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Week of:  
May 4, 2014

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CHURCH News

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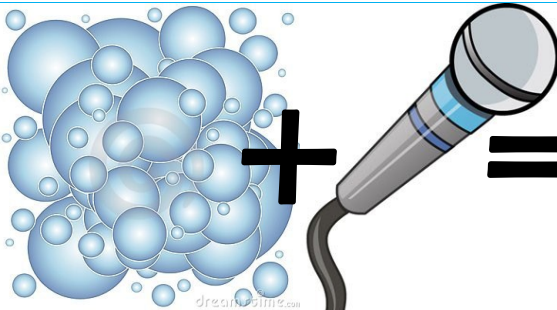
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jesus  
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Sunday  
Message  
Series

**Joining Grace Church Sunday:** \*\* Monica Rodriguez  
(child: \*Savannah), \*\*Thomas Direnzo, Lee Stevens, Edward  
Madden, \*\*Malisha Maldonado (child: \*Andrew Faulkenberry),  
\*Felix & \*\*Elizabeth Hickman (children: \*Jaylene, \*Anthony,  
\*Isaiah, \*Elissa), \*\*Darnell Jacobs, Toni White,  
\*\*Jennifer Tabora (child: \*Elisabeth),  
\* = Baptized Sunday  
\*\* = Reaffirming Baptism Sunday



LAUNDROMAT  
KARAOKE!

See the "Reach" page inside for  
more information about this fun  
outreach coming up this Saturday!

## 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:

Prayer is a good thing. Staying in constant contact with your creator, your sustainer, your savior, is a good thing. Communicating with God through prayer will keep you centered and content. Today in my University of the Holy Spirit reading, I enjoyed once again reading Psalm 139. I sincerely wish you would read and reflect on this Psalm some time soon.

It is a beautiful expression of King David, whom God called "a man after God's own heart", appreciating and acknowledging how completely God knew him. The prayer ends with this request that David makes of God: "*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*"

When I read this sincere cry of David's heart, the prayer resonates within my own. God knows everything about me, and I want to be all about loving God, doing God's will, serving him, and worshiping him. It is well for me to have such a close and trusting relationship with God that I can ask him to be completely honest with me, to show me any way that I am fooling myself, to examine my motives and my reactions, to correct me and guide me rightly. I resonate with needing my good, good, God to watch over me in this way.

This week, will you read Psalm 139 and pray this prayer as David did? Allow God to lead you in the way that is best for you. He loves you and wants you to know him and be connected with him!

I am with you in the journey!

*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!)

**Worship Ministries:** If you play an instrument and would like to be part of the Praise Band, please see the drummer, Chris, to find out how. To help in the sound booth, also see Chris! If you would like to sing with the Praise Singers, see Pastor Jedson to find out how. If you would like to sing in the traditional choir, see Robin Ziel (the lead singer) to find out how. Use the creative gifts God has given you to praise him!

**Holy Communion this Sunday:** 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 with Holy Communion:** Worship with us every Wednesday at 6:30. This week: Lesson Night, by Pastor Arlene. We will continue the Series "Living the Good Life!" Afterwards, enjoy free dinner at 7:30, and Christian 12 Step meetings: one for men, one for women 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](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.

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** looking for positive ways to parent? Be sure to check here for the next ten weeks as your children's ministry team shares some ideas - These will take practice and consistency - start today!

**TIP #2** Give children USABLE information, *especially when you are upset.*

**Principle:** When we are upset we usually focus on what we don't want.

**Application:** Instead of saying "Why isn't this homework done? Do you want to fail? How many times do we have to go over this?!" You could say "You can start with your math homework or reading. Which is best for you?" You have given them a direction and a choice - learning to make choices, especially good ones is a lifelong habit we all need!

**Focusing** on what needs to be done eliminates negativity and helps the child know what is expected.

## 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 reviewing their personal creeds and discussing how to live out their faith (creed).

## 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—** Wanna have some fun and share the joy of the Lord? Join us as we plan for Laundromat Karaoke on May 10 from 1pm-4pm. Music, hot-dogs, free laundry; a blessing for all! We'll get together TODAY, May 4, at 11:30am, after the 10am service and go over details. The karaoke will be held at a nearby Laundromat. All are welcome, come join us. Church is FUN!



# 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!

**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—** As a response to your comments on our Grace Central Women's Luncheon 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.

**Free Movie Night!** Come join us on Saturday, May 10th at 7pm for the movie "Fully Alive". With his trademark humor and powerful stories, Ken Davis will share his own journey from lethargic resignation to a new life of adventure, spiritual renewal and health. As always there will be free popcorn.

**New Group Forming!** Several people are gathering together to attend Christian films, plays and events. This new group is called **Acts Out (And About)**. The first outing is on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to see the movie "Heaven is for Real". For more information mark your "Let's Connect" card or email Laura Crockett: [auntlolly@embarqmail.com](mailto:auntlolly@embarqmail.com).



# FORM MINISTRY

**Form Leader: Sharon Davis**

[sdavis@egracechurch.com](mailto:sdavis@egracechurch.com)

**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 18th!!** 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](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 mission partner during the week. This week's partner is Lifeline Family Center, a crisis pregnancy home for young moms and their babies.

**Mission Bucket Focus** — In May we will focus on our Nicaragua missions and all the money collected in the metal buckets will go toward that mission.

**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 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:

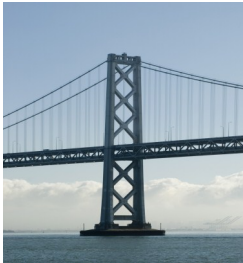
Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM  
Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

## 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 at our Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 10 at 10:00am at the Grace Community Center. Hear our "own" Grace Church author, Dr. Carol Kennedy, and other ladies as they tell how God "unlocked" their lives. Tickets are \$10.00. For more info. mark your "Let's Connect" card.

**Young Adult Missions:** Be a part of the conference wide project to fund young adult missions by donating your old jewelry, costume & or the real deal, for resale at this years annual conference. Jewelry can be dropped off in the office.

## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

### Worship Attendance by Campus April 21—27, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,593

Grace Community Center: 269

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 223

Fort Myers Central Campus: 387

### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: 1,696.24

Missions: \$131.00



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