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Week of:
November 16, 2014

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CHURCH News



The
Circle
Maker

Sunday Series on Prayer
Week 3



YOU'RE INVITED

VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION



JOIN US FOR DESSERT
IN YOUR HONOR!

GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 6:30PM

Baptized Sunday: Michael Moore, son of Melissa Moore

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:

1 Corinthians 8:9-13: *"But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble. For if others see you—with your "superior knowledge"—eating in the temple of an idol, won't they be encouraged to violate their conscience by eating food that has been offered to an idol? So because of your superior knowledge, a weak believer for whom Christ died will be destroyed. And when you sin against other believers by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong, you are sinning against Christ. So if what I eat causes another believer to sin, I will never eat meat again as long as I live—for I don't want to cause another believer to stumble."*



This is a good word for Christians who have gained some knowledge or discernment about lifestyle. In ancient days, the apostle Paul knows there is nothing wrong with eating meat that is sacrificed to idols because idols aren't real gods. But for some people, eating food sacrificed to idols would throw them off their spiritual track. It's the same today, friends. We may know there is nothing wrong with having a drink now and then in social situations. We may enjoy debating spiritual matters on Facebook. We may enjoy wild displays of worship or staying home from church occasionally to go fishing. But for a recovering alcoholic, an occasional drink can be deadly. To a person hurt by the church, spiritual debates can be harmful. To a person just learning to worship, elaborate displays can scare them. To someone just getting to know the joy of discipline, watching someone going fishing instead of to church can tempt them unnecessarily.

Paul ends his discourse about exercising freedom by saying if one of his freedoms causes another to sin, he would never engage in it again. He cared so much about weaker believers that he was willing to sacrifice his own pleasures and pursuits to build them up, lest they get the wrong idea by watching him. I am praying that God gives me a high degree of such regard for others, that I think of what they will think before I speak or act, even in ways that are "allowed". Will you be with me in this 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!)

Monday Celebrate Recovery Service at 6:45pm (a different groove!)

Wednesday Contemporary Service at 6:30pm (a bit of everything!)

HOLY COMMUNION We share the Lord's Supper together on the first Sunday of the month and the following Wednesday. Anyone who desires the healing and help of Jesus Christ can come to this table.

Monday Celebrate Recovery Worship Service and "small groups!" Testimony by Dan McM. 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 at 6:00, Worship at 6:45, and 12 step recovery groups at 8:00. Break every chain through the power of our mighty God!

(This info about CR will soon be found only on the Celebrate Recovery page at the back of this Grace News. Stay alert!)

All About Wednesday Worship! This week: Transformation of the Mind by Sam Rodriguez! Each Wednesday you can expect something a little different. In fact, we are in the process of changing the format for Wednesday nights to have more variety of worship throughout the week. Stay tuned for the new format! Worship at 6:30pm, free dinner at 7:30, different studies afterwards throughout the year!

If you are sick or go to the hospital, let the office know so your church can pray for you and you can be visited at your request!



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!!

Coming in December—"Unfrozen—Do you want to meet a Savior?" If you have signed up to donate items—they are needed ASAP to be preparing! Thank you to the many who have generously provided items to date.

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: **This Week:** 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!

2014 Community Festival As we ready for the biggest event of the year, we need teams of people to make our festival the BEST EVER! The event takes place on Saturday, December 6 from 11 am - 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** Looking for 10' x 10' canopies for some of our vendors. Someone with a truck to pick up and return risers for staging, (near Cape campus) Volunteers to help at admission gate. Cakes, cookies and baked goods for Cake Walk. Volunteers to set-up; fencing, tarps, tents, tables and chairs. Volunteers to clean-up. Volunteers to help with food for guests. Looking for Santa person to get pictures taken with kids Need volunteers to empty trash cans and replace with new liners. Need door prizes donated for our guests to win all day long. Need coolers for ice. Have a parachute for shading parking lot? We'll use it! Volunteers to help with kid's games and bounce house. **NEXT MEETING IS TODAY AT 11:45 IN THE SANCTUARY!!**



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!

Kings & Queens Chess Group—Any and all skill levels are welcome to this group. They meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month at 6:30pm. Show up and join the fun!

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 for more information about this team.



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.

Men's Emmaus Reunion Group—Our Men's Emmaus Reunion Group will be starting again soon. This group is for any man who has been on the Walk to Emmaus. They will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

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 few weeks our sermon series will help us ramp-up our prayer life. Join in the journey!

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!! The new material is here, pick it up in the office and register your group. Contact Sharon for more information .



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
trlpn@aol.com

Nicaragua—We have a cross campus team in Nicaragua serving with the Estelí pastors now. They are meeting with the pastors and helping them to establish a covenant with each other and visiting each of the churches. Pray for this team.

Franklin Park Elementary— A big thanks to all who donated school supplies, the next delivery will be early January. The items needed are: lined paper, glue sticks, 3-pronged folders, and crayons. Drop them in the donation box in the hall.

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

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

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

Thursday: AA at 7:00pm

Friday: AA at 8:00pm

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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

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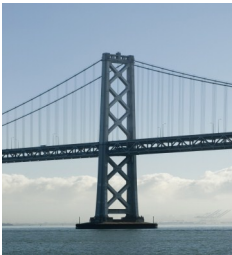
Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM
Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

FMC THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
239.244.5712

Hours:

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



CROSS-CAMPUS Events & Activities

Volunteer Appreciation Dessert! Calling all volunteers at all campuses of Grace Church to a "Thank You" celebration. This Monday, November 17th at 6:30pm. This event is being held at the Grace Community Center, 4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy, North Fort Myers.

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus November 3—9, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,395

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 185

Grace Community Center: 211

Fort Myers Central Campus: 484

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: not available

Missions: not available



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