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Week of:
November 30, 2014

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CHURCH News



COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

11 AM-3 PM

- FREE - FREE - FREE - FREE •
- Games • Petting Zoo • Pony Rides
- Dunbar HS Marching Band
- Live Bands • Hot Dogs
- Popcorn • Pictures w/ Santa
- Cake Walk • Community Partners

Invite your friends and neighbors!
Don't miss the HUGE event!!

Come join the family as we setup for this big event. Setup starts at 8am for stage, fence, and sound. 9am starts setup for games . Lots of volunteers will be required to make this fun for all. We need the entire family helping on this to make it the best Festival ever!!

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:

As you all know Pastor Arlene is on vacation this week but she left us with some thoughts to ponder through the words of John Wesley regarding personal bible study:

"Here then I am, far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone; only God is here. In his presence I open, I read his Book; for this end, to find the way to heaven. Is there a doubt concerning the meaning of what I read? Does anything appear dark or intricate? I lift up my heart to the Father of lights: 'Lord, is it not thy Word, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God"? Thou "givest liberally and upbraidest not". Thou hast said, "If any be willing to do thy will, he shall know." I am willing to do, let me know thy will. I then search after and consider parallel passages of Scripture, 'comparing spiritual things with spiritual'. I meditate thereon, with all the attention and earnestness of which my mind is capable. If any doubt still remains, I consult those who are experienced in the things of God, and then the writings whereby, being dead, they yet speak. And what I thus learn, that I teach."

John Wesley, *Preface to Standard Sermons*

As I read Wesley's words I am reminded that personal bible study is an ongoing process, something we are never finished doing. Many of us want to do God's will but do we study God's word to determine what His will is, or do we think if we pray hard enough somehow we will know that will. Wesley says it takes both prayer and study. I would encourage you to do as Wesley did, pray and search the scriptures. The UHS bookmarks are on the form wall pick one up today and join us 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, piano, 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!)

This Sunday Begins Advent, the four Sundays plus Christmas Eve prior to the birth of Jesus. We change the colors on the altar at different seasons of the Christian Year. Advent is purple, symbolizing royalty. Jesus was the coming King of Kings, Lord of Lords! As Jesus came that first Christmas, let us wait expectantly for Jesus in our own lives today.

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.

All About Wednesday Worship!

This week: Lesson by Sam Rodreguez! 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 community 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:** 12/3/14 Joshua—"What if I'm not ready?"

Senior High— This Saturday, December 6th senior high youth will have a lock-in

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 Our December 6th Community Festival is just days away and we need volunteers to help make this event the best ever! We're moving the event to the street and have blocked off Edison Avenue and expanded our games so we need a TON of volunteers to help; with games, set up and clean up, cake walk, admission gate, pictures with Santa, food, and on and on and on (an on!) We need volunteers to set up at 8:00am for staging, fencing and sound, 9:00am for set up of games and tables. Come shine the light of Jesus to our wonderful neighborhood through service! Saturday, December 6 - beginning at 8:00am.



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!

Free Movie Night! Join us on Saturday December 13th at 7pm for this month's movie. We will be showing *"Guess Who's Coming to Christmas"*. A jaded "rock star" is forced to grant a Christmas wish to a mid-western teen in order to improve his tarnished image.

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 Club— December 4th is the next meeting of the chess club. Come join this group that meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30.

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.

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!! You can still start a new small group. Contact Sharon for more information .



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes
trlpn@aol.com

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

Monday Celebrate Recovery Worship Service and "small groups!" Testimony by Greg P. 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!

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

Advent is upon us and there will be many opportunities to worship at all the campuses. Watch for dates and times as we enter the holy season!

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus November 16—23, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,522 Grace Community Center: 222
Fort Myers Shores Campus: 195 Fort Myers Central Campus: 466

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: \$2,849.27 Missions: \$125.00



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