

Week of March 2, 2014

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WEEKLY

Fort Myers
Central Campus
2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL
33901

Sunday Morning meet:

**Peter & Esther Pereira serving Jesus in India
& CV Elliott serving Jesus at NMSI**

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Faith Promise Sunday!



**SEND
GLOBAL 2014**

**a HEART
for the
HARVEST**

Feb. 26 - Mar. 2, 2014

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:

As this past week has been Missions week, I have been thinking a lot about our Grace Church vision from God: to partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God. We talk about making disciples, but first we must be a disciple in order to make a disciple! Only disciples can make other disciples. Mere believers or admirers of Jesus Christ cannot make disciples; you must be one to make one.



Jesus' ministry on earth consisted of preaching, teaching, and healing. In John 17, Jesus is praying to his Father before he is about to be betrayed and ultimately crucified. His prayer even at this final hour is about his disciples: *Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.* Then just a few sentences later, Jesus says this: *Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.*

We are disciples because we are charged with following Jesus in making other disciples, to continue his ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing. Just as he sent us, we send others. As we do this, we become more like Jesus.

If you want to be a disciple, begin to make other disciples. Who can you give a healing word to today? Who needs Jesus' message of grace from you? Who can you share the gospel with? I am always with you in this journey of discipleship!

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus February 10—16 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,951

Grace Community Center: 258

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 198

Fort Myers Central Campus: 340

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,961.26

Missions: \$44.00



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 This Sunday 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, Communion, and Dinner—It is Ash Wednesday, with a Lesson by Pastor Arlene This first day of Lent we will continue with our Wednesday series "Living the Good Life", and experience the Lord's Supper together. 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 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!

A MILLION DOLLAR SIZE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE "PENNIES WITH PURPOSE" drive! Sunday's response helped us meet our goal!! Our total stands at over \$325 to 'feed the machines' during OPERATION INASMUCH on March 1st!! Pie in the face night will take place Wednesday, March 5th at 7:30 in the Children's courtyard!! See you there!

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 youth will be using the Discovery 2014 material and studying, "What we Believe". This series will go through early May. Talk with your youth about what they are learning!

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,

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 Saturday, 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...

NEW Women of Grace Central Luncheon! A scarlett women to a queen after God's heart, we all have a purpose from God. Please join us in fellowship with your sisters at Grace Central as we learn about these superwomen of the bible. Saturday, March 29, 2014 10:00am-2:00pm. This is a free event and lunch will be provided, but pre-registration is required. Mark your "Let's Connect" cards for more information.

NEW 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.

NEW 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.

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 — Next Sunday, March 9th, 2:00-3:00pm the wrap-up event happens here in Bryant Hall. Anyone who participated in the event is invited to join us for pictures, reports and celebration of the great success of this event. Contact Terry Rhodes for further information.

Mission Bucket Focus — March, April and May we will focus on our Nicaragua mission and all the money collected in the metal buckets will go toward those missions.

Franklin Park Local Mission Partner— It's that time again. Bring in those school supplies. Our final supply drop for this school year will be in mid-March. Items needed are: Pencils, Paper, Glue Sticks, Crayons, & 3-Pronged Folders. Items you could provide for the teachers are: Kleenex, Copy Paper, Hand Sanitizer, and Gallon size Plastic Bags. Bring in any or all of these items to be a blessing to our mission partner!

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

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

What is Poverty? What are the principles of sound work with the poor? How are we to help without hurting? How to avoid the pitfalls of the welfare state? Christians are commanded to love each other and have concern for the poor. But how to do it effectively continues to be an important question. Here at

Grace Church we take this command seriously. So..... Join us for a thought-provoking training on the promotion of human flourishing.

When: March 13, 2014 6:00-9:00pm

Where: Grace Community Center

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available!**



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