


Fort Myers Central Campus
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Church News

C H U R C H

Week of June 2, 2013



Take the *Walk to Emmaus* and grow in your personal relationship with Jesus.

Applications for this retreat are on the "Form" wall in the hallway. Pick one up, then see Sharon Davis in the office for more details! (also see Pastor Arlene's note inside the cover of this News!)

**Sunday
Message Series:
*FULLY DEVOTED!***

**This Sunday:
*Formed 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:

The Walk to Emmaus 3-day retreat is a very important part of who we are as a church. God has given us his vision to partner with him to transform people into his fully devoted disciples, and the Walk to Emmaus experience has helped hundreds of people who call Grace Church their spiritual home to do just that: grow to the next level of discipleship and deepen their relationship with Jesus.



When I took my Walk to Emmaus several years ago, I was a little cynical and wary (my natural state!) There seemed to be a lot of secrecy around what happened during this retreat, and frankly I'm not much of a retreat person anyway. However, I discovered that this was no ordinary retreat. It was designed to allow each person to experience Jesus in an individual way, so the frustrating lack of information about the retreat was for a good purpose: no pre-conceived notions!

If you wonder whether or not the Walk to Emmaus is for you, the answer is yes. If you want to take the next step in your Walk with Jesus, walk the Emmaus road with him. There are generally two retreats a year and they fill up quickly, so pick up an application today, and know that I am with you in the journey!

Blessings,

Pastor Arlene Jackson

ajackson@egracechurch.com

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus: May 20-26, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,475

Grace Community Center: 205

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 220

Fort Myers Central Campus: 383

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,784.60

Missions: \$28.00



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. We will be serving this Sunday and Wednesday. Please join us; 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 lesson by Pastor Jedson. After dinner join a 12 Step recovery group, or participate in the Bible Study with 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!

Want to let the neighborhood know why you come to Grace? 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

★ NEW 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.

NEW Jesercise! "What is it?" you ask. A women's exercise group. This group meets every Thursday at 6pm in room 6. They pray together and exercise and dance to Christian music. Join this energetic group and be a part of the fun!



FORM MINISTRY

Form Leader: Sharon Davis

sdavis@egracechurch.com

Go Deeper! Discuss the Sunday Message series! This week 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, "Formed by the Spirit".

NEW Ready to make Grace Church your Home Church? Our next new members class is Sunday, June 9th from 1 to 5pm. Mark your "Let's Connect" card with your name phone # and email so we can contact you with all the information.

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".



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.

Are you passionate about going near and far for Jesus? If so the SEND team may be the place for you. Our team coordinates missions locally and globally. Contact Terry Rhodes to join this vital team.

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

There are many activities that everyone can be a part of. One of these is The Third Saturday event that happens every month at the Grace Community Center. During this ministry we reach out to the entire community with food, hair cuts, help with Access, blood-pressure and health screenings, recipe ideas, prayer, aids testing and information, and much more. Anyone can volunteer to help with this event. Mark your "Let's Connect" card if you would like to help the third Saturday in June.



**Mobile app
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