

Fort Myers
Central Campus
2415 Grand Avenue



**Week of
Sept. 1,**

grace News
CHURCH



Grant Writing!

Learn about the ins and outs here at Grace Central this Thursday 6-8pm

Rev. Courtney Williams, visiting from Michigan, will answer your questions!

This Sunday:

Help! My future is uncertain!

COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY AND

WEDNESDAY: We celebrate the Lord's

supper with grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol. You are welcome to participate if you need the grace and forgiveness of Jesus in your life!

HELP!



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:

For quite some time, I have been praying for God to make sense to me how God grows a Christian in their faith and their “works” (actions). I’ve noticed (and you may have, also) that some people who say “yes” to Jesus begin to grow spiritually, and their lives are transformed in break-speed, amazing ways...while others seem to struggle and lag and have a tough time of spiritual growth. Obviously nobody grows spiritually in exactly the same timing or order, but I began to wonder: are there some concrete practices of people who seem to grow steadily, behaviors that God will use in everyone who says yes to Jesus? I believe the answer is yes. That’s why this Wednesday, September 4, I will teach the first of a 4 month long message series during the Wednesday Worship time called “How Do I Grow as a Christian?” It seems that there are some basic practices of all Christians who seem to grow surely and steadily, and we will explore these in detail until the end of the year—because we want to grow!



Christ is the foundation of a person who wants to grow in faith and contented living! Do you want to grow as a Christian? I do! Come explore how on Wednesday nights; I am with you in the journey!

Pastor Arlene Jackson

ajackson@egracechurch.com

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus: August 19-25, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,573

Grace Community Center: 235

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 162

Fort Myers Central Campus: 299

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,068.17

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 10:00am (a kickin' band & jeans!)

Wednesday Contemporary Service at 6:30pm (a bit of everything!)



ANNOUNCEMENT: The last 11:30 Sunday worship service will be on Sunday, September 8th. We will bid farewell to the 11:30 service!

Every Wednesday Night — Worship Service at 6:30, Free Dinner at 7:30, 12 Step Recovery Groups for men and women at 8pm, as well as a Bible Study open to all. All are welcome!



NEW WEDNESDAY WORSHIP MESSAGE SERIES AND BIBLE STUDY! Mark your calendars! Starting **THIS WEDNESDAY** is the worship message series “**How Do I Grow as a Christian?**” Also this Wednesday begins the **S.A.L.T.** “Seven Areas of Life Training” Bible Study, to discover what God has to say about 7 of your most important relationships. **YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS IT!**



INGATHERING! Notice a new basket for canned vegetables and fruit and boxed food by the sanctuary door—whenever you come to church, bring food items for the basket. The Kitchen Team will use them for dinners and breakfast. You can show generosity in response to God's goodness!



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.

Children's Sunday

Our kiddos will be singing on September 15th. Please be sure they are here by 9:30 next Sunday for a quick run through of their song!

This Months Teaching

HOW TO BE A WISE GUY (or GIRL!) We are learning about Solomon's wisdom and how to use it in our everyday life to avoid 'traps' that keep us from being who God wants us to be!!

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 at vjoray@egracechurch.com

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 email Shannon.Kania@gmail.com

REACH MINISTRY



Reach Leader: Chris Jackson coj1234@hotmail.com
Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright serightjudith@yahoo.com

Thrift Store Now Open Saturday, Sunday & Monday 10am-3pm.

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 help to show the love of Jesus to our neighbors! Help us out with our **FREE** community car wash this Saturday, September 7, from 10am to 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! Email Chris at coj1234@hotmail.com or call him 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 anything else you might have by dropping them in the "Food Basket" located outside the sanctuary door and don't forget to come and enjoy the good food!

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 Horne!

CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

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 this Saturday, 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

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 that meets in room #3. This informal group uses these notes and discusses together how the sermon applies to their lives. This is an open group so you can join at any time. Our current sermon series is entitled "Help". This week's topic is: My Future is Uncertain!

NEW SALT CLASS! "Seven Areas of Life Training" begins Wednesday, September 4th at 8pm. This is a fun 7 month class to help you discover what God has to say about seven types of relationships we have. Pastor Arlene will be teaching this class and will spend a month on each of these: Spiritual, Psychological, Social, Romantic, Physical, Financial, and Family. To register for this class please mark your "Let's Connect" card by jotting down "I'm interested in SALT" so we will know how much material to prepare.

NEW 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 is meeting Tuesday mornings at 10am to pray for all of these areas and more. For additional information mark your "Let's Connect" card.

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

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

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 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

Motorcycle Ministry~is going to Everglades City on September 7th! All interested bikers meet at Dunkin Donuts on Palm Beach Blvd./SR80 at 8am, kick stands up at 8:00am.

For more information contact Bob Johnson at 239 694-1803.

Men on Target~ are "on target" for Sarasota Skeet, Trap, and Sporting Clays on Saturday, Sept 14, at 8:00am. Meeting up at the Ft Myers Shores campus, located at 14036 Matanzas Dr. The cost is approximately \$40 plus ammunition. Lunch is not included, they normally stop somewhere to eat. If interested, call Ron Joray at 239-209-6006.



**Mobile app
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