

Fort Myers
Central Campus
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Week of:
August 10, 2014

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CHURCH News



MESSY prayers for MUDDLED relationships

Last Message in this Series!

After Church, anyone who is interested in being on the team, gather in the dining hall!

celebrate recovery



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Special Event this Wednesday:
the worship service after the
worship service! 8pm, gather
in the sanctuary for a special
Summit worship and learning
experience!

LEAD WHERE YOU ARE

Baptized This Sunday:

Lilyann Rose Bergner
Daughter of Nicole Bergner

Into Membership:

Nicole Bergner
Russell Childs
Donna Eaton Mike Kwoka
Katie Hallisey
Phillip Hobbs

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 read in my daily devotional readings (University of the Holy Spirit—get a bookmark of readings from the “Form” wall in the hallway), the words of Peter recorded in the book of John 6:68-69: *Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God!”*



Your challenge this week is to go into the gospel of John and take a look at what was happening when Simon Peter said these words to Jesus. The only hint I will give, is that after a series of events (what events?), Jesus turned to his disciples and asked them, “are you going to leave me, too?” I love Peter’s response. Peter doesn’t say, “Of course not, we are loyal to you!” or even, “We wouldn’t even think of it!” Instead, Peter says, “where else would we go?” It sounds like Peter might have thought this through a little, and upon looking at all the angles, he realizes that there is no other option for the disciples except to follow Jesus. If there were any other option, Peter might have taken it!

I am very much like Peter, and perhaps you are, too! Sometimes my first response to Jesus’ request that I follow him isn’t a burning desire to do so. Sometimes it is only a last resort! Only after I have tried living life by my own terms, do I finally turn to Jesus, who is the only one who has the Key to Life, because he is the Holy One of God. And Jesus is always there waiting for me.

My prayer for you and for myself today, is that Jesus not be the last resort in our lives, but that following him be a joy that we rush into, just because we love him and because of all he has blessed us with. 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!)

New Sunday Message Series Begins Next Week! **"FREE!"**

Do you have money troubles? God wants us to have freedom in our finances. But many of us are experiencing bondage instead! For the next four Sundays, let's begin to be set free from our money struggles. Together with God, we can do it!

Holy Communion: At Grace Church central campus, we serve 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: Band Night! See you on Wednesday. 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!

The Worship Service after the Wednesday Worship Service!

This week, we will have a special worship experience at 8pm, after regular worship and dinner: the Global Leadership Summit has provided teachings and extraordinary worship. Eat quick, meet you at 8 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. This month in Grace Kidz we are looking to see **"WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKPACK?"** Using every day items: Pencil, Notebook, Folder, & Ruler to discover a word from God! Be sure to pick up a **"Make it Stick"** handout to help you discover these lessons with your children!

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.

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!

24/7 Experience— Our high school youth will be spending the next two months traveling with 7 of their peers across the county to meet with some radical Jesus-followers. As we travel along-side these students we will be discussing topics such as following Jesus, love, justice, unity, spiritual gifts, the meaning of being "in the desert" and mission. Each session will include an interview with people who are making a difference in the world: Shane Claiborne (The Simple Way), Gary Haugen (International Justice Mission), Damian Boyd (College minister and national speaker) Steve Fee and Candi Pearson (Passion recording artist), and Ralph Winter (Producer X-men).

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: Sharon Woods skaywoods33@msn.com

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!

Men's Club! Come join the party that happens the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Meet in the dining hall for dinner, prayer, projects, speakers, discussions, and general friendship with a few dozen of your new pals. There will be no meeting in August due to the Leadership Summit. Next meeting is September 11th.

CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

Coffee with God & the Girls! Ladies, join us on Saturday, August 23rd, 9-11am for another great time of fun, fellowship, and growing in God. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow sisters in Christ.

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

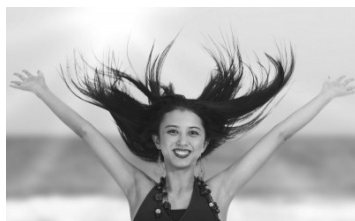
Send Leader: Terry Rhodes

trlpn@aol.com

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

Mission Partner-Franklin Park Elementary—Back to school for teachers is this Monday. We will be doing a brunch for the teachers sometime during this week and helping with Open House on Saturday, August 16th. This is a great “Do Something” opportunity! Mark your “let’s Connect” card, email Terry, or call Bill Guyn at 995-2199. Get involved, **“Do Something!”**

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

Volunteers Needed! See miracles happen! Be a part of this dynamic recovery program. 1st volunteer team meeting TODAY! 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 men from all of Grace

Church's campuses are headed to Christian Retreat Center at Fort Myers Beach for 24 hours of worship, friendship, spiritual growth, great food, and tons of fun! Total price is only \$55, which includes overnight lodging, meals, and materials. The retreat begins at 9am Saturday and ends at 10am Sunday. Register online at www.egracechurch.com/men or call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus July 28-August 3, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,583

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 167

Grace Community Center: 244

Fort Myers Central Campus: 330

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,780.31

Missions: \$430.00



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