

Fort Myers
Central Campus
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Week of:
December 28, 2014

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CHURCH News



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:

Last week I wished you a Merry Christmas, and I pray that your celebration of God sending a Savior into the world and into your life and mine was blessed. This week my wish for you is that you begin the new year, 2015, with a renewed passion for Jesus. The New Year seems to be a line in the sand between what has been and what can come to pass. People make resolutions and promises about how the new year will be different than the old. But my prayer for all of you this coming year is that the Holy Spirit renews a passion for Jesus inside you.

Just think of what could happen if you experienced a renewed passion for Jesus this year. You would need no other resolution! Your health and weight would improve because you'd want the Temple of the Holy Spirit (your body) to glorify God! Your management of finances would get better because you'd deeply sense how you've been entrusted with God's money and how you used it would matter! Your relationships would get better because Christ in you would be interacting with others, and people would know they encountered Jesus when they were around you. Your thinking would get better because you'd have the mind of Christ. Your decisions would improve because you'd be led by the Holy Spirit.

I pray your resolution this year is to begin 2015 seeking a new passion for Jesus. 2 Corin. 5:17 says "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person; the old life is gone, a new life has begun." That is a great New Years resolution. I will be with you in the journey!

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajackson@egracechurch.com





All About WORSHIP

Pianist: Amy Carothers

Choir Leader: Robin Tkac robinleeez@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!)

New Years Eve Wednesday Worship and Party! We will enjoy an evening of worship at 6:30, dinner at 7:30, and then gather in the parking lot for a night of ushering in the New Year. Let 2015 begin-with Jesus! Music by DJ, snacks, friends, and of course a midnight countdown to the New Year!

Holy Communion—On the first Sunday of the month and the following Wednesday, we share in the Lord's Supper. Anyone who knows they need Jesus is welcome to participate. We use grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol.

Musicians Wanted! - If you can play an instrument, and you want to shine your talent for God on Sunday morning or Wednesday night, please let Chris the drummer know, or mark your Let's Connect Card. Drums, rhythm guitar, bass guitar, piano, all welcome!

Choir Singers Wanted! If you love to sing with others, then consider joining the 8:30 choir. Amy will be gathering the choir to sing special pieces, teach harmonies, and to broaden the ministry of singing! Make a joyful noise; mark your Let's Connect Card if you are interested.



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.

It Continues! This week in our Wintery Wonderland, surrounded by all the snowflakes we can imagine! **UNFROZEN—LOVE'S OPEN DOOR**—The kingdom of Jesus Christ is for all people, everywhere. We will learn that we can spread the good news that God wants everyone to know Jesus!

***Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)** "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned."*

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 will be studying various lessons over the next several weeks. Their schedule is as follows: **This Week:** 12/31 "No Garbage Allowed" Psalm 51:10, 1/7/15 "Jesus is the Rock" - John 14:6.

Senior High— youth are studying different people of the bible and will be using the following schedule: **This Week:** 12/31/14 Timothy — I'm Just a Teenager, They'll Never Listen. 1/7/15 Discipleship — What Do You Mean I have to Have Discipline?

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—On, January 11, 2015, at 11:30am, let's get together after church and brainstorm and plan our Reach events for 2015; Laundromat Karaoke, Love Thy Neighbor, Community Festival, neighborhood car washes and whatever else the Holy Spirit has in mind. All are welcome to join us and DREAM BIG!



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!

Storing of the Greens— We have had a beautiful Christmas season and now is the time to take down the decorations and put them away for next year. Start your year off right with this act of service to your church. We will begin at 8:30am on Saturday, January 3rd with coffee, pastries and prayer for our fuel. Join the fun and fellowship with your family.

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!

New Years Eve Party!! Don't miss counting down the New Year with your church family. The party starts after the Wednesday night service and dinner. DJ Jack will be here so don't miss the fun from 9pm till 2015!!

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 in January. 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 January—March. Never done the "UHS"? Start with the Matthew 28 day challenge or the Acts 28 day challenge. All 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. Start Today!! God is waiting to hear from you!



SEND MINISTRY

Send Leader: Terry Rhodes

trlpn@aol.com

Do Something— As 2014 draws to a close and 2015 is almost upon us, it is a perfect opportunity to decide to live outside ourselves more next year. Think about setting yourself a goal of doing something for someone else at least once a week. Decide to make giving of yourself and not to yourself a way of life.

Operation In As Much— The money in the metal buckets over the next several weeks will go towards O.I.A.M. Our community wide service day. Watch for more details!!

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: Rochelle Redmon Rochelleredmon@gmail.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 Sarah M. 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
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Hours:

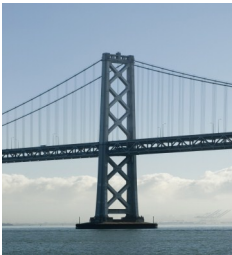
Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM
Wednesdays: 10AM - 5:30PM

FMC THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue
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239.244.5712

Hours:

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



CROSS-CAMPUS Events & Activities

Women of Grace—The **Pre-Retreat Tea** is scheduled for January 11th at the Cape Coral campus from 2—5pm. All women registering to attend the 3rd annual Women's Retreat on February 28th through to March 1 are invited to attend the Pre-Retreat Tea. Registration is available on line at egracechurch.com or on the day of the Tea for \$80.00 per person. After the Tea, registration is \$85.00 and registration closes on February 15th. At the Tea we will finalize travel, etc. Contact for the Tea and Retreat is: Diane Cremeans @248 310-6129.

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus December 15—21, 2014!

Cape Coral Campus: N/A

Grace Community Center: N/A

Fort Myers Shores Campus: N/A

Fort Myers Central Campus: N/A

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: N/A

Missions: N/A



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