

Fort Myers
Central Campus
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Week of:
January 5, 2014

grace News
CHURCH

DARE TO DREAM

New Sunday Series



CREATING A
GOD-SIZED
MISSION STATEMENT
FOR YOUR LIFE

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.

Where do you fit in God's journey of transformation? Let's find out together in 2014!



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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:

New Year has arrived! It is 2014, and time to evaluate where we are in our journey called life. For most of us, it's time to recalibrate our spiritual goals and practices. None of us is perfect, and cultivating a habit of self-evaluation on how we're doing with spiritual disciplines is a good thing for each of us.

Perhaps this is the year we will begin to pray more often. Perhaps we will really work on those recovery issues that still plague us, like addictions (food, smoking, as well as alcohol and drugs) and old resentments, fears, and hurts that have held us up from growing in our relationship with God. Perhaps we will look into fasting to get closer to God and hear his voice.

Maybe it's time to begin the University of the Holy Spirit Bible reading and devotion plan. You've been meaning to dive into the Bible more often and now is a great time. You will find the bookmarks to help you on the "Form" wall in the hallway. We are in the book of Genesis, begun with those wonderful words, "in the beginning, God created..." Each new year is a new beginning, where we can walk more closely with Jesus and begin to know him better, and show him more to the world around us. And it's probably time for you to get involved in a ministry team here at Grace Church, too. Right? Right!

As you evaluate and recalibrate, remember, I am with you in the journey!

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com



YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus December 23--29, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 3,584

Grace Community Center: 418

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 468

Fort Myers Central Campus: 377

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,421.07

Missions: \$15.00



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!)

If you would like to play in the band, or learn the sound board or visual tech, see Chris Jackson (the drummer) for audition or training dates. To sing with the Praise Team, no experience necessary, see Jedson Rodrigues (the lead singer) to join up. To sing with the choir, see Robin Ziel (8:30 Sunday lead singer) and she will show you how.

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.

Wednesday Worship — The first "Band Night" of 2014!

Worship @ 6:30 with Communion, free dinner @ 7:30, and 12 Step recovery groups (one for men, one for women) at 8:00 as well as Bible Studies!

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.

Coming Soon: Connect 2 God & Community Event at Faith UMC in Fort Myers on Saturday, January 25. 5 hours of Worship, Speakers, and fellowship with all the other churches in the SW District of the United Methodist Church. Special \$10 price for Grace Church!



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 The children will be following the same material as the current sermon series ***Dare to Dream***. Talk with your children about this great series and share with each other what you are learning.

Wednesday Nights: 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!

Pennies of Purpose: In conjunction with Operation InAsMuch, the children are collecting pennies to 'transform' into quarters to help 'feed the machines' at Laundromats in March 2014! They have set some goals - \$300 raised and Ms. Venia gets a pie in the face - \$400 and Ms. Jami - \$500 and it's Mr. Ken \$600 and it's PASTOR ARLENE!!

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 new study for the "New Year" is Mike Slaughter's ***Dare to Dream*** .

Youth House Wish List! Looking to clean out your old Xbox Games, we are hoping for E or T rated games to add to our collection. We also need additional Xbox controllers and battery packs. We are always in need of "Snack Food" for the teens, chips, pop corn, cookies, and drinks.

REACH MINISTRY



Reach Leader: Chris Jackson coj1234@hotmail.com
Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright serightjudith@yahoo.com

COLD WEATHER MEANS WE CAN USE BLANKETS AND JACKETS

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 Saturday, January 11 from 10am-1pm. Join us in providing free car washes and hot dogs for the community. Bring towels, hoses, buckets, and sponges, whatever you might have to make this event a blessing to us all!



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 inside the sanctuary door and don't forget to come and enjoy the good food!

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, January 9th.

CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

Free Movie Night! Join us this Saturday, January 11th 7pm for the movie "King's Faith". Eighteen Foster Homes, Nine Arrests, One Life-Changing Moment, will that hold up against the evils of this world?

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 towards those who are ill, shut-in, or in the hospital. This team visits those people as well. Email Ed or mark your "Let's Connect" card to be a part of this team!

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! This is a great entry point and a way to meet absolutely everyone! E-mail or see Ed Horne!



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. 2014 first sermon series is based on Mike Slaughter's *Dare to Dream* material.

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.

Is it time for you to Join the Family? Our next membership class will be held January 26th from 11:30 –3:30. Join us if you are interested in making Grace Church your church home. Please mark your "Let's Connect" card to indicate your interest.

Walk to Emmaus! The object of the Gulf Coast Walk to Emmaus is to inspire challenge and equip the body of Christ in Southwest Florida for Christian Action. This is a 3 day retreat. If you haven't been on this walk and would like to attend check the FORM wall for an application. Next walks are: Men, May 22-25, 2014 Women, May 29-June 1, 2014.



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
trlpn@aol.com

Franklin Park Local Mission Partner— School will be back in session this week with a new semester. We continually support Franklin Park Elementary School with school supplies, our five target items are: paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, & 3 ring pocket folders. We also collect box tops for education and Cambell's labels. Leave any of these items at the "Welcome Desk" or at the Franklin Park display in the hall.

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

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! Men, are you looking to work your steps to recovery? Scott Thornton will be starting another 12 step group after the first of the year. If you are interested mark your "Let's Connect" card or contact Scott at the above email address. Begin the new year with a new determination to improve your life!

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

CONNECT 2 GOD & COMMUNITY! at Faith United Methodist Church 15690 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL. On Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 1pm—6pm this event will engage, inform, and inspire the Christian community in outreach

that connects us to God and community. The speakers are: Brian McLaren, popular author and dynamic speaker, Michael Slaughter, transforming pastor and church leader, and Rini Hernandez, internment camp survivor turned influential Christian leader. Special price for Grace Church \$10.00 per person. **You just won't want to miss this!!!**



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