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Week of:  
April 13, 2014

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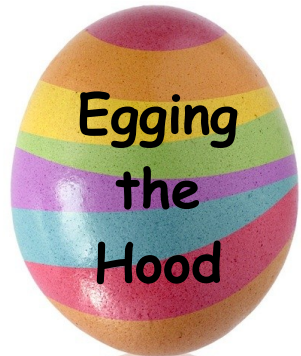
This Sunday: Loving  
God with all our Strength



Palm  
Sunday

**TWENTY  
SOMETHINGS**

Unite! Gather after church today,  
Sunday April 13th to meet and connect!



Meet after church today to  
deliver about 1,000 eggs and  
Easter invitations to the  
neighborhood!

## 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, Thursday, April 3, 2014. (Get a UHS bookmark reading guide in the hallway and grow closer to Jesus through daily Bible devotions!)

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 3:3: *Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This "letter" is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts.*

**Observation:** The apostle Paul tells the Corinthian believers that it is their lives that is proof of God's ability to transform. The proof is in the pudding, and when hearts are changed, it shows the power and grace of God just as clearly as if a letter has been written in black and white by the Holy Spirit, testifying to the strength and power of God.

**Application:** The proof is in the pudding, yes. When a human heart is overflowing with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, (the fruit of the Spirit), then it is clear that the Spirit of the living God is controlling that person's life. I am a living testimony to the power and grace of God. I am a letter from Christ, showing the result of what faith can do. The letter Christ has crafted about my life is carved on my heart, and it is a story of gratitude from a once-lost wretch, now found.

**Prayer:** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank you for re-writing my life story. Thank you for the "happy ending." They say there are no happily ever afters in life, but that is simply not true. From the day I bowed my knee and opened my heart to you, everything changed. No matter what circumstance has crossed my path, tragic or joyful and everything in between, your story written on my heart has been my happily ever after. I pray that all who read this will stop for a moment and pray a prayer for you to come into their lives and write a new story on their heart, and know the change of heart I have found in you.



*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 Week Worship Events**

**Wednesday, April 16:** Worship at 6:30, our "Maundy Thursday" service, including a special performance of the last days of Jesus by Acts of Grace, and an enhanced communion experience. We will strip the altar and experience mourning Jesus' death on the cross.

**Good Friday, April 18:** Guarding the Tomb begins at 6:00pm. We can experience the Tomb 24/7 until Easter morning when we will roll the stone away. *The sanctuary is open on Good Friday 8-noon for prayer.*

**Saturday, April 19:** Children's Easter Egg Hunt, ages 3-11, at 10:00am! We will have crafts, activities, free pics with the bunny and ... candy!

### **EASTER SUNDAY:**

**6:30am:** Sunrise Service at City of Palms Stadium. Our praise band will be leading worship this year.

**8:30am:** Traditional Worship Service

**10:00am:** Rocking Worship Service

## **The Marriage Class will meet this Wednesday!**

**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 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 this Saturday, 10:00am 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 I believe.

## **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 Event!** Come join us as we “Egg the Hood” for Easter. Today, 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](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!

**Twenty Something Meeting!** New group forming to “hang out” and maybe do some planning for future events or happenings. Come join this new adventure, make new friends or connect with old ones. Meeting today after church in room #3.

## **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.

**Grace Central Women—** Many women attended and enjoyed our first Grace Central Women's Luncheon. As a response to your comments we are beginning a Women's Brunch on the 3rd Saturday from 10am—12pm. Our first brunch will be May 17th. Come connect with other women & enjoy bagels, coffee & time together. Watch for more Info!



# 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! 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](mailto:trlpn@aol.com)

**Mission Partner Focus:** Each week there is a card for one of our mission partners. We are asking you to sign the card in the hallway and pray for that missionary during the week. This week's partner is Michael Mozley with Catalyst for Africa.

**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.

**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

**Have You Heard?** Celebrate Recovery coming to Central Campus in the next few months

# 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, May10 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).

### YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

#### Worship Attendance by Campus March 31—April 6, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,583  
Fort Myers Shores Campus: 165

Grace Community Center: 257  
Fort Myers Central Campus: 357

#### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$3,254.26

Missions: \$768.00



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