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# Grace News

C H U R C H

## Week of July 7, 2013



Join Our  
**Prayer Team**

Pray over our Seats  
 Pray for the Prayer Requests  
 Pray for the Pastor  
 Pray at the Altar

See Sharon in the office or Mark your Let's Connect Card to join the team!

**This Sunday:**

**Evil Still Challenges us!**

Grace Church Times  
 AN ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER  
 Sunday, June 23 - Sunday, July 28, 2013  
 Price 6d

**ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE END TIMES!**

**Jesus Will Come Back!**  
 Amen amen dico vobis quod ego deus sum. Amen amen dico vobis quod ego deus sum. Amen amen dico vobis quod ego deus sum. Amen amen dico vobis quod ego deus sum.

**Be Ready!**  
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**Heaven is Real!**  
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**The Lamb Wins!**  
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**Evil Still Challenges Us!**  
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**An Unfinished Task!**  
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# 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:

I am writing from Durham, NC, as I dive into my 3rd year studies at Duke Divinity School. I would like to share with you an insight God gave me from my daily UHS devotions (get a bookmark from the "FORM" wall in the hallway so you can join me in this practice!):

Scripture: Isaiah 2:22: *Stop putting your trust in mere humans. They are as frail as breath. How can they be of help to anyone?"*

Observation: Isaiah is writing prophecy about what is going to happen to the people of Judah because they have turned from God and towards selfishness and culture, only looking towards what they themselves can get and do.

Application: Chapter 2 is all about how mighty God is and how he can easily shake the earth and show his power. People cannot do this, only God can do this. My ultimate faith must be in eternal God, not mortal people.

Prayer: Lord, allow me to walk a gentle balance. I want to be fully present here on earth emotionally and spiritually, while being firmly planted in your future Kingdom, my eyes on you. Keep me in balance, from going to one extreme to the other. In Jesus name, Amen. (I know you are with me in the journey, Church!)

Blessings,

*Pastor Arlene Jackson*



## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

**Worship Attendance by Campus: June 24-30, 2013!**

Cape Coral Campus: 1,518

Grace Community Center: 242

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 154

Fort Myers Central Campus: 355

## Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: no information available

Missions: no information available



# 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!)

**THIS SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: 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 is the last week of our series called **WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?** IT'S BAND NIGHT! Worship all the hour, then stay for free dinner, 12 Step recovery, and a Bible Study to help you to 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 in the month of July will go for **FRANKLIN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**. Please see the "Send" page for more information on the FPE Christmas Toy Collection!! Adopt a kid, bring the toys, put them on the altar!



# 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.

**VBS is Coming!!** "KINGDOM ROCK" happens July 20 10am-4pm. Sign up to 'Stand Strong' for God! There is a place for everyone in GOD's Kingdom! Opportunities include: **Crew Leaders** (teens & adults to experience VBS with the kiddos) **Station helpers** (assist or lead a specific area as the kiddos visit) **Decorators** (help transform the church into a castle & kingdom) **Crafters, Singers, & You.**

**VBS Needs:** Decorations: anything 'medieval' to help create the castle atmosphere, large paper bags, plus many items for snacks and crafts. The food and craft list is in the children's area and you can sign up for any of those items at the check in area. Your help will make this a great experience for the Kids!

## 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!

 **Youth Studies!** During the month of July our youth will be studying a series called "Jesus Face to Face". Last Wednesday they talked about "Reflections of an Ex-Blindman". This Wednesday they will be rocking out with the band. If you know any youth please invite them to come join our group!

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

**TURN AROUND Boutique and Thrift Store!** Has it been a while since you shopped? We are constantly reorganizing, revamping and putting out 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! 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** will be meeting on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30pm to brainstorm on ways we can show the love of Jesus to the community. Through cupcakes? Through cleaning car windows? Through picking up trash? Through\_\_\_\_\_? Come with even the most outrageous ideas and we'll let the Holy Spirit guide us; after all nothing is too big for our God! Let God shine through our gifts to serve on the Reach team!



# 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'!

 **Acts of Grace:** Help AOG to write it's next chapter! Acts of Grace theater ministry is meeting today at 12:30pm in room #3 to consider scripts for its next production.. Join us with your ideas for future AOG scripts. New members always welcomed. Get in on the act!

**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!

## **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.



**The Men's Club!** Every man is welcome, every second Thursday at 6:30pm. Meet in the Dining Hall for dinner, prayer, projects, speakers, and general friendship with a few dozen of your new pals. Next meeting is this Thursday, July 11th. Come join the group!



# FORM MINISTRY

**Form Leader: Sharon Davis**

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

**Go Deeper!** Discuss the Sunday Message series! This is week two of our sermon series, **All You Need To Know About the End Times**. There is much confusion among followers of Jesus about what the Bible teaches about the end of time. This series will seek to carefully and biblically address the clear teaching about the end times. Join the class each week for these stand alone study notes on each sermon topic. Today's Sermon: "Evil Still Challenges Us!"



**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 at [sdavis@egracechurch.com](mailto: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.

**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. Rochelle Redmon finishes out this study this week.



# SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes  
[trlpn@aol.com](mailto:trlpn@aol.com)

**Operation Christmas Child** ~ For the last several months we have been collecting various items and money for OCC. As of June 30th we have collected 279 items to pack in the shoeboxes and \$578.82 to buy additional items for these boxes. Keep watching for dates of the "packing party".



**Christmas in July!** During the month of July we will be collecting toys for the December toy giveaway for Franklin Park Elementary. The money collected in our metal buckets for the months of July-September will be to benefit our local mission partner Franklin Park Elementary School.

**Toy Collection Boxes**~ Interested in helping with Toy Collection Boxes in local stores? Fill out your "let's connect" card with contact information and mark the back with your interest and we will contact you with details.

## 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

**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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