

Fort Myers
Central Campus
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Week of:
October 26, 2014

grace News
CHURCH

Final Sunday!
Jesus says...

NOW HEAR THIS!



Halloween Scary-oke Party!

October 31, 6-9pm

Karaoke Contest!
Costume Contest!
Kids' games

Bring some scary food!

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:

Today for my daily devotions, I was reading the book of Acts, chapter 14. (By the way, if you would like to join me in reading the book of Acts, on the "Form" wall in the hallway you will find a bookmark called "Challenge 2" with some daily devotional readings from the book of Acts!)

In Acts 14, to set the stage, Jesus has gone back to heaven, leaving the apostles with the command to spread his message of salvation and the apostles are passionately doing it! They are encountering many joys, people coming to know the grace of Jesus, but they are also experiencing persecution, beatings, imprisonment, and other hardships. The apostle Paul and his friend Barnabus have just been stoned outside the city of Lystra, and still they get up and return to the city to continue their mission. Then they leave to do the same thing in the city of Derbe. Acts 14:21-22 tells us *"They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said."*

This is a good thing for me to remember. Living for Christ is not always easy. In fact, we absolutely must go through hardships, so we better expect it! Living for Christ can mean that we lose friends, family, jobs, and we have standards that others don't uphold. So why live for Christ? Because Christ endured a hardship for me. Paul and Barnabus understood this. We live for Christ because Jesus died to make us right with God. The very least I can do is be willing to endure hardship for him. And ultimately, the "hardship" ends up bringing us to new intimacy and joy in the Lord. Paul rejoiced in his suffering. I am with Paul, and you, in this journey, friends!



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!)

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: PRAYER

NIGHT! Slow down and connect with God in the middle of the week. 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!

NEW SUNDAY SERIES BEGINS: "Circle Makers" How is your prayer life? Would you like a richer time with God? Let's discover how to pray circles around our needs and others'. Begins Sunday, Nov. 2nd!



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.

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 using the following schedule: 10/22/14 Mary and Martha—"But His Feet Smell," **This Week:** 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
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!

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



CONNECT MINISTRY

Connect Leader: Sharon Woods skaywoods63@gmail.com

Food, Glorious Food! Every week the Kitchen Team serves over 500 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 Scary-oke 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.

Membership—Thinking about joining our family? Sunday November 2nd is our next membership class. If you are going to be a part of this class please pick up your "red folder" at the Welcome Desk or in the office this Sunday or Wednesday. The folder contains information you will need to complete **before** coming to class.



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 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. Give it a try and let me know how God speaks to you.

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

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 ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization). ECHO exists for one major reason, to help those working internationally with the poor be more effective, especially in the area of agriculture. Their demonstration farm is located in North Fort Myers, please pray that their education and training produce the results needed to fulfill their mission.

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.

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 Kick-off November 3rd.

Next Monday we will be rolling out our Celebrate Recovery program. Bar B Que starts at 6pm if you want to eat prior to the meeting. Large group worship is from 6:45 to 7:45 and small groups start at 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:

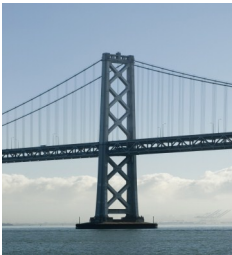
Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM
Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

FMC THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
239.244.5712

Hours:

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



CROSS-CAMPUS Events & Activities

Pumpkin Patch—Located at the Cape Coral Campus at 13SE 21st Place is the Cape Youth pumpkin patch. If you are planning on purchasing a pumpkin for carving please consider buying from our youth. Money raised helps to support youth mission projects and helps kids raise funds for summer church camps.

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus October 13—19, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,542

Grace Community Center: 219

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 182

Fort Myers Central Campus: 322

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$3,240.91

Missions: \$80.00



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