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Week of  
Sept. 15, 2013

grace CHURCH News



*What is your talent?*

*Singing? Comedy? Dancing? Acting? Instrument?  
Magic? "Something Else"?*

**ADULTS AND TEENS ALL WELCOME TO PERFORM  
On SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

*We need to fit your act into the line-up...show us "what you've  
got" 11:30 next Sunday and the following Sunday!*

Series continues  
on Sunday, with...

**You Are Gifted  
For More!**

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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:

Today (Sunday, September 15) is National Invite Someone to Church Sunday. Well, I must be out of the loop because I didn't know a thing about it (and now I've missed it! Darn!)

But wait a minute, I think it's a good idea no matter when we do it. What if we really did invite someone to church...every week? Better than that, what if we invited someone to church every day? If each of us practiced this, I would bet that at least some people

would actually come. And much more important than the seats filling up, we would have the satisfaction as Christians of knowing we have given someone the opportunity to hear the most important message on planet earth: the message of Jesus Christ. I am warming up to this idea of being the kind of people who constantly invite other people to church!

So, even though it will no longer be "National Invite Someone to Church" Sunday, I would like to ask you to do yourself a favor, and someone else, too...invite that person you talk to at work, at school, in the RaceTrac, at the Dunkin Donuts, at the library, at the bus-stop, in the line at Publix...to church next Sunday, September 22nd. And by the way, that happens to be our Sunday to focus on local missions...I think inviting people to church fits that focus just fine, "wrong date" or not, don't you? Jesus said we are to go and make disciples of everyone...so invite them into becoming disciples by inviting them to church next Sunday! How many do you agree to invite this week? I am with you in the journey!

*Pastor Arlene Jackson*

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



## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

### Worship Attendance by Campus September 2-8, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,551

Grace Community Center: 245

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 214

Fort Myers Central Campus: 303

### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,423.72

Missions: \$115.00



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

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

**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 CONTINUES THE SERIES: How Do I Grow as a Christian? (Part 2).**

**Ingathering of Food!** Be part of our food ministry that serves over 300 meals a week by bringing canned fruits, veggies, and nonperishables to the basket in the sanctuary.

## **How Can I Be On The Worship Team?**

No experience needed: Sing in the choir Sunday 8:30am

No experience needed: Sing with the praise team Sunday 10am or Wed.

Like computers? Learn power point and the tech booth

Like sound? Learn the sound system in the sound booth

Play an instrument? Talk to Chris (drummer) about joining the band

**Mark Your Let's Connect Card Sunday or Wednesday for more info!**

**HOLY COMMUNION** is served the first Sunday morning of every month and the following Wednesday evening. We use grape juice for those who cannot have alcohol. Communion is open to ANYONE who needs the grace of Jesus in their life.



# 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 service as well as Wednesday evening worship.

## **Children's Sunday**

Today is Children and Youth Fair! We hope you enjoy our Music! See Venia Joray for a tour of the Children's area after the service!

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:Shannon.Kania@gmail.com)

# 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)

**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](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 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.

**Variety Show!** Next month is a special treat as we invite you for a Variety Show or "Live Movie" on October 5th. If you have a talent to showcase please let us know so we can fit you in. This should be a fun night you won't want to miss.

**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 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 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 **Gifted** 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-June 1, 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 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: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 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!** Would you like to quit smoking?

At the Grace Community Center on the third Saturday of each month through the end of this year, they will be offering Tools to Quit. Check out this opportunity to kick the habit September 21st between 9 and noon.



**Mobile app  
available!**



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