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Week of:  
September 21, 2014

**grace** News  
CHURCH

**Sunday Series!**  
**Jesus says...**

**NOW HEAR THIS!**



## Coming Up This Week!

Breakfast with God and the  
Girls—All Women invited this  
Saturday, 9am-11am!



Welcome Rev. Courtney  
Williams back with us from  
Detroit! He'll share his  
testimony on Wednesday  
and preach next Sunday!



Operation Christmas  
Child Shoebox packing  
party Sunday 9/28 after  
church! Our goal:  
**500 Shoeboxes!**

## 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:

A word from God that I received from my University of the Holy Spirit (UHS) Bible Devotions this week (see the "Form" wall in the hallway for a bookmark with readings and instructions on how to engage in the UHS!)

Scripture: Revelation 14:12: *This means that God's holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus.*

Observation: There are so many things about the book of Revelation that are hard to understand. But then these clarifying words, and when it comes to Revelation, I cling to clarifying words: "This means..." So what does this mean?

Application: Simply, it means that God's people, me included, must endure patiently, obey commands, and maintain faith. These three are life giving. Knowing that endurance is a necessary and natural state for Christ followers helps me. And so patience is in order rather than fighting it. Then knowing obedience is also necessary and natural helps anxiety go. I can look to what God commands and just obey, rather than trying to find easier ways out. And then maintenance. Revelation says "maintain faith." I can see how we need faith to be able to endure and obey. These three words are guidance, not control.

Prayer:

Thank you God for your constant help as I travel the course of living for and with you and others. Endure patiently, obey your commands and maintain faith are three good and holy suggestions you graciously give me for the journey. You're way better to me than I deserve, but don't ever stop. I'm sure glad you're with me in the journey.



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



# All About WORSHIP

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

**Choir Leader:** Robin Tkac [robinleez@comcast.net](mailto:robinleez@comcast.net)

**Band Leader:** Chris Jackson [cj1234@hotmail.com](mailto:cj1234@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!)

**Farewell! Sunday, September 21, 2014 will be the last morning that our organist, Thad, will be playing for us before moving on to his next God-called assignment. We thank Thad for sharing his gift of music with us for the past fifteen years and pray blessings on his life and his ministry as he goes forward to blessing others with his gift!**

**Going forward, our 8:30 worship service will temporarily be musically led by Amy Carothers on piano.**

## **Celebrate Recovery Worship Service, every Monday**

**beginning October 6!"** If you have a hurt, a habit, or a hang-up that is hurting your relationship with God, with others, and with yourself, this is the perfect healing place for you. Dinner will begin at 6:00, Worship will begin at 6:45, and 12 step recovery groups will start at 8:00. Break every chain through the power of our mighty God!

## **Wednesday Worship: Welcome Rev. Courtney Williams**

**from Detroit as he gives his personal testimony of God's grace in his life!** 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 be refueled by God 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.

## **Coming in December!**

The Winter wonderland of "Un-Frozen-do you want to meet a Savior?" Your help is needed-donating items, decorating, making snacks, skits and many other areas! Sign-ups coming soon! Pray about how God may use you to make this an amazing experience for Grace Kidz and their friends!!

## **Operation Christmas Child!**

Grace Kidz are gearing up for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox campaign. We will spend the next 4 weeks learning: Why we give, Who we help, What's in it for me, & Outside the box!

## **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 country 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 artists), and Ralph Winter (producer X-men).

# 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!

**Reach Team** We will be planning many more events over the next few months. Our annual Community Festival is coming the first weekend in December. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss all the fun. Watch here for more information and how you can be a part of this year's many activities.



# CONNECT MINISTRY

**Connect Leader: Sharon Woods** [skaywoods63@gmail.com](mailto:skaywoods63@gmail.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 at 8:30am on Saturday for the next 6 weeks as they prepare to illustrate some of Jesus' parables. Check them out, join in!

## **CONNECT MINISTRY** continued...

**Women's Ministry!** Ladies, join us on Saturday, September 27th, 9-11am and have coffee & fellowship with a few of your new close friends. Morning refreshments, a time to visit and time to grow in your walk with God are all a part of this monthly time together. Don't miss the opportunity to make new friends or just get a little closer to old friends!

**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**

[sdavis@egracechurch.com](mailto: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. Next Walks: Men's: January 15-18. Women's: January 22-25, 2015.

**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. Never done the "UHS"? Start with the Matthew 28 day challenge or the Acts 28 day challenge. Get any of these bookmarks 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**

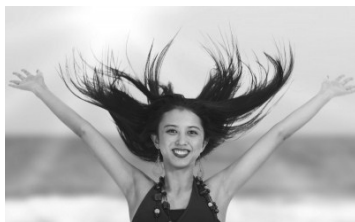
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**Operation Christmas Child Packing Party** — Coming next Sunday, September 28th at 11:30am in Bryant Hall. We will be packing Shoe Boxes for children all over the world. Our goal is to pack 500 boxes on that day!

**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 partner Joyce Hearl who serves the world through New Mission Systems International.

**Mission Bucket Focus!** For the next three months the money in the buckets will go toward our Christmas gift giveaway at Franklin Park.

## 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

**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!! Dinner 6pm, Large group meeting 6:45, Small Groups 8pm.

# 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.

## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

### Worship Attendance by Campus September 8—14, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,547

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 212

Grace Community Center: 229

Fort Myers Central Campus: 350

### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,246.27

Missions: \$70.00



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