

Fort Myers
Central Campus
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News

**Week of:
May 25, 2014**



**Sunday
Message**

**Pray for the Nicaragua Mission Team
Sunday, May 25—Friday, May 30**

We seek to form partnerships with Pastors in
Esteli, Nicaragua to build the Kingdom of God together!



Michael Gannon
Miguel Fernandez
Jorge Acevedo
Shari Lacey
Arlene Jackson
Wes Olds
CV Elliott
Patti Nemazie

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:

Yesterday I read in the University of the Holy Spirit devotions from the Old Testament book of 1 Kings chapter 6. King Solomon begins to build a temple for the Lord, in the 4th year of his reign. Just a "page and a half" later, we read that the entire building was finished by the end of his 11th year as king. By my math, that means it took King Solomon 7 years to complete this project that God had ordained for him. Of course, it only takes us about 5 minutes to read about those 7 years.



This makes me think about our growth as followers of Christ. Abiding in Christ and following God's will for our lives is not a quick thing. This is a journey that we live day by day, week by week, month by month and year by year. Sometimes it may seem like nothing is happening. And yet over a period of time of abiding in Christ and listening for the whisper of the Holy Spirit, we look back and find that God has changed many aspects of us, and that we have accomplished much for God.

I encourage you not to give up just because you may not see progress today. I repeat, abiding in Christ is a process, and following God's will is a process, and we will be finished only when we see Jesus face-to-face. Although it only took me 5 minutes to read how King Solomon built the temple, I will bet that to him it felt like every one of those 7 years and perhaps more.

Make the decision today to follow Christ no matter what, and to grow and abide in him no matter what, through the lifetime journey of abiding day by day. The joy is truly in the journey. I will be 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

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: Testimony Night! Sam Rodriguez will give a testimony to God's grace in his life this week! 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: Put your children on your 'to do' list and spend time enjoying them.

Principle: The motivation to behave comes from being in relationship with one another.

Application: When a child is chronically saying "I don't care," they are saying "I don't feel cared for." Cooperation comes from connection. If your child chronically refuses to listen and do what is expected, start with rebuilding your relationship and rekindling family rituals.

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!

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 THRIFT STORE

Blue tags, Yellow tags, & Purple tags 1/2 price and \$.10 books.

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 June 5th.

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 musical 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

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 bookmark on the FORM wall!!!

Global Leadership Summit is Coming! August 14 & 15 is this year's Leadership Summit. The reduced rate is \$79.00 for this 2 day event. The Summit will be telecast at the Cape Coral campus. If you are interested in attending this two day event mark your Let's Connect card or email Sharon at sdavis @egracechurch.com.

Prayer Team! Everyone needs prayer. This team prays over the Let's Connect cards, the seats in the sanctuary, the Pastor, the church, and the people who come to the altar rail during worship services. Prayer works! Talk to Sharon about joining this team.



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
trlpn@aol.com

Mission Prayer Focus: This week our prayer focus is on the team we are sending to Nicaragua. Please focus this week on praying for the following team members and their families: Pastor Jorge Acevedo, CV Elliott, Miguel Fernandez, Mike Gannon, Pastor Kevin Griffin, Pastor Arlene Jackson, Pastor Shari Lacey, Patti Nemazie, and Pastor Wes Olds.

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!

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:

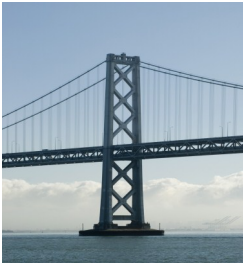
Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM
Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

FMC THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
239.244.5712

Hours:

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



CROSS-CAMPUS

Events & Activities

Trip to the Holy Land: Grace Church is putting together a cross campus trip to the Holy Land, February 23 to March 4, 2015. The cost will be approximately \$3,300 which includes the majority of all expenses. If you are interested in going, put on your Let's Connect Card and we will contact you when time gets closer.

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 12—18, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,502

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 328

Grace Community Center: 272

Fort Myers Central Campus: 394

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,788.10

Missions: \$153.00



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