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Central Campus
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Week of:
Easter, 2014

News



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New Sunday
Message
Series
begins
Today!

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:

A very Happy Easter to every one! Easter is my favorite holiday. It is the day that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Sometimes I am asked, "Why is the fact that Jesus rose from the dead so important?" I like this question because I remember asking it myself, when first I realized that Easter was more than bunnies and eggs. Why is it important to me that Jesus rose from the dead?

First, let's consider that God (the ALMIGHTY GOD who made heaven and earth) saw human distress, and our inability to stay out of sin. God cared that each time a person sinned, that person turned away from the sunlight of the Spirit, and died a spiritual, emotional, and even physical death. Sin makes you feel dead inside and out, wouldn't you agree? Sin separates us from God. And God really cared! So God came to earth as a human being, Jesus, to help us. Jesus went to the cross to pay the price of death for our sin, so we didn't have to pay it. Those who call on Jesus never have to pay the price of spiritual and emotional death because Jesus paid that price. God died for us to save us. This is the "Good News" of Jesus!

When Jesus rose from the dead, he powerfully showed us that we also could and would gain victory over not only the death that comes from sin, but physical death as well, when we believe in him. Death has no power over those of us who trust in Jesus. We live forever with Jesus.

That's why Jesus' resurrection is important. And it's why Easter is my favorite holiday. It reminds me that there is hope only in Jesus. I am free from sin through him. Jesus paid it all for me. And guess what? He paid it all for you, too. I am with you in this journey of hope! Happy Easter!

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: At Grace Central, we share in Holy Communion the first Sunday of the month as well as the following Wednesday. If you know you need Jesus, you are welcome at this table! If you wonder "does this mean me?" The answer is yes. Come as you are. We use grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol.

Wednesday Worship: Worship with us every Wednesday at 6:30. This week: Testimony night, where God's grace is proven by the life transformation of **Chuck Manning**, an everyday, ordinary Jesus follower! Afterwards, enjoy free dinner at 7:30, and Christian 12 Step meetings: one for men, one for women at 8:15. **The Marriage class will also meet at 8:15.** Come experience being refueled in the middle of the week!

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.

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 Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.

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!

Join the REACH Team— for "Laundromat Karaoke". Come spread God's love and joy to our neighbors at the local laundromat; we'll pay for our guests laundry, feed them some hot dogs, and have some fun with karaoke! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 10, 12noon-3pm, and let's share the love and joy of Jesus! Gonna be a blast. See Chris Jackson or write on your "Let's Connect" card "Interested in Laundromat Karaoke".



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!

Visitation Team! Come join us to visit, call, email or write those who are new to our church. We try to contact each new visitor every week. Perhaps your heart leans towards those who are ill, shut-in, or in the hospital. This team visits those people as well. Email Ed or mark your "Let's Connect" card to be a part of this team!

CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

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 May 1st.



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 9—11AM.. Our first brunch will be May 17th. Come connect with other women & enjoy bagels, coffee & time together. Watch for more Info!

Hospitality Volunteers! Are you friendly? That is all it takes to 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 vest! This is a great entry point and a way to meet absolutely everyone! E-mail or see Ed Horne!



FORM MINISTRY

Form Leader: Sharon Davis

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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—2:30pm. 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.*



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
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 Bri Butler serving in disaster relief with Samaritan's Purse.

Mission Bucket Focus — In 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

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

Have You Heard? Celebrate Recovery is 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). More info: Mark your "Let's Connect" card and we will contact you.

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus April 7—13, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,521

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 213

Grace Community Center: 250

Fort Myers Central Campus: 345

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,766.29

Missions: \$461.00



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