

Fort Myers
Central Campus
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Fort Myers, FL 33901
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Week of:
July 27, 2014

grace CHURCH News

MESSY
prayers for
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relationships

Sunday
Summer
Series

The Kitchen Team



They are the reason that we eat around here!
They don't just cook - they pick up food from restaurants and donors all over town, they make sure we have supplies, they help other teams serve in the kitchen, and they are like a family. Join the family! Mark your Let's Connect Card if you would like to join the Kitchen Team!

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:

School is over, and I am back with all of you. Thank you for allowing me the time to finish my education, so that I can be a better pastor for God and for you.

One great thing about going away to Duke Divinity, is that I get to hear many different voices preaching (I attend chapel every day—I need it!) and I get to see many different experiences of pastors all around the country. One pastor, Merritt, touched me deeply when he gave a message on the passage in Exodus where Moses is met by God in a burning bush. (Bible challenge: can you find the chapter and verse?) Scripture tells us that “the bush burned but was not consumed by the fire.” Pastor Merritt talked about how consuming our problems, troubles, addictions, and hurts can be. They can feel like we will be consumed by their fire. But he reminded us that with Jesus, our problems might burn us, but we will not be consumed. Faith doesn't prevent pain, but we will not be consumed.

This reminded me of what I had read earlier in the month, a Psalm that has stayed with me throughout my month at Duke, with all the studies, and the stress, and being away from home. Psalm 88:6-7 is our message to God when the fire threatens: *Listen closely to my prayer, O LORD; hear my urgent cry. I will call to you whenever I'm in trouble, and you will answer me.*

This Wednesday we all have the opportunity to pray together. It's Night of Prayer, where we call out to God and he answers us. Do you need God to help you not be consumed by the fire? I certainly do, after this month! See you then at Night of Prayer; 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: Night of Prayer! Bring your burdens and cares to the Lord in prayer this Wednesday. God can do anything! Come and meet with him. 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 400 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.

**Mark your Calendars, August 16th! Back to
School will never be as fun as "Messy Mania"
Details Coming Soon!!!**

Ready to test drive Children's Ministry? Join us Monday, August 4th at 6:30 at CAPE CAMPUS for the Children's Protection Class. Transportation available—contact Venia Joray.

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! Senior High lesson for this week: Spiritual Gifts.

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-- is working on all kinds of things to reach out to our neighbors, including another car wash, more praying for the neighborhood with the Love Thy Neighbor campaign, and a parking meter ministry, coming soon! Good stuff, all. God stuff, all! For more info, just let us know you are interested on your Let's Connect Card



CONNECT MINISTRY

Connect Leader: Contact the church office at 334-3160

Food, Glorious Food! Every week the Kitchen Team serves over 400 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!

Movie Night! The second Saturday of each month we have a free movie with popcorn, and other goodies. In August we will be showing the movie "God's Not Dead" a feature film about college student Josh Wheaton (Shane Harper) whose faith is challenged by his Philosophy Professor Mr. Radisson (Kevin Sorbo) who believes God does not exist. It revolves around the lives of several individuals who are also challenged by a world that believes God doesn't exist.

CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

What are you waiting for? Isn't it time you joined the family? Our next membership class will be Sunday, August 3rd from 11:30—4:00. Mark your "Let's Connect" card if you are interested in making Grace Church your church home.

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.!

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.



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 cost is \$109.00. E-mail Sharon at sdavis@egracechurch.com if you are interested in attending.

Prayer Team! Is God calling you to pray? This team prays over the prayer requests, the seats in the sanctuary, the Pastor, the church, and the people who come to the altar rail during worship services. Is this your "Do Something" calling? There is always room on this team and many different areas for you to fit into. Prayer works! Be a praying part of God's plan for this neighborhood! See Sharon about joining this team.



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 the week. This week's partner is Lifeline Family Center who provides young women in crisis pregnancy a safe home and learning environment. Please remember to pray for Life Line Family Center this week.

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

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:

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 July 14—20, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,478

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 159

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,471.36

Grace Community Center: 218

Fort Myers Central Campus: 356

Missions: \$55.00



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