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Week of:  
June 15, 2014

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CHURCH News

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THE HOPE OF GLORY.

Sunday Series



Childrens  
Ministry



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will call you with more info

## 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:

Happy Father's Day! If you are a father, I want to wish you a memorable Father's Day, and I pray that your children have done the same. And if you are not a father, I hope you have called your own dad and wished him a good day.

However, it doesn't always work that way. Many times fathers are not in contact with their children, because of divorce, or relationship issues with mom, circumstances, or because of choices that have left them separated. And sometimes we do not have our own fathers around to wish a Happy Father's Day, sometimes because of estrangement, or as in the case of my dad (and others I know), death. In these cases Father's Day may not be so happy, but instead bittersweet or maybe sometimes just downright bitter without the sweet.

Here's one thing I know this Father's Day: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we all have a Father, his name is God. And God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is our parent. He is the perfect parent, and no matter your relationship with your own earthly father... or if you are a father, no matter your relationship with your earthly children ... you are still a COGPOW: a Child of God and a Person of Worth, and God has your picture on his refrigerator. You have a perfect parent who thinks the world of you, and today is a good day to wish him a Happy Father's Day and thank him for all the goodness and grace he has instilled in you just because he loves you so much.

Make sure you wish your Father a Happy Father's Day today. I will do the same! As always, I will be 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)

**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 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 last message of the series:**

**Living the Good Life!** Worship begins at 6:30pm. Afterwards, enjoy free dinner at 7:30, and Christian 12 Step meetings: one for men, one for women at 8:00. 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.

**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 #8:** Become the person you want your children to be!

**Principle:** : We must disciples ourselves first and our children second.

**Application:** : Instead of screaming "You better get control of yourself right now," take a deep breath, calm yourself down and be a S.T.A.R (Smile, Take a deep breath, And Relax!)/ Become what you want your child to be. If you want calmness, demonstrate how to be calm.

## 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's lesson Committing in Action—Ruth

## 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.

## Couch Wanted!

Our youth program has grown and we need a good condition couch to use in the Youth House. If you have a couch you are replacing and would like to donate your good condition couch to our youth please call the office 239 334-3160 or email Shannon!

# 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)

**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!

**Love Thy Neighbor-**The Reach Team will again be going out and praying for our neighbors on Saturday, June 28 from 10am - 12 noon-ish. It was a true blessing on our inaugural "Love Thy Neighbor" event earlier this month - and we expect nothing less this time! We hope to have several teams going in several directions to maximize our impact and hope you can join us. As a team, we go into various neighborhoods, stop at each house, pray for those living there and leave behind a card signed by the team which invites them to church. Contact Chris Jackson at 239 471 4001 if you have any further questions, or just show up at the church on the 28th at 10am.



## 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...

**Men's Club! DATE CHANGE!!** Thursday June 19th at 6:30pm the Men's Club will be in the dining hall for dinner, prayer, projects, speakers, and general friendship with a few dozen of their pals! All men are welcome. This is an easy way to become a part of the body or Christ here at Grace Central!

**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!

**Get Connected!** One vital part of your walk with Christ is getting connected with the body of Christ. Two of the ways you can do that is to join AOG (Acts of Grace) our theater group. They perform several times throughout the year; or Kings & Queens. (chess club) They play chess on the 1st and third Thursday of each month. Contact Ed for more information or indicate your interest on your "Let's Connect" card. Getting and staying connected to the body of Christ is your responsibility. Join something today!!



# 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.

**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](mailto:trlpn@aol.com)

**Mission Prayer 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 this week. This week's partners are Joyce Hearl serving the world through New Mission Systems International. Please remember to pray for Joyce and her mission work.

**Collections through the Summer** — Please remember to bring in those school supplies for Franklin Park Elementary School. We will deliver school supplies in August for the beginning of the school year. Operation Christmas Child collection begins now! Find the list of items needed on the SEND wall.

**“Do Something”** Send Team is still planning an event for our neighborhood. Be a part of the planning, come to the next meeting on June 18th at 5:30pm.

## 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:

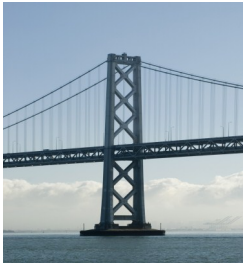
Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM  
Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

## FMC THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239.244.5712

### Hours:

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



## CROSS-CAMPUS

### Events & Activities

**Trip to the Holy Land: CHANGE IN DATE!!** Grace Church is putting together a cross campus trip to the Holy Land, **February 22 to March 2, 2016**. The cost will be approximately \$3,300 which includes the majority of all expenses. This date change allows more time to save for this big trip. If you are interested in going, write it on your Let's Connect Card and we will contact you when time gets closer.

## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

### Worship Attendance by Campus June 2—8, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,592

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 173

Grace Community Center: 196

Fort Myers Central Campus: 331

### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,585.89

Missions: \$75.00



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