


Fort Myers Central Campus
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GraceNews

C H U R C H

Week of August 4, 2013

WHY JOIN GRACE CHURCH?

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12

CLASS NEXT SUNDAY

Mark your Lets Connect Card

**FRIENDSHIPS
PURPOSE
STRENGTH
BELONGING
SERVING
GROWING**

**Sacrament
Sunday**



baptism and
communion

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:

Sin is a serious problem. All of us have it, but it's sneaky. Sin makes you think you don't. It makes you believe that even if you do have it, it's not as bad as the next person's. Some of us are the "high profile" sinners; people whose sins are obvious, like alcoholism or crime. The rest of us are the "low profile" sinners, who may sit in the front pew but inside roil with resentments, judgments, anger, selfishness, or apathy towards others or the word of God. And "lower" yet, we may know and speak the Word of God but don't practice what we preach. But at least we're not high profile sinners. Sin is sneaky and dangerous and it lies to us, keeping us separated from God. Sin is a serious problem.



What can we do about this? 1 John 1:8-9 says: *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* I invite you to join a 12-Step Study and break the power of sin in your life. It is not just for high profile sinners, but ordinary everyday sinners, too. Mark your Let's Connect Card today. 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: July 22-28, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,363

Grace Community Center: 228

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 176

Fort Myers Central Campus: 308

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,684.60

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 this Sunday and Wednesday! It is the time of the month again when we share the Lord's Supper, as is our tradition 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 can't drink alcohol.

Wednesday Worship, 6:30pm — "Lesson Night": Worship begins at 6:30, with Pastor Jedson bringing a word of hope for your life. As every week, please 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 SUNDAY, August 4 –Kids will be decorating cookies for the staff of Franklin Park Elementary! Plus back-to-school games! Be sure your child joins us for the fun!!

BACK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, August 7– Pajama and popcorn night for the kiddos! They can come in their PJ's with their favorite pillow/blanket all ready for a relaxing evening before getting up early for school on Thursday! We will be enjoying popcorn and a movie.

Be in Prayer! Over the next two weeks our children, our teachers, our administrators, and all the many support staff will be returning to the schools for another year of education. Please pray for all of these for peace in their lives, for safety, for protection from attacks of the evil of the world. It is our responsibility to hold all of God's precious people up in prayer.

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

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 We on the Reach Team know that it sounds a bit odd, but we LOVE to surprise people, and love up on them, and help them out, and do things for them. We do these acts of kindness, not for our own egos or pride, but to show them that they are loved by us and by Jesus. Of course, those of you with these gifts to reach out into the community, these crazy things may seem perfectly normal - and you are the people we are looking for. Come join the Reach Team! "Preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words!"



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!



Central Campus Readers ~ "What is it?" you ask. A group of avid readers who get together to discuss a book they are all reading. This group will be discussing Yann Martel's "Life of Pi" in their first meeting this year. Come join them on Sunday, August 25 at 11:30am in room 1. Please see Paul Chapdelaine for your copy of the book.

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!

Men's Club! There will be no Men's Club this week due to the Leadership Summit. Men's Club will be rescheduled please watch for new information as to time and date of the next meeting.

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 September 7th. Mark your calendar and come join the fun! We'll save you a seat!



FORM MINISTRY

Form Leader: Sharon Davis

sdavis@egracechurch.com

Dive Deeper! Each week on the tables in the hall and on the Form wall there are copies of the sermon notes along with questions and thoughts to help you go deeper into the Sunday sermon. We call this "Dive Deeper" because it allows an opportunity to process what we have just heard in the sermon in a different and deeper way. Pick up a copy of these notes and see where God leads you.

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

NEW Making My Connection Class! Our next new members class is Sunday, August 11th 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 collected toys for the December toy giveaway for Franklin Park Elementary School. Please bring in any toys for cards you may have picked up. 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.

School Supplies! It's that time again. Bring in those school supplies for Franklin Park. Items needed are: Pencils, Paper, Glue sticks, Crayons, & 3-Pronged folders. Extra items you could provide for the teachers are: Kleenex, Copy paper, Hand sanitizer, and Gallon size plastic bags. Bring in any or all of these items.

RECOVERY MEETINGS



Men's Recovery Leader: Scott Thornton Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com

Women's Recovery Leader: Sarah McMillan [smcmillan@egracechurch.com](mailto:smmcillan@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! 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

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CAN YOU DRIVE THE GCC BOX TRUCK? We are STILL looking for a few more volunteers to put in this rotation. No special license required. We pick up food from Harry Chapin in downtown Ft. Myers on the first and second Tuesday of the month, and we need backup drivers. Time needed is from 8:30 AM - 11 AM first and second Tuesday of the month. On the job training will be given. Please contact Criss if you are available to help out 815-450-0706 or write "driver" on the back of your lets connect card.



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