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Week of:
Mar. 9, 2014

grace CHURCH News

New Sunday Series begins on March 9th
Let's kick off the series by welcoming guest preacher
Rev. Jorge Acevedo, lead pastor of Grace Church!



ONE MISSION | ONE SPIRIT | ONE VOICE



CHESS CLUB

Beginners,
Learners,
Seasoned players
All welcome!

Bring a chess board if you
have one!

Thursdays, starting March __

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?

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:

We began the season of Lent last Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), with receiving ashes on our foreheads as an act of penance and devotion as we seek to prepare ourselves for the coming of Easter. Ashes symbolize our remorse over our sins and a hope for forgiveness.

Lent is the 40 weekdays after Ash Wednesday that lead up to Easter Sunday. These days are meant to be spent reflecting on the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross, and the coming joy of resurrection. After all, the sins we are sorry for on Ash Wednesday, were forgiven on the cross that we lead up to during Lent.

Many people "give something up" during Lent, such as chocolate or TV. That is obviously not my style as I am eating some peanut M&Ms even as I type this! Giving something up represents a sacrifice made for Jesus.

I think far more pleasing to God would be to "take something up" during Lent, something that we know Jesus would love. Perhaps we can take up a kinder attitude towards our family, or perhaps we can take up involvement in a ministry. Perhaps we can take up the practice of prayer or scripture reading, or we can take up the "servant's towel" with someone in our neighborhood who needs help, maybe an elderly person or someone less fortunate. Jesus loves when we take up his actions, in fact, he told us clearly that we would do even greater things than he did while he was with us. Collectively, that is true, and I am with you in the journey. Happy Lent!

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com



YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus February 27—March 2, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,827

Grace Community Center: 290

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 230

Fort Myers Central Campus: 368

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,820.28

Missions: \$105.00



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: BAND NIGHT! Worshiping God is the whole point of Band night! We begin @ 6:30, enjoy 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!

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, cookies, and drinks.

REACH MINISTRY



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

NEW THRIFT STORE HOURS COMING SOON!! OPENING FRIDAYS!!

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!

Men’s Club! Every man is welcome every second Thursday a 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, March 12th.

CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

NEW Women of Grace Central Luncheon! A scarlet 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. The group meets Thursdays at 6:30pm. 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 each Sunday.

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 and Women, May 29-June 1, 2014.

Emmaus Sponsor Training! Tuesday, March 11th 6:30 to 8:00pm. Have you been on your walk and are now looking for your next step? Join us to learn how to "Be the Best Sponsor you can be." Together we will; define sponsorship, determine who to sponsor, assume the responsibilities of sponsorship, answer basic questions about sponsorship and



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
trlpn@aol.com

Operation InAsMuch — This Sunday, March 9th, 2:00-3:00pm the wrap-up event happens here. Anyone who participated in the event is invited to join us for pictures, reports and celebration of the great success of this event.

Mission Bucket Focus — March, April and May we will focus on our Nicaragua missions 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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