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Week of
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CHURCH

How Do We Fulfill God's Vision for Grace Church?

REACH ... CONNECT ...
... FORM ... SEND ...
AGE LEVEL MINISTRIES
... WORSHIP ... and ...
RECOVERY!!!

This Sunday!

God's Vision for
Grace Church

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:

As we worship together here in this place, I am honored and pleased to know that God sends us all different types of people to worship together. When I see the blend of people who worship together here at Grace Central, I am hopeful that this means that God trusts us enough to love people of every different ethnic and financial and social reality. I believe that our church can be a picture of what heaven looks like when Jesus tells us to pray that His Kingdom ought to come on earth the way it is in heaven. Heaven will not be segregated by any difference; every blend of people will be side by side before the throne. We are on our way to that reality, but it takes work and understanding of one another, breaking down barriers of mistrust and misunderstandings to work towards a common peace and love of Jesus. It's very hard to not just act like the church, but to look like the church: diverse and beautiful in our differences. That's why so many don't do it.

To fulfill God's vision for Grace Church, making fully devoted disciples of Jesus, and to fulfill Jesus' great commission to spread his good news, it's going to take all kinds of people. Our blend will give us power to assist God in his loving takeover of down town Fort Myers. I'm excited, and I'm with you in the journey!

Pastor Arlene Jackson

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YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus September 9-15, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,462

Grace Community Center: 230

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 195

Fort Myers Central Campus: 308

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: 2,982.79

Missions: \$120.00



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!)

Every Wednesday Night — Worship Service at 6:30, Free Dinner at 7:30, 12 Step Recovery Groups for men and women at 8pm. All are welcome! **THIS WEEK CONTINUES OUR SERIES: How Do I Grow as A Christian? Part 3!**

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

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 service as well as Wednesday evening worship.

This Month's Teaching

We are into a new series about the 10 Commandments. We will be exploring "RULES FOR LIFE!" These are great conversations to have with your kids about loving God and your neighbor, obedience and the need for rules in our homes, schools, workplaces and society.



Wednesday Nights

Our new format includes dinner-family style!! We are sharing dinner in the classroom around a big table like at home. This is a great time for leaders to connect with kids, hear about their school experience and share like a family. Then on to the fun stuff! Crafts, games, music and more fun!

Children's Music

Mr. Ken will be on vacation for the next month, but we will be practicing new songs for our holiday season that is fast approaching.

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 all kind of help to show the love of Jesus to our neighbors! Help us out with our free community car wash this Saturday, October 5 from 10am - 1pm. Join us in providing free car washes and hot dogs for the community. Bring towels, hoses, buckets, sponges, whatever you might have to make this event a blessing to us all!

Block Party is Coming! ALL are invited to help plan for the annual Block Party which takes place in December. Join us **Thursday, October 10 at 7pm-8pm** to get the gears moving for this amazing community event! This is the biggest event we do all year, so we need a ton of help to make this a success! Chris Jackson (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!

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.

NEW 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

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.

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



Franklin Park Local Mission Partner—October 11th is our next opportunity to serve at Franklin Park. This is a teacher duty day so we will be setting up refreshments for staff that morning. We will also be dropping off our collected labels for education and school supplies. Remember to bring in the PAPER, GLUE STICKS, CRAYONS, PENCILS, & THREE-PRONGED FOLDERS for this mission. To help, email Bill Guyn at billg176@embarqmail.com



Operation Christmas Child Packing Party— Coming Sunday, October 13th after the 10am service we will be packing shoeboxes for children in other countries to help Samaritan's Purse reach their goal of 100 million gift-filled shoe boxes since 1993. This will be a fun party you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars and join in!!

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
(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:

Sat-Sun-Mon
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. Start to kick the habit October 19th between 9 and noon.



Pastor Jorge at Shores Campus-On Monday October 7th

1.30pm Pastor Jorge will be giving a presentation to JOY Group, Shores Campus telling about his amazing travel experiences this summer. I know this will be an inspiring program and we would like to invite friends from all campuses to attend. Feel free to invite and bring a neighbor with you. Presentation will be in the sanctuary. Afterwards join us for an ice cream social -bring a topping -ice cream will be provided.



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