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**Week of**  
**Oct. 6, 2013**

**News**

**It's That Time of Year Again!**



**Grace Central**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD**

**BLOCK PARTY**

We are gathering to plan it on  
Thursday, October 10 at 7:30pm

**BE THERE!**



**a HEART**  
FOR THE  
**HOUSE**

**This Sunday!**

**A House of**  
**Praying People**

## 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 Sunday was "Vision Sunday" at Grace Church. We learned about what God's vision is for his gathered people called Grace. (Hint: look above this box and you'll see it!) We also learned about our church Values, in other words the most important thing to us when we do ministry (We are: God centered, People focused, and Team based.)

And then we reviewed again the Strategy we believe is best to partner with God in making disciples: Reach, Connect, Form, Send. At the end of Sunday worship, you were invited to sign a card of commitment, to being "All In" to the Vision, Values, and Strategy of Grace Church. 75 committed Christ followers signed this card and said, "I'm all in!" And more will do so!

And now what? I would suggest that the next step is to pray to God and allow him to lead you to "go and make disciples" as Jesus said. One way to jump into this mission is to help plan the Annual Block Party, planning meeting on Thursday, October 10 at 6:30pm. The Block Party is an event where our neighborhood gets free music, food, entertainment, games, and prizes. It's also where new people are reached and brought into the love of Jesus. This is a great place for you to join Jesus in mission! I am with you in the journey!

*Pastor Arlene Jackson*

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### YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

#### Worship Attendance by Campus September 23-29, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,580

Grace Community Center: 227

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 203

Fort Myers Central Campus: 339

#### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: 1,341.80

Missions: -0-



# 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!)

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be served this Sunday, as well as this Wednesday. We use grape juice for those who cannot have alcohol. Communion is open to ANYONE who needs the grace of Jesus in their life. You are welcome and invited to participate!

**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 : BAND NIGHT!**

**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 and we will contact you with more info and how to get started!**



# 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 service 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](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!

**Block Party is Coming!** ALL are invited to help plan for the annual Block Party which takes place December 7th. Join us **Thursday, October 10 from 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! We need teams to help with games for the kids, entertainment for all, food, soliciting and giving out prizes, promotion and publicity, set up and clean up. This is an '**ALL IN**' event so come see where God wants to partner with you! 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 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.

**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, October 10th.

**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](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 "A Heart for the House" and this week we look at "A House of Praying People".

**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

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**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](mailto:billg176@embarqmail.com)



**Operation Christmas Child Packing Party**— Coming next 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](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  
(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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available!**



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