

Fort Myers
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News

**Week of
Nov. 17, 2013**

Time to step
over the line
and make
Grace
Church your
spiritual
home. Learn
how today
11:30-3:30

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Big

FAITH

Sunday Series

This Sunday!
**Big Faith
Generates
Unity!**

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 write this from Nicaragua on mission with Grace Church: to partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God. While here, we will identify Nicaraguan pastors whom we can partner with and resource in the future to do the work of God in Esteli, Nicaragua.

This is a mission of unity. We are partnering with another American church that began a ministry just like this one in Leon, Nicaragua. They are teaching us. We are partnering with other denominations of Nicaraguan pastors so they can be Christ's "feet on the ground" here, as they live here and we don't. We are all the body of Christ, made to work together in unity.

Sunday November 17, at 11:30, our church will have a membership class for those who feel called to join Grace Church. This is also an act of unity in Christ. We are all different in many ways, but when we join together to live, work, pray, serve together, the Kingdom of God is strengthened and advanced. 1 Corinthians 12 verse 14 reminds us: "Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many." We cannot be Christians without one another. Verse 26 says: "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."

I am with you in the journey, as you unify with God and become a part of the body of Grace Church, as Verse 27 happily reminds us: "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com



YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus November 4-10, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,642

Grace Community Center: 315

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 198

Fort Myers Central Campus: 316

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,238.00

Missions: \$22.00



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: LESSON 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!



Community Festival: The Third Annual Community Festival (Block Party) takes place on Saturday, December 7 from 11am - 3pm here at the Central Campus of Grace Church. This is a free event to the community with free food, free kids games, free pictures with Santa, free live entertainment, free petting zoo, some local community partners and vendors, even a monster size piece of construction equipment. Teams are developing to help with set-up, arranging community partners, kid's games, food, publicity and promotion, cake walk, admission and more! We need your help. Contact Chris Jackson at 239 471-4001 - or leave a message on your Let's Connect card and we will be in touch! We expect hundreds of guests and need your help! We want to be a shining light in this community, so please join us.



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...

NEW **Women of Faith Simulcast Event:** Friday, December 6th 7:30-10:30pm at Grace Community Center, 4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy. Bring new meaning to your Christmas Season and celebrate the birth of Christ with Women of Faith. Join Sheila Walsh, Lisa Harper and Pastor Max Lucado for timeless messages that focus on the true meaning of Christmas alone with music from Francesca Battistelli. Cost is only \$5.00 for this great event. For more information mark your "Let's Connect card or contact Kelly Duffy at 239 938-5219.

NEW **Movie Night!** Join us December 7th, 7pm for the movie "SilverBells". For some people, winning is everything, but Christmas spirit isn't found on a scoreboard. Competitive sportscaster Bruce Dalt wants his wife to win their neighborhood's Christmas decorating contest and his son, Jason, to be the star of his basketball team. But when Bruce scuffles with Jason's coach, he's "sentenced" to managing a Salvation Army kettle during the holidays. Will something as simple as ringing a bell transform his life?

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 Generates Unity".

Ready to Join the Family? Our next new members class is Today, November 17th from 11:30 to 3:30pm. Join us if you are interested in making Grace Church your church home. If you are interested in baptism meet with Pastor Arlene today at 11:15 in the Sanctuary.

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 people's 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

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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! 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

MEN'S RETREAT 2014 - Save the date for February 7-9, 2014. Pastor Jorge and Pastor Wes invite men from every campus of Grace Church to join them on Fort Myers Beach to talk about "The Character of a Godly Man." Great teaching, great food, great music, great guys...worshipping a great God!

ARTS & CRAFT Show – Nov 22 & 23 at the Grace Community Center. This craft show will have over 50 vendors of various different crafts. Wood carvings, handmade jewelry, yard art, beautiful wreaths, handmade cards, glass ornaments copper creations, pillows and so much more. There will even be a bake sale so you can buy your holiday pies and cakes. The show will be open Friday, Nov 22, 4-8pm and Saturday, Nov 23 9-3pm.



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