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Week of:  
August 3, 2014

grace  
CHURCH News

**MESSY**  
prayers for  
**MUDDLED**  
relationships

Sunday  
Summer  
Series

After Church today  
11:45am + Lunch  
(get a red folder from Sharon in the office!)

**MEMBERSHIP**  
CLASS

## 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:

This week I received a Facebook message from a young person who took up the challenge I placed in this Newsletter last Sunday to find where in the Bible did Moses have the encounter with the burning bush. He was quite pleased with himself to find the story! I also got another email from a woman who had a question about where Jesus' father Joseph was while Jesus was getting crucified, so I challenged her to research the answer and get back with me. She did, and came to some good conclusions that I learned from.



There are several places in the Bible where the analogy of 'milk' or 'meat' is applied to learning and digesting the Word of God. (Bible challenge this week: find out where, read what it says, and email me your thoughts!) 'Milk' would probably apply to more fundamental truths of the Word taught to us, while 'meat' would probably be more complex teachings or of some deeper order that we learn ourselves.

When we are children, we drink milk, and usually someone else is feeding it to us. (These would be the simpler truths that someone else tells us about Jesus.) But when we get older, we eat meat, and we have to cut it up ourselves, and hopefully each of us get to the point where we even buy it and cook it for ourselves, too! This means that eventually, each of us must not only consume what others feed us, but we ought also to form a close and intimate relationship with Jesus ourselves, with truths that he teaches each of us individually through prayer and his daily Word.

My prayer is that today is the day each of us begins to grow up in our personal relationship with God, spending time with him in his Word and hearing from him in prayer! No more milk, solid food! Bon Appetit! And I am with you in the journey!

*Pastor Arlene Jackson* [ajackson@egracechurch.com](mailto:ajackson@egracechurch.com)



# All About WORSHIP

**Organist:** Dr. R. Thad Goodwin [btscdad@aol.com](mailto:btscdad@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!)

## **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 Today:** 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! We will be talking about courage. Do you need courage to do something differently?** See you on Wednesday. God is the author of courage! 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!



# 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.

## **Back to School "Messy Mania"!**

Coming your way! Family fun to play together! Messy Games! Prizes! Music & Message, Messy Dinner & Dessert! Invite a friend and their family! AUGUST 16th 3 pm.

## **Ready to test drive Children's Ministry?**

Join us Tomorrow, 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!

## **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](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!

**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 is **TODAY**, 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**

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**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](mailto: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](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 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](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

**Volunteers Needed!** See miracles happen! Be a part of this dynamic recovery program. 1st volunteer team meeting August 10th following the 10am worship service.

# 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](http://egracechurch.com/men) or call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

### Worship Attendance by Campus July 21—27, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,555

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 157

### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: Not Available

Grace Community Center: 247

Fort Myers Central Campus: 369

Missions: Not Available



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available!**



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