


Fort Myers Central Campus
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GradNews

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Week of June 16, 2013

YOUTH OPEN HOUSE!

THIS SUNDAY MORNING AFTER EACH SERVICE!



Come check out the Youth House, see what the teens have been doing, have some snacks, leave an encouraging message on the walls!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PARTY!!

*Remember the Sabbath day
by keeping it holy.
Exodus 20:8 (NIV)*

**What does it mean to
keep the Sabbath?**

Find out Sunday!



pause.

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:

For those of you who didn't hear, I spent four days last week in Cape Coral Hospital, undergoing some tests (non life threatening!) One thing is for sure, there's not much to do in the hospital. You have plenty of time to think, pray, and evaluate your life's circumstances and situations. Well, after much meditation, I came to this deep conclusion (don't hold your breath, this isn't rocket science):

The most important thing in life is relationship, and the top relationships to cultivate and tend to, in order of importance, are: (1) your relationship with God, (2) your relationship with family (which looks different for everyone), and (3) your relationship with close friends. Here's why.

Your relationship with God will sustain you through any situation or circumstance, so spend much time and energy on it. Your relationship with your family is important because God gave you history with them. And your relationship with friends is where you learn to trust and cooperate and care about someone purely by choice. Nothing can take the place of relationships to stretch and grow you.

What have you done today to improve yours? 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: June 3-9, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,472

Grace Community Center: 187

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 192

Fort Myers Central Campus: 308

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,184.22

Missions: \$88.00



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 share the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday morning and the following Wednesday evening of the month. 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 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.



THIS WEDESDAY EVENING, don't miss the special performance during the worship hour by **Acts of Grace**, the Grace Central theater troupe!

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!



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.

Mark your calendars ~ for Saturday, July 20th! A one day VBS event is coming to Grace Central - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Mark your Let's Connect card to let us know you will be available for this fun day.



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!


Reach Team needs all kinds of help to show the love of Jesus to our neighbors! Help us out with our free community car wash this Saturday, June 22 from 10am-1pm. Last month was amazing, this month will be even BETTER! Just come and help; you WILL be blessed because God is good! Bring towels, hoses, buckets, sponges, whatever you might have to make this event a blessing to us all! Contact Chris Jackson for more information 239 471-4001.



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'!

 **Free Movie Night!** The first Saturday of each month we have a free movie. July's movie is "The Lost Medallion". A powerful story of a lost medallion that helps a group of foster children realize their tremendous value to God. When Daniel Anderson (Alex Kendrick) visits a foster home to drop off some donations he is quickly roped into telling the kids a story. The story he tells is about Billy Stone and Allie, two teen-age-friends, who uncover a long-lost-medallion and then accidentally wish themselves back in time. Join us July 6th at 7pm for this great family friendly movie!

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 Jesercize! "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 sermon title "Pause" will help us look at ways to rest in and refresh our Christian walk. Join the class each week for these stand alone study notes on each sermon topic.

NEW Global Leadership Summit~ August 8 & 9 is this year's Leadership Summit. The reduced rate of \$79.00 for these two days is good until July 9th. The GLS will be telecast at the Cape Coral campus. If you are interested in attending this two day event mark your Let's Connect card or email Sharon. sdavis@egracechurch.com

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

Oklahoma Disaster Relief~ We are planning on sending a team to Oklahoma for disaster relief. If interested, please write "disaster relief" on the back of your Let's Connect card. You will be contacted with more information.

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