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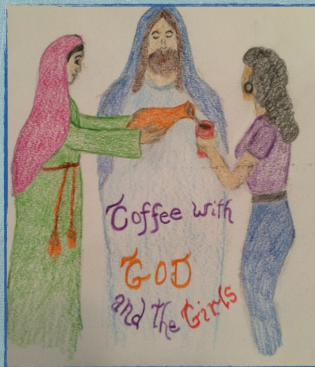
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CHURCH News



FREE!



Finding Freedom in our Finances!
New Sunday series begins this week!



God & The Girls Brunch—You are invited!
Saturday, August 23, 9-11am

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 in my daily devotions from the Bible, I read in the Gospel of John, chapter 13, that beautiful and poignant passage where Jesus washes his disciples' feet before the Passover meal (nobody but Jesus got up to do this customary but menial chore), and then he became anguished because he knew that one of his friends would betray him and would cause his death.

Jesus is cycling through a series of emotions, and finally leaves his friends with an amazing commandment in verse 34-35: *"Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."* Even though Jesus is consumed with impossibly difficult personal circumstances, he focuses on helping those he cares for. Considering what he is going through (at some point in this passage, we read *"Jesus was deeply troubled."*) Jesus could have said, "Just as I have loved you, go and kill those guards who are after me!" Instead, Jesus wants the world to see how completely loving his followers are. Not how perfect they are (obviously), but how loving.

There is a t-shirt I have seen around lately. It says, "Love thy neighbor. Thy black neighbor, thy brown neighbor, thy white neighbor, thy muslim neighbor, thy Jewish neighbor, thy gay neighbor, thy straight neighbor, thy vegan neighbor, thy Asian neighbor, thy old neighbor, thy young neighbor, thy Hispanic neighbor, thy pagan neighbor, etc." I like that. I think Jesus would wear that shirt. In and out of our church let's remember that we are a bunch of mixed nuts that taste good together. How can you best show you are a disciple of Jesus? Look for ways to love your neighbor. And I am with you in the journey!



Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com



All About WORSHIP

Organist: Dr. R. Thad Goodwin btscdad@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 This Week!

“FREE!” What a great time to invite your friends to church. Everyone has 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.

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: Testimony of Pastor Shari Lacey from the Shores Campus of Grace Church! 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!

SOULFUL SENSATIONS! This Saturday, 6-8pm, Back by popular demand! Come have a great night of gospel entertainment and worship with this amazing band of friends. Free, but there will be a love offering taken for the band. You will love them!



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!

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). This week's lesson is on Unity.

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!

Love Thy Neighbor- We will again be going out and praying for our neighbors on Saturday, September 13th from 10am -12 noon-ish. It is a true blessing to participate in these events and I encourage you to come be a part. We hope to have several teams going in several directions to maximize our impact and hope you will join us. As a team we go into various neighborhoods, stop at each house, pray for those living there and leave behind a card signed by the team which invites them to church. Contact Chris Jackson 239 471-4001 if you have any questions, or just show up at the church on the 13th at 10am.



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

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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!!

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.

Small Groups — Do you belong to a small group? Would you like to be a part of a small group? A small group does life together. What does that mean? It means a small group becomes your loving family. Mark your "Let's Connect" card if you are interested.



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
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Franklin Park — The brunch and open house at Franklin Park Elementary School was a big success. Teachers are back to work and the Children will be returning this week. Remember to continue to collect “Box tops for Education” and “Labels for Education” from your favorite foods. This in just one small way you can help get educational items for the school.

Do Something — How did you change someone’s life this week? Christ followers are called to “Love your neighbor as ourselves”. Don’t forget to post your loving acts of kindness on our “Do Something” board so we can all celebrate God’s work in our lives, our neighborhood, and the world.

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. See Scott Thornton after service or email him to see where you might fit in!

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 August 4—10 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,590

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 161

Grace Community Center: 234

Fort Myers Central Campus: 345

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$3,750.83

Missions: \$1,106.00



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