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News

Week of:  
January 12,

# DARE TO DREAM

Sunday Series  
Week 2



CREATING A  
**GOD-SIZED**  
MISSION STATEMENT  
FOR YOUR LIFE

**Thumbs up to Grace Central's Amazing**

**\*\*\*KITCHEN TEAM\*\*\***

**Over 15,000 free meals served in 2013!**



**You can help in 2014, See Sharl Massie to  
contribute food or to join the team!**

# 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:

In these first six weeks of 2014, your church will be praying the bold prayer, "God speak to me!" I challenge and encourage you to pray this every single day; pray for an open heart to hear the dream and mission God has especially for you, and also pray for the will to obey the words of God when he speaks them to you (because if you pray sincerely, he will answer!)



In one of our University of the Holy Spirit readings this week, Luke 8:18, Jesus himself says: "So be sure to pay attention to what you hear. To those who are open to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But to those who are not listening, even what they think they have will be taken away from them." We must not fool ourselves into thinking that we need not find God's mission for our lives because we already have found something else good enough. The things accumulated for our own pride or glory are very susceptible to being lost or taken. But the mission of God for our lives is permanent, enduring, joyful, God-honoring, people-blessing. So pray with me, Grace Church. Imagine what could be done for the glory of God and the good of people if each of us discovered our unique puzzle piece to God's big mission puzzle! "God speak to me!" I am with you in the journey!

*Pastor Arlene Jackson* [ajackson@egracechurch.com](mailto:ajackson@egracechurch.com)

## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

### Worship Attendance by Campus January 1—5, 2013!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,916

Grace Community Center: 184

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 217

Fort Myers Central Campus: 279

### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,421.07

Missions: \$100.00



# 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!)

**If you would like to play in the band, or learn the sound board or visual tech, see Chris Jackson (the drummer). To sing with the Praise Team, no exp necessary, see Jedson Rodrigues (the lead singer). To sing with the choir, see Robin Ziel (8:30 Sunday lead singer).**

***The Band is seeking a volunteer cello player. Is that you? See Chris Jackson if so!***

**Holy Communion** We share the “Lord’s Supper” the first Sunday of every month, and the Wednesday evening following, ALL are welcome.

**Wednesday Worship — Prayer Night** Worship @ 6:30 with special opportunities for prayer, free dinner @ 7:30, and 12 Step recovery groups (one for men, one for women) at 8:00 as well as Bible Studies!

## **Special Event! Wednesday Worship, January 29:**

“Soulful Sensations” gospel group will bless us by leading us in their soul-filled worship. You will not want to miss this night of special music!

**Connect 2 God & Community Event at Faith UMC in Fort Myers on Saturday, January 25. 5 hours of Worship and Speakers. Special \$10 price for Grace Church—scholarships available! More info and sign up in the church office.**



# 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 & 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](mailto:coj1234@hotmail.com)  
Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright [serightjudith@yahoo.com](mailto: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** We on the Reach Team know that it sounds a bit odd, but we LOVE to surprise people, and love up on them, and help them out, and do things for them. We do these acts of kindness, not for our own egos or pride, but to show them that they are loved by us and by Jesus. Of course, to those of you with these gifts to reach out into the community, these crazy things may seem perfectly normal—and you are the people we are looking for. Come join the Reach Team! “Preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words!”



# 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 inside 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 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!

**Acts of Grace** is meeting today in Room #3 at 11:30am to discuss ideas for future productions and deciding who will be taking the up coming training for the Tech booth. Join this vibrant team. All are welcome!!



# 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 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. This week's theme: "Discovering Your Birthright"

**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](mailto: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](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!** 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 is \$10.00 per person.

**Shores Campus** is having an auction to support Send Ministries trip to Nicaragua! Join the fast paced fun on Sunday, January 19, from 6-8pm. Snack on sweet treats and have the opportunity to bid on goods and services you love. Have something to donate? Contact the Shores office at 239 694-2797.



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