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# Grace News

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**Week of August 18, 2013**

## **The CONNECT Team:**

**Helping people connect to Jesus &  
The Grace Church family**



**All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals... And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.—Acts 2:42, 46-47**

**Visit the CONNECT table this Sunday!**

Sunday:  
Help!  
I'm Broke!



Baptized today: Destiny Johnson, child of Sharon Stoughton

## 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:

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit at the Cape Coral Campus. Leaders from different areas of business, church, missions, and politics taught thousands of us watching around the world about leadership. This event takes place every August. I would strongly recommend that you attend next year, since it is the most exciting event that Grace Church hosts in a year full of very exciting events!

You may think to yourself, "But I'm not a leader!" Yet the truth is that Leadership is the transfer of influence. You influence someone, perhaps your children, or friends, or someone you work with. Remember that Jesus' apostles were simple tradespeople when Jesus called them to follow him. They had not been called by any other Rabbi, they were the "overlooked." And yet, under the influence of Jesus, they went on to influence and spread the Gospel to the entire known world. We are here today because of them!

You are God's Leader, called by Him to influence others with his love. Who can you influence with the Gospel today? I am with you in the journey... Blessings,

*Pastor Arlene Jackson*

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



### YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

#### Worship Attendance by Campus: August 5-11, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,629

Grace Community Center: 260

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 175

Fort Myers Central Campus: 300

#### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,658.16

Missions: \$50.00



# 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!)

**Holy Communion!** Here, the Lord's Supper is open to anyone who needs the love and grace of Jesus Christ in their life. We celebrate twice a month, and we use grape juice for those who can't drink alcohol.

## Wednesday Worship, 6:30pm — This week: "LESSON NIGHT"

Worship begins at 6:30, with a special teaching from Pastor Jedson. We always have free dinner at 7:30, and 12 Step recovery groups to gain healing and help for hurts, habits, and hang-ups. All are welcome!



**Traditional Choir Singers Wanted!** Sing with the traditional choir on Sunday at 8:30am. Sing the classic hymns of faith. Can you make a joyful noise? If yes, then mark your Let's Connect Card or talk to Robin Z after 8:30 service on Sunday morning!

**Musicians and Singers Wanted!** 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 August will go for **FRANKLIN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**. Please see the "Send" page for more information on the FPE Christmas Toy Collection!!



# 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.

## **Seeking Children Ministry Volunteers**

If you have been worshipping at Grace Church for at least 6 months and are willing to be background screened and trained to work with children. God can use you in amazing ways in a child's life! Have fun and make a difference! Contact Venia.

## **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.

**Be in Prayer!** Over the next few 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.

# 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)

**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, September 7, from 10am - 1pm. Last month was amazing, this month will be even BETTER! Free car washes and hot dogs for the community. We will not even accept donations, and you should see how surprised our guests are! Bring towels, hoses, buckets, sponges, whatever you might have to make this event a blessing to us all! Chris Jackson (239) 471-4001



# 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 ...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. 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!

**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 to be a part of this team.

**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 our Grace family. Next free movie is September 7th. We will be showing "Taken by Grace". Mark your calendar and come join the fun! We'll save you a seat!



# FORM MINISTRY

**Form Leader: Sharon Davis**

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

**Dive Deeper!** Each week 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, or join the 11:30 discussion group! (see information below)

**New Discussion Group!** At 11:30 in room 3 is an informal discussion group that takes a deeper look at the sermon. Using the "Dive Deeper" notes this group discusses together how the sermon applies to their lives. This is an open group and you can join at any time. Our new sermon series is entitled HELP! This week's topic is: I'm Broke.....



**Are You Called To Pray** for the broken, for the nation, for the

world? When two or three come together in my name there am I with them.

*Matthew 18:20* We are inviting you to join a group that will be meeting Tuesday mornings at 10am to pray for all of these areas and more. For additional information contact Cindy at 239-271-7428 or mark your "Let's Connect" card and we will contact you.

**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](mailto:trlpn@aol.com)

**Early Christmas Toy Collection!** We are still collecting toys for the December toy giveaway for Franklin Park Elementary School. Pick up a card or two from the display in the hall and get an early start on this local mission project. 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](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!** Are you ready to make a real change in your life? Men's and Women's step groups are beginning where you will actually work through your steps. If you are interested in a step study, contact Scott or Sarah (above), or the church office for dates and times, or put it on your "Let's Connect Card" during Sunday or Wednesday worship service.

# 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

**Tools to Quit** smoking: THIRD SATURDAY10-12. We will be doing this every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday for the rest of the year. Aug-Dec.

**SEND GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE:** February 26 - March 2, 2014 Our Mission partners from around the world will be coming to Grace Church to report all that God is doing in and through the ministries that we support through our Faith Promise Giving! If you would like to be a part of this short-term task team to help implement the events planned for this exciting week. Please write SEND GLOBAL on the back of your Let's Connect card or contact Patti at 574-7161x228.



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