Fort Myers Central Campus
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C H U R C H
Week of July 14, 2013



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 10am-4:00pm ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGED KIDS SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE TODAY!

This Sunday:

Heaven is Real!



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!

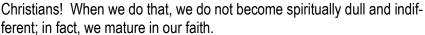
We seek to **REACH** people who need Jesus, **CONNECT** them to God and other Christ followers, **FORM** them to have a growing relationship with Jesus, and **SEND** them into the world to serve God and others!

Message from Pastor Arlene:

(UHS Journal entry from Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC):

<u>Scripture:</u> Hebrews 6:12(a) "Then you will not become indifferent." (Church—read Hebrews 6:1-12!) <u>Observation:</u> The writer of Hebrews talks about Christians who have lost their zeal and have "turned"

away from God." He says the cure is helping fellow



<u>Application:</u> Jesus says, "Love your neighbor." In AA they say, "Nothing will so much insure sobriety as helping another alcoholic." It seems that getting out of yourself and doing for another is a spiritual cure that grows us. Our relationship with God gets tighter when we are in close, caring relationship with God's people.

<u>Prayer</u>: Lord, today, let me help someone so I can be spiritually sharpened and you can be fresh in me again. Bring me someone! Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Arlene Jackson

ajackson@egracechurch.com

(By the way, God answered this prayer today and brought me someone! God is so good, all the time! I am with you in the journey!)

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus: July 1-7, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,295 Grace Community Center: 242
Fort Myers Shores Campus: 242 Fort Myers Central Campus: 280

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,673.19 Missions: \$77.00



All About WORSHIP

Organist: Dr. R. Thad Goodwin btsdad@aol.com Choir Leader: Robin Ziel robinleez@comcast.net

Worship Leader: Pastor Jedson Rodrigues <u>jrodrigues@egracechurch.com</u>

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: Worship begins at 6:30, free dinner starts at 7:30, and then stay to participate in the 12 Step recovery groups to gain healing and help for hurts, habits, and hang-ups. All are welcome!

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 during the time of offering on Wednesday and Sunday 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 <u>vjoray@egracechurch.com</u>
Middle & High School Leader: Shannon Kania <u>Shannon.Kania@gmail.com</u>

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". This Wednesday's lesson "The Price of Freedom" Are you a pig....or are you just chicken? 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 Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright 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 needs all kind of help to show the love of Jesus to our neighbors! Help us out with our free community car wash Saturday, July 27 from 10am-1pm. Last month was amazing this month will be even BETTER! Free car washes and hot dogs for the community. Bring towels, hoses, buckets, sponges, whatever you might have to make the event a blessing to us all! Contact Chris Jackson for 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'!

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!

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!

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.

Free Movie Night! The first Saturday of each month is Movie Night. We have a great time eating free popcorn and watching the movie with a few dozen of our Grace family. Next free movie night is August 3rd. Mark your calendar and come join the fun! We'll save you a seat!



FORM MINISTRY

Form Leader: Sharon Davis sdavis@egracechurch.com

Go Deeper! Discuss the Sunday Message series! This is week three 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: "Heaven is Real!"

Global Leadership Summit~ August 8 & 9 is this year's Leadership Summit. The rate of \$109.00 for these two days is a good value. 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

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 bookmarks are on the "Form" wall or contact Sharon Davis for more details.



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes trlpn@aol.com

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 <u>Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com</u>
Women's Recovery Leader: Sarah McMillan <u>smcmillan@egracechurch.com</u>

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! Are you a man ready to make a real change in your life? Scott Thornton is preparing to start a men's 12 step group where you will actually work through your steps. If you are interested in a step study, contact Scott at 239 603-5975 for details, dates and times.

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

GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER

4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy North Fort Myers, FL 33903 239.656.1320

Worship Times:

10:00AM - 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

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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