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Week of:
Feb. 16, 2014

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CHURCH

It's
COMPLICATED!
A Sunday series
about relationships!



THE
**Walk to
Emmaus**

IS A

3 day retreat In May
where you will
experience Jesus in
a new way.

Applications on the
"Form" Wall

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:

You too can hear from God every day when you get a bookmark from the FORM wall and begin reading the daily Bible verses and engaging in the University of the Holy Spirit devotion plan. Here is an example from Sharon Davis, our FORM Leader, a word from God she received this week:

Scripture: *Leviticus 18:3: "You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you."*

Observation: *This is clear. Don't do what the last people you lived with did, and don't do what the people where you are heading towards do, do what I tell you.*

Application: *God called the Israelites to follow him and his ways through Moses and prophets until Jesus came to earth as God and continued to call "follow me." The world's draw is great on us. We live in a broken world full of sin, but as Christ-followers we are called to live by God's ways not the world's. Don't do what you saw before you found me, and don't do what you see in the sinful world around you now. "Follow me."*

Prayer: *Father, help me to see with your eyes and follow what you would have me do. That is my heart's desire.*

Friends, when we stay in God's word, it is so much easier to hear his answer when we pray for him to speak to us! So begin today, get a bookmark and a notebook and a Bible and begin! I am with you in the journey!

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com



YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus February 3—9 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,898

Grace Community Center: 263

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 244

Fort Myers Central Campus: 355

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,556.27

Missions: \$150.00



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) to find out audition dates and training times. 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).

Holy Communion We always share the "Lord's Supper" the first Sunday of every month. We experience the grace of God through this holy ritual. All who need Jesus in their lives are invited and welcome to participate: that means you! We use grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol. Experience Jesus with us.

Wednesday Night Worship and Dinner: This Wednesday is lesson night, we will continue **Living the Good Life** series taught by Pastor Arlene. Worship @ 6:30, 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.



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.

"Missions! Who Will Go?" Grace Kidz will lead the way starting this Sunday as they unpack what the Bible says about Missions! Who? What does a missionary do? How? Whenever, Wherever - Missions as a way of life!

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: Keep bringing in those pennies!! We are over the \$100 mark but have a few weeks left to reach our minimum goal of \$300 (we can use nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars too!) Just like people - EVERY penny counts!! Help us reach out in the community with transformed pennies!

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 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!” Contact Chris Jackson at the above email for more information.



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!

Movie Night! This month, due to our Mission Conference, movie night will be March 8th at 7pm. We are showing the movie “GRACE unplugged” Join us for this free movie. As always the popcorn is free as well as the great friendships.

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! Are you interested in drama? Acts of Grace is our theater group that meets together to plan and practice these types of events. Join them this Sunday at 11:30am in room #3. All are welcome!



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 "It's Complicated" looks at two themes from the Gospel of John. The first: Guardrails/Bumper Cars.

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.

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.

"Prayer is where the action is." John Wesley. Join one of our many prayer teams and be a part of the action. Mark your "Let's Connect" card.



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes

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Operation InAsMuch — Our bucket money through February 23rd. will go toward **OIAM**, Operation InAsMuch, this mission project will take place **March 1, 2014**. The funds will be used for “feed the machine” to pay for people’s laundry for the day. At the **OIAM Display**: Sign up sheets for the different projects are now available, please pick one up and turn it in to the church office as soon as possible. See the list on the board for Items to be collected **NOW**. **Foster Care Tree** is a collection for the foster kid care package project. Take a card from the tree in the hall and bring any or all of the items on the list. Return to the church office marked Foster Kid Project. Order T-shirts and ball caps now. Contact Terry Rhodes for further information.

Go Global Mission Week! February 26th — March 2nd. Main Events—Wednesday 2/26 Freddie & Mirna missionaries from Nicaragua speaking here at Central Campus. Saturday, March 1st 7:30am breakfast hosted by Central Campus, 5:30pm dinner hosted by Shores Campus.

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

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

Go Global Mission Week! February 26—March 2nd

Our next big cross campus event is our 5-day Global Missions Conference. Many opportunities to hear our Global mission partners will be available. Wednesday, February 26th 6:30 Kickoff at GCC while Central Campus hosts missionaries

Freddie & Myrna from Nicaragua. Thursday, February 27th 6:30—8:30pm Small group home meetings, Saturday, March 1st 7:30-9:00am Family breakfast at Central Campus, 5:30-7:00pm International Dinner at Fort Myers Shores Campus.



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