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CHURCH

News

Week of:  
May 11, 2014

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Sunday  
Message  
Series

This Saturday, May 17  
9-11am

WOMEN'S  
BRUNCH

All women invited, bring some guests!

## 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:

For those of you who follow this “blog”, you know I have been studying the words, actions, and life of Jesus as we travel through our Sunday series called “Jesus Revealed.” As a follower of Jesus, I want to make sure I know him and that I do not disservice him by misunderstanding him or misrepresenting him to others. I want my actions and motivations to be purely out of love for the “real” Jesus: the way, the truth and the life! So today, I read in the University of the Holy Spirit readings (get your bookmark of readings on the “Form” wall now!) more teachings of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew. In chapter 23, Jesus was addressing the Pharisees, who were the religious elite who followed every religious rule and law down to the very last letter, but did not truly know God or love God. He was very tough with them because of their hypocrisy. He said, *“Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.”*



Have you ever been more concerned with what people thought of you than what God thought of you? I mean even within the church—have you ever pretended to be more spiritual than you are, or have you ever thought that if you just looked good, and did the right things, maybe God would overlook your sins and like you better? If so, you are not alone, but let me tell you plainly that Jesus is more concerned with the inside of you than the outside of you. He wants a relationship, not just a rule follower. There are many things you can do to grow closer to Jesus in relationship. Worship, pray, read his Word, to name just three. 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:** 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: Back by Popular Demand on Band**

**Night: SOULFUL SENSATIONS!** Worship with us at 6:30. Afterwards, enjoy free dinner at 7:30, and Christian 12 Step meetings: one for men, one for women at 8:15. ***ALSO BEGINS THE PARENTING CLASS with childcare @ 8:15!*** Come get 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.

**NEW!!** Sunday morning drop off time: **9:45am**. Help us as we try to make drop off time quicker and easier. We are opening up the children's area so parents and family can see some of the cool things we are doing as we learn about Jesus. REMEMBER: Only adults can pick up children. THANKS!

**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 #3:** Help children be successful instead of attempting to make or get children to behave.

**Principle:** The only person you can make change is yourself (and that is hard enough right?)

**Application:** How often have we attempted to make a drinker quit drinking, a smoker quit smoking or an 8 month old child to eat peas? There is a better way. Instead of asking yourself, "how am I going to get (make) my child stay in her bed," ask yourself, "How am I going to HELP my child more likely choose to stay in her bed?" The first question will give you manipulative coercive answers. The second question will give you creative, cooperative solutions.

## 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! This week is "Band Night" and the youth will be getting their praise on in the worship service.

## 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—** Thanks to everyone who helped out with Laundromat Karaoke Saturday! A blessing to all. The next Reach Team meeting is Sunday, June 1st at 11:30am. We'll plan some more events to get us out into the streets showing the love of Jesus to our neighbors. Everyone is welcome to attend - and come with ideas; we'd love to hear them.



# 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.

**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!

**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 walk is: 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.* 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 mission partner during the week. This week's partner is WayFM, whose outreach is to youth and young adults through media in a culturally relevant way to influence them to love and follow Jesus.

**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:

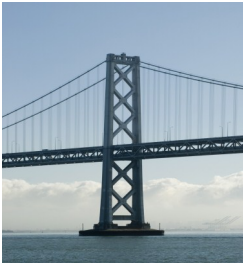
Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM  
Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

## FMC THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239.244.5712

### Hours:

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



## CROSS-CAMPUS Events & Activities

**Disaster Relief:** We're putting together a disaster relief team to send to Louisville, Mississippi, where a massive F4 tornado devastated the area last week. Once there, the team will meet with our mission partner, Bri Butler, and serve with Samaritan's Purse. Tentative dates are May 19-24. If interested email [pnmazie@egracechurch.com](mailto:pnmazie@egracechurch.com) or call 239 574-7161 x228.

**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 28—May 5, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,709

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 210

### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,903.00

Grace Community Center: 243

Fort Myers Central Campus: 388

Missions: \$193.00



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