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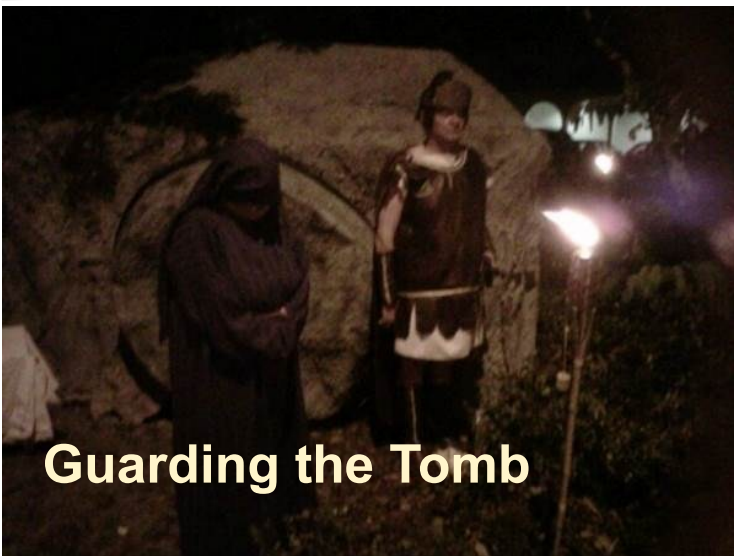



Week of:  
Mar. 30, 2014

News

A close-up photograph of an ancient scroll with Hebrew text. A small, rectangular piece of parchment with the word "Shema" written in a stylized font is placed on top of the scroll. The scroll is unrolled, showing several lines of text.

New Sunday Sermon Series!  
This Sunday: Loving Jesus with all our heart



Guarding the Tomb

Sign up in the hallway to take a shift between Good Friday at 6pm & sunrise Easter morning to be a mourning woman or a Centurian soldier at the Tomb of Jesus on the corner of our church. This is an annual event that will move you. Become part of the story!

## 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!

**A Message from Pastor Arlene: from Pastor Arlene's University of the Holy Spirit devotion, Wed., March 26, 2014. Get a UHS bookmark reading guide in the hallway and grow closer to Jesus through daily Bible devotions!**

**Scripture:** Joshua 24:15 *But if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve.*

**Observation:** Joshua took over when Moses died, and he got the Hebrew people to the promised Land. Now he is old and giving final instructions and reminders to the Hebrews. He is reminding them that they will always have a choice:

serve God or serve something else. This is their daily choice, and it is ours, too.

**Application:** Sometimes it seems as though other things outside of my control are making the choice of how I act or feel. People, places and things (I reason) are "the reason" I cannot follow the ways of Jesus. It is easy to justify wandering outside of the boundaries of God's loving guardrails: *He made me mad! It's unfair! It's not really cheating when it's the government! It's true love!* These excuses and more can easily make a Christ follower become a follower of the world. It's all about choosing each and every day whom I shall serve. As for me and my house (as Joshua says later on) I will serve the Lord.

**Prayer:** Lord, I thank you that I do not have to think of this stuff by myself. You make it easy by reminding me daily through your Bible. The disciplines of reading and journaling remind me of who you are, who I am, how sneaky the devil is, and how I really do want to serve you, and none other. In Jesus' name I pray.

*Pastor Arlene Jackson* [ajackson@egracechurch.com](mailto:ajackson@egracechurch.com)





# All About WORSHIP

**Organist:** Dr. R. Thad Goodwin [btsdad@aol.com](mailto:btsdad@aol.com)

**Choir Leader:** Robin Ziel [robinleez@comcast.net](mailto:robinleez@comcast.net)

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Jedson Rodrigues [jrodrigues@egracechurch.com](mailto:jrodrigues@egracechurch.com)

**Band Leader:** Chris Jackson [coj1234@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

## **Wednesday Night Worship:**

 **Lesson Night!** We continue in our teaching series called “Living the Good Life” taught by Pastor Arlene. Jesus wants us to, and the Bible shows us how to, live a life that is second to none in satisfaction, contentment and joy. This week we will talk about gaining peace in our life. (Anyone have too much chaos??) Come discover what the Good Life is, and how to live it! Worship at 6:30, Dinner at 7:30, 12 Step Groups for men and women at 8:00, and **The New Marriage Class will continue @ 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](mailto:vjoray@egracechurch.com)  
**Middle & High School Leader: Shannon Kania** [Shannon.Kania@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **All About Easter Morning!**

Grace Kidz will be spending the next 4 weeks preparing for and learning all about Easter. Parents: Grace Kids will be sharing music with the congregation Easter morning!

## **Donations Needed!**

Donations of candy for the Egg Hunt are now being accepted.

## **Egg Hunt:**

Plan to attend our Egg Hunt, Saturday, 10:00am April 19th. Crafts, Candy, Eggs and more! Join us and bring a friend!

## **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 Worship, Sacraments, and Living a Holy Life.

## **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](mailto:coj1234@hotmail.com)  
**Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright** [serightjudith@yahoo.com](mailto:serightjudith@yahoo.com)

**NEW THRIFT STORE HOURS: FRIDAY—MONDAY 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 **TODAY**, 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](mailto: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...



**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 Sunrise 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.



**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.

**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 vests! This is a great entry point and a way to meet absolutely everyone! E-mail or see Ed Horne!

**Men's Club!** Calling **ALL** men. The second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm all of the men of the church meet. If you have been inside our doors and you are a man that includes you. They gather for food, fellowship, fun, and friendship. Next meeting is April 10th at 6:30pm in the dining hall.



# FORM MINISTRY

**Form Leader: Sharon Davis**  
[sdavis@egracechurch.com](mailto:sdavis@egracechurch.com)

**What Are You Waiting For?** Isn't it time you joined the Family? Our next membership class will be held Sunday, April 27th from 11:30—4pm. Mark your "Let's Connect" card if you are interested in making Grace Church your church home.

**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](mailto:trlpn@aol.com)

**Mission Bucket Focus** — April we will focus on our Operation Christmas Child missions and all the money collected in the metal buckets will go toward that project.

**Franklin Park Local Mission Partner**— Well done good and faithful servants! Supplies were again delivered to the school along with a banner made by our children to welcome the teachers back. We also delivered the Box tops for Education and Labels for Education. All were greatly appreciated.

**Coming Mission Trips!** Check the send wall for applications to the up-coming mission trips. Is God calling you to another country? The following trips are available: Cuba, July 19-30, 2014, Juarez/El Paso, July 20-29, 2014, Costa Rica, August 23-30, 2014, Atlanta, GA Operation Christmas Child, November 26-30, 2014.

## RECOVERY MEETINGS



**Men's Recovery Leader: Scott Thornton** [Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com](mailto:Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com)

**Women's Recovery Leader: Sarah McMillan** [smcmillan@egracechurch.com](mailto: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

**THE WOMEN OF GRACE** invite you to join us and bring gals from our community to a Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 10 at 10:00am at the Grace Community Center. Come hear from our "own" Grace Church author, Dr. Carol Kennedy, plus other ladies as they tell how God "unlocked" their lives. Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available during the month of April at all sites or on our website ([egracechurch.com](http://egracechurch.com)). More info: contact [cacevedo@comcast.net](mailto:cacevedo@comcast.net). To be more involved attend the planning meeting in Rm.6 at Cape Campus today at 12:45.

### YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

#### Worship Attendance by Campus March 17—23, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,502  
Fort Myers Shores Campus: 246

Grace Community Center: 309  
Fort Myers Central Campus: 350

#### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,511.70

Missions: \$622.25



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