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News

Week of:
May 18, 2014

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Sunday
Message
Series

Sunday, May 18 at 11:30



Find out how you can “change the game” of
poverty in our city

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:

If you look directly above this "blog box", you will find a few interesting things. First, you will see the Vision that God has given Grace Church to fulfill. A bit below that, you will find our strategy. If God has given us a vision to fulfill, it makes sense to have a strategy in place to fulfill it. So we seek to Reach people, Connect them, Form them, and Send them.



In the center, you will see the Values we embody at Grace Church. These are the characteristics that describe who we are, they are our "non-negotiables" when it comes to ministry. I want you to notice our third value: TEAM. We consider team ministry so important, that the concept is one of the top three values we live by. At Grace Church we believe that what "we" do together will always serve God better than what each of us can do alone. Every ministry at Grace Church needs a team to fulfill it. "Team" is who we are.

Just this morning in my University of the Holy Spirit devotional reading, I read in 1 Chronicles 23 about how King David assigned tasks amongst the leaders of Israel as well as the Levites and the priests when it came to tending to the temple of the Lord. He could not do it alone, and there were people more gifted than he was who could do more for God together than he could do alone.

I think of this because today, Sunday, after church, I pray that every person who reads this will attend the **JOBS FOR LIFE** orientation. Jobs for Life is going to help tip the scales of poverty for our city and we need a team. The local church is the hope of the world. That's us, all of us. Be at this gathering! Let's do this thing together. And 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!)

Worship Ministries: If you play an instrument and would like to be part of the Praise Band or the Praise singers, please see the drummer, Chris, to find out how. To help in the sound booth, also see Chris! 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: The teaching series "Living the Good Life" continues! 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. 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

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.

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 #4: Use your children as resources to solve their own problems.

Principle: Two heads are better than one.

Application: : Instead of trying to figure out what should or needs to be done, ask your children for input. You could say, "what would help you finish your homework by 8 pm?" Help children solve their own problems. We are so used to telling them what to do when they need the practice thinking for themselves, problem solving.

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
Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright serightjudith@yahoo.com

NEW THRIFT STORE HOURS: FRIDAY—MONDAY 10AM—3PM

SPECIALS FOR TODAY & MONDAY

Books 10cents, Blue tag clothes 50cents, Boutique clothes 1/2 price

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— 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

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.

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!

Free Movie Night! The second Saturday of each month is Movie Night. We have a great time eating free popcorn and watching the movie with a few dozen of our Grace family. Next free movie night is June 14th. We will watch the movie "Ragamuffin" based on the life of Rich Mullins a musica prodigy who rose to Christian music fame only to walk away and live on a Navajo reservation. Mark your calendar and come join the fun! We'll save you a seat!



FORM MINISTRY

Form Leader: Sharon Davis

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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 bookmark on the FORM wall!!

Coming Today, 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

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 & June we will focus on our Nicaragua missions and all the money collected in the metal buckets will go toward that mission.

“Do Something” June 8th, 11:30am How can we as the church spread Jesus' love to our neighborhood. We need ideas on what our neighbors need! Bring your ideas to the next Send Team meeting Wednesday, May 21st at 5:30pm.

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

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 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 May 6—11, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,578

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 243

Grace Community Center: 243

Fort Myers Central Campus: 383

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,790.39

Missions: \$135.00



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