Fort Myers Central Campus 2415 Grand Avenue

> Week of Sept. 8,



## You know you want to! Go for it!



New Series begins This Sunday, with...

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# 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 the past several weeks on Sunday morning, we have highlighted an area of ministry with some testimony, glory sightings, and information. If you recall, we started with Reach ministries, then Connect, then Form. (Then we took a week off for Labor Day Sunday!)

This week we continue with celebrating our Worship ministries. Worship is simply loving God! The Bible has

much to say about praising and thanking God through song, prayer, giving, sharing, serving, the scriptures, and other ways. During the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening we worship together (read the book of Acts!) and a team of

people help to prepare our hearts to worship our God. If you want to get involved with helping people to worship, mark your Let's Connect Card and get started! Meanwhile, how is your worship of God going? Are you connecting to him through prayer, and the Bible, and singing, serving, and thanksgiving? I want to

invite you to enter into the privilege we Christians have of connecting to God through worship. Let the words of the songs we sing, the prayers, and scripture, settle into your soul. Respond robustly by serving and giving (maybe even a little loud singing and dancing!) That's worship! 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 26—September 1, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1.546 Fort Myers Shores Campus: 215 Grace Community Center: 223 Fort Myers Central Campus: 323

#### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1.958.35

Missions: \$85.00



# All About WORSHIP

Organist: Dr. R. Thad Goodwin <u>btsdad@aol.com</u> Choir Leader: Robin Ziel <u>robinleez@comcast.net</u> Worship Leader: Pastor Jedson Rodrigues <u>irodrigues@egracechurch.com</u> Band Leader: Chris Jackson <u>coj1234@hotmail.com</u>

## 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! **THIS WEEK: BAND NIGHT**! Let's worship the whole hour!

**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!

How Can I Be On The Worship Team? <u>No experience needed</u>: Sing in the choir Sunday 8:30am <u>No experience needed</u>: Sing with the praise team Sunday 10am or Wed. <u>Like computers?</u> Learn power point and the tech booth <u>Like sound?</u> Learn the sound system in the sound booth <u>Play an instrument?</u> Talk to Chris (drummer) about joining the band Mark Your Let's Connect Card Sunday or Wednesday for more info!



# 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 service 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 worshiping 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 Leader: Chris Jackson coj1234@hotmail.com Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright <u>serightjudith@yahoo.com</u>

### 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** If you would like to invite the community to experience the love of Jesus and the blessings of this church, fill out your "Let's Connect" card with your name phone # and email address, mark the back saying you are interested in joining the Reach team. We'll contact you with the dates of the next meeting.



# 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.

**The Men's Club!** Every man is welcome, every second Thursday at 6:30pm. Meet in the Dining Hall for dinner, prayer, projects, speakers, and general friendship with a few dozen of your new pals. Next meeting is this Thursday, September, 12th.

**Theatre Outing!** Come join us kick-off the Christmas season! "Away in the Basement" (A Church Ladies Basement Christmas) Off-Broadway Palm Theatre 7:00 p.m., Sunday, November 17th. Cost: \$27.00 per person. Sign up on the CONNECT Wall. Limited seating is available, Contact Bill Guyn at 995-2199 for more details.





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 "The Truth About You". This week's topic is: You are Made for More!

**Walk to Emmaus!** If you haven't been on the Walk to Emmaus and would like to experience this three day retreat, check the FORM wall for an application. The next available walks are as follows: Men's Walk, May 22-25, 2014, Women's Walk, May 29-June1, 2014..

**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



# 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 <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 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

#### 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

#### GCC THRIFT STORE

4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy North Fort Myers, FL 33903 239.656.0122 Hours: Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

#### FORT MYERS SHORES CAMPUS

14036 Matanzas Drive Fort Myers, FL 33905 239.694.2797 **Worship Times:** 10:00AM - Contemporary

11:30AM - Traditional

#### FMC THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue Fort Myers, FL 33901 239.244.5712 **Hours:** Saturday: 10AM - 3PM Sunday: 10AM - 3PM

# CROSS-CAMPUS Events & Activities

**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. If interested, call Ron Joray at 239-209-6006.

**Operation Christmas Child** The packing party at the GCC is Saturday Sept. 14 @ 11am. Please join us for this event as we pack 5000 shoe boxes to send to countries around the world to share the Good News of Jesus.





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