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Central Campus
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Week of:
April 6, 2014

News

Sunday Sermon Series!
This Sunday: Loving God with all our Soul!



GRACE CENTRAL MOVIE NIGHT



SEASONS OF GRAY

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH 7PM

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 Bible reading, Tuesday, April 1, 2014. (Get a UHS bookmark reading guide in the hallway and grow closer to Jesus through daily Bible devotions!)

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3-10 *All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us. We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed, beyond our ability to endure. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God who raises the dead. And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us.*



Observation: The apostle Paul reminds the Corinthian believers that we are all connected with one another, that our pain helps one another, and we can all rely on God.

Application: Lots of scripture spoke to me today. Paul reminds me that it is not all about me. It's all about trusting in God, and helping each other to remember it is all about God.

Prayer: Lord, living is all about you, not me. And living is all about loving the people you love, not my own agendas. Help me to think with your mind, and love with your heart. I am 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 This Sunday: We always share the "Lord's Supper" the first Sunday of every month, and the Wednesday evening following the first Sunday. (This Wednesday communion will not be served, we will share communion the following Wednesday.) 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 in this most special way with us.



Wednesday Night Worship:

Band Night! Worship the whole hour with the Grace Central Band at 6:30pm, enjoy free dinner at 7:30pm, and Attend a 12 step study (one for men, one for women) at 8:00.

The Marriage Class will not meet this week. We will resume next Wednesday as usual @ 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.

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 needed, please drop off candy in the office or Children's area.

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
Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright 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 Event! Come join us as we “Egg the Hood” for Easter. On Saturday, April 12th and Sunday, April 13th, after church, we will be going in teams to distribute personal invitations for our neighbors to the west of us. Join the fun as we hang invitations and goodie bags on doorknobs.



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...



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. Contact Connect Leader, Ed Horne, or just show up and enjoy the new friends. Next meeting is April 17th.

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

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! Get the new bookmark on the FORM wall!!

 **Coming May 4th!!** Informational meeting about a new ministry team forming to implement the nationally acclaimed Jobs for Life. *Jobs for Life (JfL)* is a national non-profit organization that provides Christ-centered tools and support needed to prepare people for success at work and life. JfL's work readiness program centers around more than just helping men and women prepare for work. JfL is about transforming lives through the application of God's Word to real-world situations. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to be a part of this new team.



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
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

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:

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



CROSS-CAMPUS

Events & Activities

The City of Cape Coral will have a Friday night, summer, coed softball, Church League. Grace Church has participated in this league for the past several years, fielding several teams each year. Separate campus teams would be great; however mixing campus personnel is also available. Team registration will begin on April 4, 2014, with league play expected to start in mid May.

We are actively seeking new male and female players. If you are interested, please contact P.T. Barnum, at the Cape Campus, or via cell, 239-691-8995.

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus March 17—23, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,852

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 203

Grace Community Center: 283

Fort Myers Central Campus: 358

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,220.30

Missions: \$105.00



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