

Fort Myers
Central Campus
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Week of:
July 6, 2014

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CHURCH News

MESSY
prayers for
MUDDLED
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Sunday
Summer
Series

COMING SOON TO
GRACE CENTRAL!

CELEBRATE
RECOVERY

Team Forming Now! Mark your Let's Connect Card to say you will help with: greeting, cooking, parking lot, tech booth, instruments, kids' programs

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:

As I finish up this second week at Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC (half-way through, hooray!), I have been blessed to prepare several different sermons for different classes. I also have been honored with being asked to give a message next week at Goodson Chapel in the Divinity School for my fellow students. I am working on it right now. I believe it will become a Wednesday night series sometime soon. The title of this sermon (and probably the series later one) is simply: Courage.



I want you to get out your Bibles and read something, as I can't fit it all here. Read Exodus, Chapter 1, verse 8 all the way through Exodus Chapter 2, verse 10. This is a portion of scripture in which the Hebrew people are in a terrible spot, with no seeming solution. They know they are the people of God, but it doesn't seem like God is coming through for them at this point. But when you read the story, note which of the characters could not tolerate being helpless victims, and what they did. (By the way, I count 4, do you? Email who they are, and how they were courageous!) These people knew that God was with them, but they still needed to act with the conviction and courage of God.

Have you ever been in a position when you needed to take a frightening action that needed courage, with the faith that God was with you even if it didn't seem so? By the way, courage does not mean you are not scared. Courage means: do it scared! And know that somehow, some way, God will work out the details if you only do the part he has assigned you and only you to do. Email me about that, too! I can't wait to get home, because...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

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 all the hour, 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.

We're half way through the summer.....IT'S COMING.....

stay tuned—watch-out— WAIT FOR IT....

WAIT FOR IT....

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: Perseverance thru suffering—Job.

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 today, 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!

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!! **NEXT AOG MEETING: SUNDAY, JULY 20 @ 11:30.**

CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

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!

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.!



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! Bookmarks now available for July thru September. 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. **LAST WEEK TO GET REDUCED RATE!!**

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! See 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 group forming. Mark your let's connect card to indicate your interest in joining this group. An informational meeting will be held **today after the 10:00 service in the sanctuary.**



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 partner is Brianna Butler serving in disaster relief in the United States through Samaritan's Purse. Please remember to pray for Bri and her 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—Happening in Orlando October 10 & 11 the super line up includes Patsy Clairmont , Sheila Walsh, Anita Renfroe and more! If you are a veteran WOF'er, consider inviting someone new. Carpooling and room sharing available, contact Robin Morrison for more details 239-340-8267

Men's Retreat—On September 13-14 our Men's Ministry is headed to Fort Myers Beach for two days of worship, encouragement, and spiritual growth. And we'll have tons of fun while we're there! Early bird price is only \$50 until August 1 (\$55 after Aug 1), which includes meals, lodging, and materials. The retreat is open to men from all four locations of Grace Church. The retreat begins at 9 AM Saturday and ends at 7 PM Sunday. Sign up at egracechurch.com/men or call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus June 30—July 6, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,318

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 162

Grace Community Center: 207

Fort Myers Central Campus: 319

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,217.03

Missions: \$90.00



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