

Fort Myers
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News

**Week of
Nov. 10, 2013**

Pray for the

**Grace Church Mission Team
to Nicaragua
Nov. 10-16, 2013**

Get a Prayer Card on the Welcome Desk as you leave!

Big
FAITH

Sunday Series

**This Sunday!
Big Faith
Resists
Culture!**

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:

If you look at the front cover of this Grace News, you will see that a Mission Team will be going to Nicaragua this week. Please pray for the missionaries on this team: Mike Gannon, Pastors Kevin Griffin, Shari Lacey and myself, Orlando Garay, Bob Johnson, and Patti Nemazie. All sites of Grace Church are represented on this team. Our campus, Central, has adopted Nicaragua as our primary international mission focus. This team will be traveling to Nicaragua to identify indigenous pastors there to form partnerships for our future mission trips, made up of you who are called to be sent to do God's work .



Nicaragua is our international "Send" ministry.

I sometimes am asked why we send folks to Nicaragua to spread the gospel and the compassion of Jesus when there are so many in need right in our own backyard. Here's the answer: Jesus said, (recorded in Acts 1:8): *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Jerusalem is our area, Judea is further away, Samaria is where nobody else will go, and "the ends of the earth" means everywhere else. We have been granted the great gift of the Holy Spirit, who gives us the power to spread the good news of Jesus to everyone, everywhere. Pray for us as we go, and also pray about going on the next mission trip yourself. I am, and will be, with you in the journey!

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus October 28-November 3, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,729

Grace Community Center: 314

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 202

Fort Myers Central Campus: 321

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,644.66

Missions: \$18.00



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!)

Holy Communion We share the "Lord's Supper" the first Sunday of every month, and the Wednesday evening following. We have an "open table" so ANYONE who needs Jesus in their life can participate. We use grape juice for those who can't safely drink alcohol.

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: 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

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 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 & Wednesday evening worship.

This Month's Teaching

This month we are learning what it means to be **THANKFUL** now and all year long. We are also practicing our songs to be shared at the **Christmas Padgent** - Sunday December 8th - 6 pm MARK YOUR CALENDARS and kick off of your Christmas Holiday Season with Grace!

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!

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Smooth stones (size of a quarter) and open pinecones. Thanks for helping collect supplies for the crafting fun of the children of GRACE KIDZ!

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! The current study is entitled "**Life in 6 Words**" **GOD. OUR. SINS. PAYING. EVERYONE. LIFE.** Join the FUN!

Lock In!

Join us on Saturday December 7 for "Movie Night" and then our Youth Lock-In. 7pm.

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!



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

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. 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 invited 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, November 14th.

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!



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 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 "Big Faith" and this week we look at "Big Faith Resists Culture".

Ready to Join the Family? Our next new members class is Sunday, November 17th from 11:30 to 3:30pm. Mark your "Let's Connect" card with your name phone # and email so we can contact you with all the information.

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 Monday nights at 6pm and 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— Over the last several months we have been putting our mission bucket money toward Franklin Park. Thanks to your generous donations we have collected \$1,107.04 to help with school supplies and Christmas gifts for the children at Franklin Park. Thanks for your generous donations and please continue to support the school with donations of school supplies.

Operation Inasmuch — Our bucket money for the next several months will go toward **OIAM**, Operation Inasmuch, this mission project will take place March 1, 2014. The funds will be used for different service projects that day, like feed the machine to pay for peoples laundry for the day.

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

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 started 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. This group will be open for several weeks so check it out! 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 November 16th between 9 and noon.

Grace Community Center Art Festival— November 22, 4 to 8pm and November 23, 9am to 3pm. The Grace Community Center Art Festival (GCCAF) is growing in popularity offering learning and sharing experiences combined with the unique artistry of both local and neighboring artists and crafters. Come check out this event and the many artists and crafters wares.



**Mobile app
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