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Week of:
Mar. 16, 2014

grace CHURCH News

Sunday Series

This week: ONE SPIRIT!



ONE MISSION | ONE SPIRIT | ONE VOICE



**Engaged?
Married?
Wanna be?**

What does God say about our
romantic relationships?
4 week class begins this
Wednesday, 8:15 PM
No registration required

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!

Our Values at Grace Church:

1. We are unashamedly God centered!
2. We are passionately People-focused!
3. We are strategically Team Based!

Our Strategy for Making Disciples at Grace Church:

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:

I've heard it said that men are from Mars, and women are from Venus. And if you look at the difficulty in maintaining a healthy relationship with the opposite sex, whether it be dating, engaged, or married, that seems to be true. I think it's more likely though, that both men and women are from God, and that he made us different to complement one another and enjoy the most intimate relationship we can have on earth. Yet often we have no knowledge or training when it comes to marriage. We fall in love, date awhile, and then decide to spend the rest of our lives with another person with less preparedness for such a venture than we have when we get a driver's license!

God created marriage, and he has something to say about it. He has the keys to your happy union with another person in this most intimate way. That's why I would like to invite you to the SALT (Seven Areas of Life Training) Marriage class beginning this Wednesday at 8:15pm. For four weeks, we will together explore God's map for a happy journey with your beloved.

This is not only a couples class. If you ARE a couple, you are certainly welcome, but singles are encouraged to attend also. When God created man and woman, he sat back and smiled and said, "Now that's good!" If you have experienced less than the goodness of God in your romantic endeavors, I hope to see you in this class to grow in Christ. Let's journey together towards God's will for our romantic relationships! I am, as always, with you in the journey!



Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com



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!)

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.

NEW Wednesday Night Worship:

Special Guests this Week: Adam's Road!

Adam's Road is a band of Christian brothers who used to be Mormons. They share their testimony and God's grace through God's Word and their music. This is a great time to invite your friends and family to church. As usual, Worship begins at 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! **The New Marriage Class will begin this week @ 8:15pm.**

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 week our youth will be learning about the Holy Spirit, The Church and being a New Creation.

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: NOW OPEN FRIDAYS 10AM—3PM

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 Meeting! Come join this group and begin to plan the next exciting way to reach the neighborhood for Christ. We will be meeting on Sunday, March 30th after the 10:00am worship service to brainstorm ways to reach the community for Jesus through random acts of kindness! Bring your ideas, or come listen to others and see how you might get involved. Remember, "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!

Free Movie Night! Our free movie in April will be on Saturday April 12th starting at 7pm. Come join the family and watch "Seasons of Gray", a modern day retelling of the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors, as always there will be free popcorn!!

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 Guarding of the Tomb!! It's that time again. We will be constructing the tomb on the corner of Edison and Grand Avenues and showing our neighborhood what Easter can mean in their lives. From Good Friday through Easter Sunday we reenact the scene at the tomb as it might have been in the time of Jesus. This requires volunteers to dress in our costumes and take a shift as a guard or as a mourner. Sign up for your shift in the hallway at the display or mark your "Let's Connect" card for more information.

NEW Chess Anyone? Would you like to play or learn to play chess? This new group would love for you to join them and enjoy the game of chess as you grow together in Christ. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month 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.

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.



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
trlpn@aol.com

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

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:

Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon
10AM - 3PM



CROSS-CAMPUS

Events & Activities

Stay tuned for upcoming activities as we enter the Easter season!

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus March 3—9, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,889

Grace Community Center: 245

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 293

Fort Myers Central Campus: 333

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$3,288.61

Missions: \$81.00



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