

Fort Myers
Central Campus
2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
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Week of:
June 29, 2014

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CHURCH News

CHRIST in me

THE HOPE OF GLORY.

Sunday Series



Friday
July 4th
10am-3pm
Right Here!
Bring a side
dish if you can!
Hotdogs and
Hamburgers
provided!

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:

Beginning today, I am at Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, to spend the entire month of July in the Summer Course of Study (SCoS) there. This is my fourth year of five required years of study. Each July I study four subjects, and all together my five months of study are the equivalent of a graduate degree.



You have all been very graceful in allowing me this time away to complete my educational requirements to continue to be a pastor in the United Methodist church. The month I spend away is an intense period of study and testing, very difficult on my family, and I always have great trepidation upon entering the "Divinity Zone" one more time!

I share this with you because I very much need your prayers during this month. I also very much need your cooperation to allow God to continue to work smoothly through our church in my absence. One thing I know about the devil is that he will take every opportunity to stir up trouble during times of weakness. Be on the lookout during this month for ways to break up his evil scheme to keep the Holy Spirit from moving in and around our church. Some of his popular ploys? Gossip, discontent, disillusion, jealousy, anger, and confusion. I charge each and every one of you to be the hands, feet, words, and mind of Christ in every situation! And I am at Duke, but I am certainly with you in the journey. Thank you!

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!)



CELEBRATE RECOVERY WORSHIP TEAM NEEDED:

Now forming a band for the upcoming Celebrate Recovery program, coming soon! We need musicians right now—guitar or piano preferred. Drums, bass guitar, also needed. Be a big part of our CR from the ground floor. Mark your Let's Connect Card if you would like more info and we will call you about a new CR Band!

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: Lesson Night! 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 by the Holy Spirit 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.

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 #10: Teach your children how to handle their conflicts instead of punishing them for a lack of skills!

Principle: Conflict is an opportunity to teach.

Application: When one child tattles on another, use this moment to teach life skills.

When one sibling says, "He pushed me," say "Did you like it?" When they answer, "No," say, "Go tell your brother, "I don't like it when you push me." Use these intrusive episodes as a way to teach assertiveness skills to your children .

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.

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
Thrift Store Leader: Judith Seright 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!

The Reach Team-- will be meeting on Sunday, July 13, at 11:30am, following the 10am service to plan future events. All are welcome to join us. We have some serious fun spreading the joy of the Lord, and you can, too! Contact Chris Jackson, 239 471-4001 if you need more information!



CONNECT MINISTRY

Connect Leader: Contact the church office at 334-3160

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. Mark your "Let's Connect" card to be a part of this team!

CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

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! Mark your "Let's Connect card and we'll contact you.!

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. 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

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.

Women's Small Group Forming! One of the best ways to be formed into the likeness of Christ is to join a small group and do life with one another. Over the next several months we will be forming small groups. We currently have a women's small



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
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 Ray & Liidia Zirkel serving in Costa Rica through United Methodist Church. Please remember to pray for Ray & Lidia and their mission .

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.

Christmas in July! It is that time again, buying gifts for kids at Franklin Park. Check out the display in the hall, pick up a card and get your shopping done early!

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:

8:30AM - Traditional
10:00AM - Contemporary

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

Women of Faith 2014—Super line up! Patsy Clairmont AND Sheila Walsh AND Anita Renfro! If you have never heard of these women, come to the event and they will feel like friends by the time you leave. If you are a veteran WOF'er, consider inviting someone new. This event is in Orlando, October 10-11. Carpooling and room sharing available, contact Robin Morrison for more details 239-340-8267

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus June 16—22, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,631

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 225

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: Not available

Grace Community Center: 215

Fort Myers Central Campus: 359

Missions: Not available



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