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Central Campus
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Week of:
September 7, 2014

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CHURCH News



FREE!



Finding Freedom in our Finances!
Sunday series continues this week!



MEN'S CLUB

Calling All Men
Dinner is Served!
This Thursday, 6:30

Pray for the
Neighborhood and
Invite them to church!
This Saturday
10am—Noon
Meet at the church!

LOVE
THY NEIGHBOR

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:

Who likes to really admit that they're not perfect? It's really hard for most of us to look our hurts, habits, and hang-ups in the eye. Some of us go to far lengths to avoid admitting that we have problems, whether it be with money, relationships, drugs, secret addictions, or compulsions. But Jesus says *I am the light of the world*. When we turn our life over to Jesus, he wants to shine a light into all the places that we have tried so hard to keep in the dark. Jesus doesn't want us to hide any more. He wants us to come out into the light. When we do, he tells us that we are the light, and that we are to let our light shine before everyone!



That's why I am so very excited about our upcoming **Celebrate Recovery worship service and recovery groups starting up on Monday nights, beginning October 6th**. This is a safe place that Jesus has given us to address those dark places with the help of many friends who are also overcoming their darkness with the light of Jesus Christ. With Jesus on our side, we cannot fail to finally address those things that have been keeping us back from the full joy of our salvation!

The format will be: Barbecue dinner at 5:30 in the mulch area (small charge, and some food also for no charge!) Worship at 6:30 with an all-brand - new band and lessons on recovery. Then small groups for men and women at 7:45. I hope you decide to come into the light! I will be there, because I am with you in the journey of recovery!

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com



All About WORSHIP

Organist: Dr. R. Thad Goodwin btsdad@aol.com

Choir Leader: Robin Tkac 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!)

Beginning Sunday, September 14: A new message series:

"Now Hear This!" Jesus has a few things to say to us through the many parables he told. Bring your ears, an open heart, and expect the Holy Spirit to show up!

The Band! If you play an instrument and would like to join the band, please talk to Chris, the drummer, or mark your Let's Connect Card!

The Choir! If you would like to join the traditional choir for 8:30 Sunday Worship, see Robin the lead singer or mark your Let's Connect Card!

The Praise Team! If you want to sing with the Praise Singers, see Chris the drummer or mark your Let's Connect Card!

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! Come as you are. We use grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol.

Wednesday Worship: BAND NIGHT! Couldn't you use a night of worship right in the middle of the week? 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!



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!

Piggy Bank University—Grace Kidz are learning the biblical principles related to money! EARN-GIVE-SAVE-SPEND— Be sure to pick up the 'make it stick' handout each week to help with discussions related to money. Create opportunities for your child to practice these principles-it will be critical to how they handle money as an adult.

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—SUNDAY 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! 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, come join us & be blessed. 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. Call 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!

Acts of Grace— Come join this fun-loving group of people as they use their gifts to illustrate some of Jesus' parables. New people are always welcome to join this open group. They will be meeting in Room 2 at 11:30 **today**. Check them out, join in!

CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

Movie Night! The second Saturday of each month we have a free movie with popcorn, and other goodies. September movie is "Mom's Night Out". All Allyson and her friends want is a peaceful, grown-up evening of dinner and fun - a long-needed moms' night out. But in order to enjoy high heels, adult conversation, and food not served in a bag, they need their husbands to watch the kids for a few hours ... what could go wrong? Join us Saturday, September 13th at 7pm.

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 for Sunday or Wednesday 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! Mark your "Let's Connect" card and we'll contact you!



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. Next Walks: Men's: September 18-21st. Women's: September 25-28th.

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 — Tired of doing life on your own? Would you like to have a group who would share you joys and sorrows? Small Groups do this! Consider joining one today. Mark your "Let's Connect" card.



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
trlpn@aol.com

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party — Coming September 28th at 11:30am in Bryant Hall. We will be packing Shoe Boxes for children all over the world. Our goal is to pack 500 boxes on that day!

Mission Prayer Focus: Each week there are cards of encouragement to sign in the hallway. This week we are asking you to sign the card as well as focus your prayers on our mission partners in Hyderabad, India, Peter & Ester Pereira. They continue to plant more churches, train more leaders as well as work with women and children for better education and nutrition.

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

Celebrate Recovery Coming Soon! The band has begun to practice, the materials are coming in, the leadership team is working hard. The bar-b-que team has a grill. **Mark your calendar! Monday, October 6th** will be the kick-off of our Celebrate Recovery ministry!!

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 25—31 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,460

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 166

Grace Community Center: 236

Fort Myers Central Campus: 330

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,162.49

Missions: \$51.00



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