

Fort Myers
Central Campus
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Week of:
January 18, 2015

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CHURCH News

New Sunday Worship Series
about God's Grace!



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Now Forming to start in February
on Wednesday nights!

SMALL GROUPS

Developing deep rooted relationships with God and each other



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:

So I was reading the University of the Holy Spirit daily Bible passages the other day in the book of Genesis, and something occurred to me that I hadn't noticed before. In Genesis, we learn about the ancestry of the Jewish people, the twelve sons of a Jewish forefather by the name of Jacob, and the twelve tribes of Israel that sprung from these sons. Centuries later, the lineage of Jesus came from one of those tribes. (Research which one!)



Here's what I never noticed before, though. As I read Genesis this time, I realized that the twelve sons who began the mighty ancestry of the twelve tribes of Israel...were mutts! Here's what I mean. Jacob wanted to marry a woman named Rachel, but her father made him marry her sister, Leah, also. Leah gave Jacob sons but Jacob didn't love Leah. Rachel was loved, but couldn't give him sons, so filled with jealousy over her sister, Rachel let her maid, Bilhah have some children with Jacob "for her." Well, then Leah got jealous because she wasn't having any more babies with Jacob, so she gave her servant, Zilpah, to Jacob to sleep with and she had a few more sons. Then Rachel ended up having two sons herself after all. The story of the family and birth of these boys who were to form the mighty twelve tribes of Israel is right out of the plot of a Jerry Springer reality TV show!

And to think: Jesus came from this mess! This makes me happy. When I know that the twelve tribes of Israel, the ancestry that the Jewish people revered, were this messed up, and Jesus came from them, it makes me know there is hope for me. It gives me hope that God does not work only in the lives of perfect people with perfect histories, but instead he accepts broken people and he works in the lives of those who trust in him. Here at Grace Central, we too have a bunch of wild histories, but rest assured that if we trust in God, he will be faithful to us, just as he has always been faithful to those who trust in him. I will be with you in this journey of trusting him!

Pastor Arlene Jackson ajacksonegracechurch.com



All About WORSHIP

Pianist: Amy Carothers carothers.amye@gmail.com

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!)

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.



Now Forming! Traditional Choir! We are looking for more voices to make music to the heavens. Choir practice will be starting on Wednesday Nights after worship, around 7:45pm. Kick off Wednesday January 28th! Our prayer is that our traditional choir will grow to serve a growing group of worshipers at our 8:30 Sunday worship service. Come give glory to God, you don't have to read music, just be willing and able. Mark your Let's Connect Card so we can remind you of when practices start!

Colors on the Altar—Traditionally, colors change on the altar to signify different seasons of the church calendar. Green symbolizes "ordinary time" until Ash Wednesday.



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.

Child Protection Class:

Anyone working with children or youth must take the Child Protection Class each year. The next class will be February 1st after church. Please mark your calendars and attend this important class. Be prepared to help with our Kids!!

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! The Bible from beginning to end! 8 week study from Creation to The World of the Early Church in this fun movie themed curriculum! Props and supply list coming soon!!!! If it's movie related we will need it: from popcorn to red carpet!

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.

Senior High— youth are studying different people of the bible

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—The Reach Team is going to the Edison Parade of Lights on Saturday, February 21st and pass out free hot dogs to guests. We will be getting together in the late afternoon on that day to corral the forces to go spread the love of Jesus to our community, please plan on helping us out. We will have another organizational meeting on Saturday, February 5th at 11:30am. All are welcome!



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!

Community Garden Starting! There will be a meeting this Sunday after church in the Sanctuary about starting a community garden. If you are interested in being a part of this new adventure please get in on the ground floor and attend the meeting. If you can't attend this meeting mark your "Let's Connect" card to indicate your interest.

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!

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

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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 Thursday starts the Men’s walk please be in prayer for all those attending as well as those serving. Next Women’s Walk is 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 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!

Small Groups—Exactly what is the purpose of a small group? Why should I join a small group? Ever ask those questions? There is no fit, pat answer. Small groups are what we make of them. Small groups can be for accountability and/or spiritual growth. They can fill a need to be in community. Small Groups are forming now to start in February. Mark your “Let’s Connect” card to indicate your interest.



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 Joyce Hearl who serve locally through New Missions Systems International. Joyce uses her administrative gifts to serve mission affiliates worldwide.

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 your "Let's Connect" card.

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

Friday: AA at 8:00pm

Monday Celebrate Recovery Worship Service and "small groups!" This week: Lesson on "Action" by Rochelle R. 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
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Hours:

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



CROSS-CAMPUS Events & Activities

STORY OF JESUS - With over 200 actors and 100 animals the story of Jesus is being told on March 28, 7PM in Wauchula. Group ticket price is \$20 each for 25 or more. Tickets go on sale in February, please mark your "Lets Connect" card if you are interested so we can get a count for group prices. Let's get a great big group to go so we can experience this together! Questions call the

Shores Campus church office at 239.694.2797.

YOU COUNT TO GOD AND TO US!

Worship Attendance by Campus January 5—11, 2015!

Cape Coral Campus: 1,683

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 214

Grace Community Center: 239

Fort Myers Central Campus: 428

Fort Myers Central Campus Giving:

General Fund: 3,280.67

Missions: \$85.00



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