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Week of:  
January 4, 2015

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CHURCH News

THE  
**FIRST**  
THING

Two-week Sunday series on Worship!



You  
Are  
Invited!

Thursday,  
Jan. 8  
6:30pm

Dinner,  
Friendship!

## 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 believe this is the perfect season to begin reading the Bible on a daily basis. Most of us want to make improvements in our habits as the new year begins, and one of the best ways to grow closer to God than you have been before, is to spend more time "getting to know him" in the Bible. The Bible is a fascinating and richly diverse book that God will speak to you through your opening it up on a regular basis. This is the perfect time of year to begin—don't you want to begin the habit of speaking to and hearing from God more? (me, too!)

Around Grace Church many of us choose to read the Bible by using a method called the University of the Holy Spirit (UHS). This is a series of daily readings that are listed on a bookmark that changes every three months. You just read what's on the bookmark every day, and when the year is through, you will have read through the Old Testament of the Bible once, and the New Testament twice! But even more than just dutiful reading, you will have connected with God in a special way that pleases him and grows you. This is a win/win all around.

Make a decision today to seek God and his wisdom by picking up a bookmark today on the "Form" wall in the hallway. We are starting at the beginning, in the book of Genesis. *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."* - Genesis 1. Join me in the journey, I will be reading right along with you!

*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, 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!)

**Holy Communion**—On the first Sunday of the month, as well as the following Wednesday, we celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Anyone who desires a relationship with Jesus can share in this table. Yes, "anyone" means you! We use grape juice, so all can participate.

**Musicians Wanted**—if you can play an instrument, you can shine your talent for God on Sunday morning, Wednesday night, or at Celebrate Recovery on Monday evening. You can mark your Let's Connect Card if you are interested, or contact Chris at the email listed on top of this page.

**Traditional Choir Singers Gathering!** If you like to sing the hymns with others, then you are in luck. Amy will be gathering all who care to sing at the "newly forming" expanded 8:30 choir in the next couple of weeks. You do not need to know how to read music to participate, just have a desire to praise God with traditional music. Mark your Let's Connect Card if you have an interest in being part of the choir!

**Colors on the Altar**—Traditionally, colors change on the altar to signify different seasons of the church calendar. White signifies communion, and it is also used for the two weeks following Christmas. Afterwards, the color will be green for "ordinary time" until Ash Wednesday.



# 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.

**It Continues!** This week in our Wintery Wonderland, surrounded by all the snowflakes we can imagine! ***UNFROZEN—LOVES 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 have been studying various lessons over the last several weeks. The last lesson in this series is: Jesus is the Rocks— John 14:6.

**Senior High**— youth are studying different people of the bible and will be using the following schedule: **This Week:** 1/7/15 Discipleship — What Do You Mean I have to Have Discipline?

# 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!

**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](mailto: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!

**Men's Club**— This Thursday, January 8th, at 6:30pm is Men's Club meeting. Join the group and enjoy a great dinner, a word from God in the form of devotions and good fellowship. All are welcome.

**Acts of Grace**— Thanks to our Acts of Grace group for their ministry during this Christmas season. You can join this group, contact Sharon Woods for more info.

## **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!

**Movie Night!** This Saturday come join us for our monthly free movie night. Remember there is free popcorn and great company. Hang with some friends and see a great movie!

**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](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.

**Men's Emmaus Reunion Group**—Our Men's Emmaus Reunion Group will be starting again on January 13th . 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](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 partners Peter & Esther Pereira who serve in India through Hope for Tomorrow.

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

## RECOVERY MEETINGS



**Men's Recovery Leader: Scott Thornton** [Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com](mailto:Scotthardythornton@yahoo.com)

**Women's Recovery Leader: Rochelle Redmon** [Rochelleredmon@gmail.com](mailto: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!" Lesson on Turn by Scott T.** 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

**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](http://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. Contacts for the Tea and Retreat is: Diane Cremeans @248 310-6129.

## YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

### Worship Attendance by Campus December 22—28, 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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