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Week of:
Feb. 23, 2014

grace **News**
CHURCH

It's
COMPLICATED!
A Sunday series
about relationships!

**SEND
GLOBAL 2014**

a HEART
for the
HARVEST

Feb. 26 - Mar. 2, 2014

Begins
Wednesday!

Get a
"Send Global" booklet
For a calendar of all
events.

Wednesday
Night:

Pastor Freddy
Sanchez from
Nicaragua!

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:

Jesus said, "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." Jesus knew that when we experienced the grace and love of Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, we couldn't help but spread the Good News of Jesus' love everywhere, even Jerusalem (our neighborhood), Judea (our surrounding area), Samaria (the places nobody wants to go), and to the end of the earth (everywhere else)! Some people are called by God to be full time missionaries all over the world; others go on short term mission trips to far off countries, and others serve close by. But we are all called to mission, to tell everyone the good news that we have found for our lives through Christ our Lord.



We are also all called to give to missions, so that people can do the work of Jesus in places that we can't physically go. We are lucky that God does not ask us to give anything that He does not provide. That's why at Grace Church we give by "Faith Promise." We pray to God about what amount he wants to provide for us to give, and then promise to give that when God provides it. We completely rely on God to provide, and when he does, we give. Can you pray today about your Faith Promise Commitment? We will be offering our commitments to God on Mission Sunday, March 2nd. We will commit to God that we will give the amount we promise, as long as he provides it. Please join this journey with me to support Jesus in his mission!

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus February 10—16 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,793

Grace Community Center: 273

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 240

Fort Myers Central Campus: 348

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,635.00

Missions: \$33.00



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—Guest Speaker,

Pastor Freddy Sanchez from Nicaragua! This Wednesday we will hear Pastor Freddy’s heart for Jesus as he brings us a word and tells us what God has been doing in Nicaragua. 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! **FINANCE CLASS WILL MEET** @ 8pm.

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 have \$201.21 but have a few a week 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!



The Story of Noah! On March 29, 2014 a group will be traveling to Wauchula, Florida to see Power & Light Productions live presentation of "The Story of Noah". Cast with more than 200 people and over 100 live animals, this mammoth, theatrical adventure will take the viewer on a remarkable journey of faith as they witness the struggle of the great patriarch to complete the will of God. Cost of tickets is \$21.00 for adults, \$19.00 for seniors and children. Sign up on the "Connect" wall. Deadline for tickets is March 9th. Make checks payable to Grace Church and turn in at the office.



Chess Anyone? Would you like to play or learn to play chess? New group forming to enjoy the game of chess as they grow together in Christ. Group starting Tuesday, March 4th at 7pm. Mark your "Let's Connect" card, contact Connect Leader, Ed Horne, or just show up and enjoy the new friends.



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 "It's Complicated" looks at two themes from the Gospel of John.

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.



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
trlpn@aol.com

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 Pastor Freddie Sanchez missionary 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

Send 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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available!**



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