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Week of:  
October 19, 2014

**grace**  
CHURCH **News**

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

**NOW HEAR THIS!**



**GRACE CHURCH  
CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Today at 3:00pm

@ First UMC Cape Coral  
4118 Coronado Parkway

This is when we do the “annual Business” of the church. All are welcome to attend, and members are encouraged to attend!



## 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 heard someone say once that "people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." I think there is truth in that. The Apostle Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthian church, talks about all the abilities and gifts he could have that were wonderful, but if he didn't have love, then the rest was just senseless, useless, noise.



We followers of Christ have the best message in the world: that people can be freed from the hell they are living in and the hell they are heading towards by the power and grace of Jesus Christ. This is a truly fabulous message and promise, the best ever in the history of the world, and we have the cool job of being the messenger. It would be very fun to bring the good news to someone who won the lottery, and this is even better than the lottery. People need hope for their addictions, their worry, fear, anxiety, as well as finances and resentments, health problems and many forms of hurt. We can bring the hope on earth as it is in heaven. A new Christian song that I hope our band learns soon exclaims, "We bring the Kingdom Come!" and it's true. Hallelujah!

But more than even all of this, people must know we love them. They must know we honestly see them, hear them, and care. I was reading the Book of Acts this week, chapter 3, where Jesus' apostle Peter heals a beggar as he was heading to the temple. He stopped and saw him, talked to him, cared, and healed him. And after that, he had the beggar's ear as he shared the gospel of Jesus with him. I'll bet the beggar listened, too. Because people really don't care how much you know 'till they know how much you care. With you in the journey!

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



# All About WORSHIP

**Pianist: Amy Carothers**

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

**Band Leader: Chris Jackson** [coj1234@hotmail.com](mailto: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!)

## **Monday Celebrate Recovery Worship Service and small groups, beginning November 3rd!"**

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: TESTIMONY OF CHANDLER WILLIAMS!**

Discover how God transforms a life! Each 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](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.

**GRACE KIDZ**— is looking forward to the Fall with pumpkin activities, gratitude lessons and how God loves each of us just like pumpkins in a patch - all different!!

**HARVEST PARTY**—Wednesday 10/29 Grace Kidz will be having some Fall Fun! Come in costume (not scary please) ready for fun!!

**INVESTORS NEEDED**— Sign up in the welcome center to bring in an item or help with props, set up, snack making, skits, decorating, etc. There is a place for everyone! Children are the future of the church - INVEST today!

## **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!

**Middle School** youth are working on "Just don't do it!" information on bullying. This is an issue they face everyday. This group will be covering this issue through November.

**Senior High** youth are studying different people of the bible and will be following the following schedule: 10/22/14 Mary and Martha—"But His Feet Smell," 10/29/14 King David—"What do you mean I'm going to be a baby daddy?" 11/5/14 King David—"My heart beats for His." 11/12/14 Band Night or Movie Night with Middle School, 11/19/14 Joshua—"What if I'm not ready?" 11/26/14 Family Dinner Night—"Let's give thanks."

# 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!

**Time to Plan!!** As we ready for the biggest event of the year, we need teams of people to make our 2014 Community Festival the BEST EVER! The event takes place on Saturday, December 6 from 11am - 3pm and features free food, free kids games, free entertainment, booths from community partners, face painting, pictures with Santa, ticket for Movie Night, and on and on and on! This year, we are expecting 1000 guests and need your help in ALL of these areas: food, prize solicitation, entertainment, set-up, clean-up, kids games, cakewalk, community partners, admission table, publicity, and more! Let's talk now, before our next meeting on Sunday, November 2, after the 10am church service. Call or text Chris Jackson (239) 471 4001

**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](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, 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 office and don't forget to come and enjoy the good food!

## CONNECT MINISTRY continued...

**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!

**1st Annual Halloween Scareaoke Bash!** Join us Friday, October 31st from 6-9pm for our new Halloween party. There will be Food, Games, Prizes, Costume Contests and Karaoke! Bring a "Scary" Dessert or a "Frightful" side dish to share and come enjoy a night of Family Friendly Fun! This is a great alternative to Trick or Treat. Candy donations for this event can be dropped off at the church office anytime before October 20th.

**God & the Girls**— There will be no meeting this month for God & the Girls. Next month will be a combination meeting and decorating of the dining hall for Christmas.



# 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 October—December. Never done the "UHS"? Start with the Matthew 28 day challenge or the Acts 28 day challenge. Book marks are on the FORM wall!!

**Prayer**— How is your prayer life? If we are honest, most of us would say it could use some work. Someone has said that when we work, "*we work*", but when we pray, *God* works. His strength is available to praying people. There are several very good books on prayer, including the Bible, to help you to begin a daily prayer life. Over the next several weeks begin by praying some of these Psalms: 3, 23, psalm 31:1-5, 51:1-12, and psalm 139:1-18.

**Small Groups** — Coming soon, new material and format for small groups. If you have been looking to join a small group you will like this new format. It only takes getting together with two or three friends all material is provided!! Watch here for more information or contact Sharon for more details!!



# SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes

[trlpn@aol.com](mailto: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 partner Bri Butler who serves in disaster relief through Samaritan's Purse.

**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](mailto:naplesladybug@yahoo.com).

**Franklin Park School Supplies!** Tomorrow, October 20th we are delivering school supplies and snacks for the teachers. Contact Bill Guyn 239 995-2199 to help with the delivery and snacks.

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

## 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

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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 Kick-off Postponed to November 3rd.**

Doing something **well** requires time to prepare, commitment of the team and individuals, training of individuals, and did I mention time. We are still looking for childcare volunteers and others as well.

# 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:

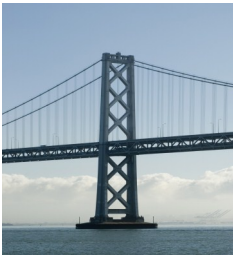
Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM  
Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

## FMC THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239.244.5712

### Hours:

Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon  
10AM - 3PM



## CROSS-CAMPUS Events & Activities

**CHARGE CONFERENCE** will be held this Sunday, October 19 at 3 PM at Cape Coral First United Methodist Church, 4118 Coronado Parkway, Cape Coral. At this meeting, we will consider the annual business of Grace Church. Everyone is invited.

## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

### Worship Attendance by Campus October 6-12, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,582

Fort Myers Shores Campus: not available

Grace Community Center: 262

Fort Myers Central Campus: 313

### Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$1,712.11

Missions: \$95.00



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