

Fort Myers Central Campus
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GraceNews
 C H U R C H
 Week of July 21, 2013

THE GRACE CENTRAL KITCHEN

Where over 1,000 people eat a free meal every month
 Where the team cares for one another
 Where people find community & friendships
 Where jobs and homes are gotten



Where you see Jesus!



Look inside under "Connect" for a list of supplies you can bring to

keep the meals a-coming. If you want to join the Team, just pop into the kitchen and talk to anyone! They will show you how to help.

**This Sunday:
 The
 Lamb
 Wins!**



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:

(Another University of the Holy Spirit Journal entry from Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC):

Scripture: Hebrews 13:15(a): Look after each other so that none of you will miss out on the special favor of God.

Observation: The writer of Hebrews is speaking the Jews' language so they would understand Jesus as Messiah. It's important to understand someone's point of view before they will trust what you are saying to them is true.

Application: My theology professor told us: "I want you to be able to argue the opposite point of view completely before arguing your own." This is wise. We spend too much time waiting our turn to speak instead of listening. If I listened more, perhaps I would understand more, argue less, and it would be easier to look out for each other like this verse says.

Prayer: Lord, today, let me never be afraid to walk in another person's shoes. Open my heart and mind to people you made and love. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Arlene Jackson

ajackson@egracechurch.com



YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus: July 8-14, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,361

Grace Community Center: 241

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 182

Fort Myers Central Campus: 305

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,199.74

Missions: \$15.00



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 — "Testimony Night": Worship begins at 6:30, with a testimony of God's grace in the life of BILL ROBINS, then stay for free dinner at 7:30, and afterwards, 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 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.

Child Protection Class! Anyone working with our children must attend this class. The next opportunity to get this training is Sunday, August 11 at 1pm. This class takes place at the Cape Coral Campus. Contact Venia for more details. vjoray@egracechurch.com

BACK TO SCHOOL is going to be cool! Watch for upcoming events! Sunday August 4th - 'kids in the kitchen' making treats for the Franklin Park teachers and staff! Cookies, Games & Fun!! Wednesday August 7th - Pajamas & Popcorn Movie night! A calm, relaxing evening before the first day back to school!

A ROYAL THANKS to all the KINGDOM HELPERS that invested in the lives of children to help them STAND STRONG for GOD! Our hats are off to you all!

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!

NEW Youth Studies! During the month of July our youth will be studying a series called "Jesus Face to Face". This Wednesday's lesson "Need a Lift?" Jesus wants to lift you up if you're tired of being down! 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 ...with no budget to buy the food! All donations of food are appreciated. Some of the items we always need are as follows: coffee, lemonade mix, pancake mix, peanut butter, jelly, yellow rice, dishwashing soap, cereal, powdered coffee creamer, sugar and did I mention COFFEE. Donate any of these items or drop money in the donation jar and don't forget to come and enjoy the good food!

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.

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: "The Lamb Wins!"

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



Ready to make Grace your Home Church? Our next new members class is Sunday, August 4th from 1 to 5pm. Mark your "Let's Connect" card with your name phone # and email address so we can contact you with all the information.

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 Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com

Women's Recovery Leader: Sarah McMillan smcmillan@egracechurch.com

Monday: CA at 8:00pm

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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

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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