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Week of: September 28, 2014

grace CHURCH News

Sunday Series!
Jesus says...

NOW HEAR THIS!



Operation Christmas Child

**Shoebox Packing
Party Today
After Church**

**Our Goal:
500 Boxes**

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:

I am reading a very special book these days, and if you have the opportunity, please pick it up: "Soul Keeping" by John Ortberg. In this book, Pastor John reminds us that it is our responsibility to tend to our own souls, and our soul is the part of us that connects to God. When our soul-care is good, it does not matter what our external circumstance may be, it is still "well with our soul." When our soul-care is poor, we can have all things go our way, and gratitude still "sticks in our throat" - there is always something else that we feel like we are missing, it's never "enough."

How do we care for our souls?

Today as I read my daily devotions from the Gospel of Luke 5:15-16, I got a glimpse of how Jesus cared for his soul, the part of him that connected to his Heavenly Father: *But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.* Precisely when Jesus was the most busy, was when he got away to pray.

Prayer and solitude connects us to God. We need those times when we are surrounded with Christian Community, but we also need to make rhythms in our life of time with God alone. That fills our souls, and keeps the connection open to God. Jesus needed it on his journey. And so do you! And so do I. You know I am with you in the journey!

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com





All About WORSHIP

Pianist: Amy Carothers

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!)



Welcome Amy Carothers! Amy will be leading musical worship at our 8:30am Sunday worship service. We welcome her leadership and special worship abilities!

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!

All About Wednesday Worship! This week: Lesson

Night! Every Wednesday you can expect something a little different. The first and third Wednesdays of the month are "lesson" nights, the second Wednesday is "Band Night" where we worship all the hour, and the fourth Wednesday is "testimony" night. If there is a fifth Wednesday we hold a "prayer night." Something for everyone! 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!



Do you play an instrument? Please share your gift with us by getting involved with worship. Mark your Let's Connect Card with a way to contact you if you want to give it a shot!



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.

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
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!

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.

Car Wash #2 We will again be going to Trinity UMC on October 25th. Save the date!



CONNECT MINISTRY

Connect Leader: Sharon Woods 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, juice, 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...

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!

Kings & Queens Chess Club! Want a night out to relax with some friendly competition? The 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month, our chess club get together at 6:30pm to enjoy and relax over games of chess. Skill level is not important, next time to participate is Thursday, October 2nd 6:30pm.



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. 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

trlpn@aol.com

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 Nolan & Marie Schokey who serve in Juarez, Mexico through Servant Senders. Marie has just been diagnosed with Shingles, please pray for her recovery.

Global mission conference— February 4-8, 2015. There are many opportunities to get involved now. If you are interested in being involved mark your "Let's Connect" card, email Terry Rhodes or contact Kelly Duffy, naplesladybug@yahoo.com.

Save the Dates! Operation InAsMuch service day March 7, 2015. More info to come.

Mission Partners—Are you a part of an outside organization that helps the community in some way? Would your organization benefit by partnering with our send Team? Contact Terry for more information.

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

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:

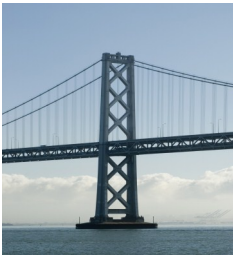
Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM
Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

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 15—21, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,501

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 176

Grace Community Center: 241

Fort Myers Central Campus: 347

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$3,860.58

Missions: \$24.00



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