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Week of  
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# grace CHURCH News



What's your story  
about His glory?

Can you share it with someone this week?

  
a HEART  
FOR THE  
HOUSE

This Sunday!  
A House of  
Passionate  
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:

I've been thinking about LOVE, particularly when it comes to Middle School Band Concerts. I sat through a lot of these when my son, Anthony, was in the Cypress Lake Middle School band in the '90s. Two things I know: Middle School Band Teachers are saints, and also that it's love that brings parents and grandparents to those concerts. Certainly it's not the amazing music or the skill of the musicians. Sometimes I couldn't tell whether they were still in the warm up or the actual song! What brings people to those concerts is Love. We want our kids and g'kids, nieces and nephews to know we love them, so we show up and cheer for them. I'll bet it's a little like that for God. We don't do so well when it comes to executing his Plan, but still he shows up in our life and cheers. That's true and pure unconditional love.



This week I ask you to show some love. Franklin Park Elementary School is having a series of band and chorus concerts in November. These are our kids, for whom we provide school supplies and buy Christmas presents and show up at their field days and festivals to help. Let's go a step further. Let's show up at their concerts and let them see us, their church, loving them and cheering for them. Mark your calendar now! The times and places we will all meet are listed on the SEND page of this Grace News. 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 October 7-13, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,610

Grace Community Center: 294

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 179

Fort Myers Central Campus: 314

### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,828.88

Missions: \$5.00



# 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!)

**HOLY COMMUNION** is served the first Sunday of the 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. 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 COMING WEEK: Venia Joray will give her Testimony.**

**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!

## **Fall Fun Night!! October 30th**

PLEASE WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME!! FUN, GAMES, PIZZA, PUMPKINS & CANDY! We will be celebrating Fall in a fun way! Please join us!

## **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** Teams are being formed, plans are being made; our annual Block Party is our biggest event of the year! We provide free hot dogs and snacks, popcorn, snow cones, entertainment, pictures with Santa, a whole bunch of kid's games, free petting zoo, maybe even free haircuts, a fire truck and some big construction equipment! We invite our neighbors to come and have a wonderful day of family fun- and we need some more help! If you would like to work on any of these teams, please let us know: Set-up, Food and beverages, Kid's games, Santa pictures, Publicity, Prize solicitation, Cakewalk, Admission, Entertainment, Outside vendors, and Clean-up. Contact Chris Jackson at 239 471-4001 or at church! (the drummer for the Contemporary Worship)



# 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.

**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. Our next free movie is November 2nd. At 7:00pm.

**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**

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**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 the Youth House. 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 Passionate 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**— Thanks to all of you who have brought school supplies, contributed to the Metal Buckets, and /or donated school uniforms. As a result of your generosity, we delivered a modest parcel of school supplies, fifteen school uniform pieces, and a bag full of Box Tops/Labels for Education to Franklin Park. We also provided coffee, fruit, and snacks for the staff. Our toy distribution will be mid-December, so keep those donations coming as you are led. Thanks for your support!!

**Operation Christmas Child Packing Party**— Thank you to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child packing party last Sunday. We had lots of fun packing the 144 boxes. With the approximately 75 people who helped our task was completed in just over an hour. Please continue to pray for the children that will receive these boxes.

## 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!** Women's 12 step study is beginning on Monday October 21st at 7:00pm. This is for any woman who has a hurt habit or hang-up they want to work through. Each person will work through all 12 steps over the next year. For more information contact the group leader Rochelle Redmon at 240-3188.

# 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.

**SEND GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE:** February 26 - March 2, 2014 Our Mission partners from around the world will be coming to Grace Church to report all that God is doing in and through the ministries that we support through our Faith Promise Giving! Watch for more news on this exciting event!



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