected by their strong faith. After graduating college, they each set out to make a difference in the world for God. Their ambitions are high, their passions are strong but will they have the courage to fulfill their calling regardless of what comes their way.

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, 12:30pm 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! Last week started our 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, "Reached 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 details.

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



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 Meeting ~ The next OIAM team meeting is Thursday, May 23, 6:30pm at First Baptist Church



Global Seminar ~ Saturday June 1st 9am-2:30pm in Bryant Hall, lunch is included. Come learn about missions around the world and how we can get involved in missions.

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



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!



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