

Grace

WEEKLY

MARCH 3, 2013



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, March 3

Worship - 8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM - Cape Coral or 10 AM - Grace Community Center
Octane - 10 AM - Cape Coral, CYC Bldg, Revolution - 5-6:30 PM - Cape Coral, CYC Bldg

Monday, March 4

Planet 45 - 6-8 PM Cape Coral

Tuesday, March 5

Step Study - 6:30 - 8:30 PM - Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 PM - Grace Community Center

Wednesday, March 6

Contemporary Praise & Worship Practice - 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 7

Traditional Sanctuary Choir Practice - 7 PM

Friday, March 8

Celebrate Recovery 6:45 PM - Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 PM - Cape Coral

WE COUNT BECAUSE PEOPLE COUNT! FEBRUARY 19-24, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 2 Recommitting Life to Jesus - 54

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 76, Friday - 255 Total: 331

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 343, 10:00 - 696, 11:30 - 504

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 146

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 159, 11:30 - 68, Celebrate Recovery - 22

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 32, 10:00 - 91, 11:30 - 67, Wed. - 139

Total Worship Attendance: 2,598

Weekend Online Viewers: 125

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 39, Octane (Wed.) - 37 Revolution - 23,
Revived - 17, Planet 45 - 23, Junction 4151 - 88

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General - \$32,133 Building - \$3,453 Missions - \$4,860

This Year: General - \$273,832 Building - \$23,362 Missions - \$19,466

Total Year To Date Giving: \$316,660

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GRACE NEWS

WELCOME to the following new members who joined Grace Church last week at the Cape Coral Campus: Joshua & Katie Gollither at 8:30 AM; and Don & Grace Houriet Clark, Jason & Tracey Hubicki, and Alishia Jo Nelson at the 11:30 AM service.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to John and Jenny Hall in the passing of John's sister, Misty Jennings, on February 25.

REMINDER that next week Day Light Savings Time begins – Move your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! A huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who worked at the 2nd Annual GCC Pet Expo! The event could not have happened without all of your hard work and willingness to serve.

SAVE THE DATE - 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament is coming! Saturday, April 20, at the Golf Club at Magnolia Landing.

RELAY FOR LIFE - The American Cancer Society is having a "Relay for Life Event" on May 10th at North Fort Myers High School. Anyone interested in starting a team or participating in it please contact Javier Diaz at 574-7161 ext. 232

REACH

COMPUTER TEAM - Do you have basic computer skills and are you looking for a place to plug in once a month? Positions open for both shifts on the Third Saturday at the GCC: 6:30-10 AM or from 12-2 PM to input ministry activity data from the day's event. For training date and time, please contact Ken @ mystreken@msn.com

MEDICAL MINISTRY - Classes for "Breath of Life Exercises" are starting Monday, March 4 at 11 AM in Connections Cafe. Classes are co-ed, any exercise level, cost is \$5 per class. Invite family and friends to join us. Call Marsha 297-3781 to register.

WORM FARMING - Lee County schools is sending special needs students to the Grace Community Garden three times a week -Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday- from 9 AM - 1 PM. Do you have a heart and passion for special needs students? Would you be willing to serve once a week for 4 hours? Not sure? Come and check it out for yourself! For more information, please contact Patti.

3RD SATURDAY OUTREACH - March 16 orientation/training at 8 AM sharp, Room 6 at the Grace Community Center. Serve directly after training from 9-1 PM.

*(For more info contact Patti Nemazie, pnemazie@egracechurch.com 574-7161 x228
or visit the REACH wall in the Welcome area.)*

CONNECT

SAVE THE DATE - Mark your calendars for the annual Women of Grace May Luncheon on Saturday, May 11th at GCC. Stay tuned for details on this exciting event and information on hosting a table.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS STARTS TODAY! The 4-week Making My Connections class begins today at 10 AM in Room 3. The next class is scheduled to begin Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 PM. Contact the front office at 574-7161 to register or email ssummerall@egracechurch.com for more information.

HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE? It may be hard for you to face the day today. If you have lost a loved one, you may feel isolated in your grief. That's the reason for Griefshare, a support group of people who understand and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this time. You may join the class at any point during the 13 weeks. Don't go through this journey alone!

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Life Stressful? If you, a family member, or a friend are going through difficult times, you may be in need of someone to just listen, pray, and encourage. A Grace Stephen Minister is a trained Christ follower who can offer a confidential listening ear and spiritual encouragement. Pick up a Stephen Ministry brochure on the CONNECT wall.

(For more info contact Jana Barclay, jbarclay@egracechurch.com 574-7161 x240 or visit the CONNECT wall in the Welcome area.)

FORM

NOT IN A SMALL GROUP? If you're interested in a small group study of "The Way" but you're not currently part of a small group, you're invited to join us on Wednesday nights as we take a "Deeper Dive" into each sermon and study "The Way" 40-day devotional together. This group meets on Wednesdays at the Cape Coral campus from 6:30 to 7:45 in Room 1. Childcare is available and you do not need to purchase "The Way" materials for this class.

WOMEN OF GRACE ANNUAL RETREAT - The Women of Grace from all four campuses will come together on April 6-7 to relax and spend some time with Jesus. The registration fees cover ALL meals, lodging, and materials! Cost is \$82 and registration closes April 1. Register online at egracechurch.com. Online Resources, Online Registration, Women of Grace Annual Retreat. Car-pooling is available. Come away and be refreshed!

MARRIAGE MINISTRY - SAVE THE DATE: The FamilyLife Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway is coming to South Seas Resort October 11th through the 13th. Couples from Grace Church will save 40% and pay only \$180 per couple using the Promotional Code: [graceinmarriage](http://shop.familylife.com/p-2830-captiva-islandfortmyers.aspx) when registering at <http://shop.familylife.com/p-2830-captiva-islandfortmyers.aspx>. Discounted rates are available at the resort for attendees. Stay tuned for more information on what promises to be an unforgettable experience!

SEND

THANK GOD for the Grace church team that just returned from Mississippi. Look for an updated report next week.

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS - This week's focus is "Hope for Today," a ministry established in Hyderabad, India by Peter and Esther Pereira. The Hope team builds relationships with the people of India by spreading God's love in tangible ways. They train leaders to train leaders in order to multiply leadership for emerging churches in India. Those churches are being planted in rural areas using a house church model to establish believers in the faith. Pray for Peter and Esther Pereira, Solomon, and Wilson who are part of the Hope Team and have been with us during previous mission conferences, as well as the Hope for Today Staff. Ask God to give favor to people hearing the gospel through their efforts. Pray for a great harvest of people to become Christ followers.

SEND GLOBAL SEMINAR - Discover God's Love for the World, Your Purpose in God's Great Commission Plan, A New Perspective on the People of the World, Balanced and Practical Strategies for Reaching People at Home and Around the World. The Send Global Seminar is for YOU! Saturday, March 9, 9 AM-4 PM, Cape Coral Campus - Connections Café (lunch provided). Please register by calling the church office. Your reminder card is on the SEND wall in the entrance area.

COSTA RICA SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAM now forming. Applications are available on the SEND wall and the deadline date for application is March 31. Informational meeting March 17, 1 pm, come learn more about what it means to be part of a short-term mission team. For more information, contact John Vogel @ 940-9127.

FAITH PROMISE - It's not too late for you to join in on experiencing God in a new way through Faith Promise Giving. Simply ask God for an amount of money HE wants to give to Missions through YOU. Then when God provides, you give. Faith Promise cards are on the SEND wall, fill out the perforated side and turn into the main office.

FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONIES - Go to egracechurch.com/faith-promise to read amazing testimonies of how God is providing financially through regular people at Grace church for our Mission outreach.

(For more info contact Patti Nemazie, pnemazie@egracechurch.com 574-7161 x228 or visit the SEND wall in the Welcome area.)

AGE LEVEL

JR. GRACE PLACE - Today in Jr. Grace Place, the preschoolers will be learning the story of how "Friends Help a Lame Man." They will have a question about the lesson attached to their wrist. Asking the question will let you know if your child is paying attention during the story! Also, if

you have a love of children and are feeling called to help teach the wonderful little minds of Jr. Grace Place the stories of Jesus, we would love to have you join our team! We need volunteers for Jr. Grace Place as well as Grace Place. Even one Sunday a month would be a huge help! Please contact Ms. Beth or Ms. Heather for more information at 573-6890.

FEELING CREATIVE OR CRAFTY? We have several jobs (big and small) to prepare for Vacation Bible School including everything from cutting paper to building large stage props. If you would like to assist with any of these jobs, please contact Heather Evans at the church or email hevans@egracechurch.com

WARREN WILLIS SUMMER CAMP Registration is now open! Grace Kidz and Youth (3rd-12th grade) will be attending June 10-15. For more information, contact Heather Evans at the church.

SMALL WONDERS PRESCHOOL is now enrolling students for the 2013-14 school year. We have limited openings for children ages 1 through VPK 4 year olds. Contact Heather at 573-6890 for more information!

EASTER EGG HUNT - Age Level Ministries is now collecting individually wrapped candy for the Great Grace Easter Egg Hunt! Please bring your donations to the church office or the children's building.

VBS IS ON ITS WAY! - Kingdom Rock is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School, which will take place June 24-28 from 9 AM until noon each day! We need a whole lot of servants to make this week a success, and we hope YOU will plan to be a part of the fun! Contact Heather for details!

AGE LEVEL MINISTRIES - *Grace Place & Jr. Grace Place*: a unique opportunity for children to praise and worship on Sunday mornings. *Planet 45*: youth group for 4th and 5th graders. *CR Kidz*: companion Celebrate Recovery ministry for kids (1st-5th grade). *Octane*: Middle School youth group. *Revolution*: High School youth group. *Revived*: Celebrate Recovery companion ministry for youth (6th-12th grade). *Junction 4151*: after school High School students. *Scouts*: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Daises. For more information, visit the Children's and Youth Center or the AGE LEVEL wall.

(For more info contact Heather Evans (Children), hevans@egracechurch.com 574-7161 x235, or Taylor Foley (Youth), tfoley@egracechurch.com 574-7161 x229, or visit the AGE LEVEL wall.)

WORSHIP

DEVOTIONAL BY PASTOR JOE, WORSHIP PASTOR, CAPE CORAL CAMPUS

John 4:23-24 - *"A time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."*

God is on a mission. He is seeking people who will worship Him. Jesus was a true worshiper, yet in His life as we see it in the Gospels, He did not spend a lot of time talking about the different styles and forms of worship music that have become such controversial subjects in our churches today. Instead, He spent His time focusing on the real issues of worship such as sincerity, honesty, character, and our heart motivation. Jesus knew that if these issues were addressed in our lives, our worship to the Father would be full of spirit and truth.

Ask yourself these questions:

Is my worship sincere, honest, and passionate? Does my life reflect the pattern given by Jesus as a true worshiper? When people have a conversation with me do they recognize that there is something different about me and are they challenged to have a deeper relationship with the Father because of our conversation? This challenge is for all of us to look to Jesus and His life as an example of a true worshiper. Let's use Jesus as the standard and not try to imitate anyone else. Then, and only then, will we become the worshipers the Father is seeking. We will be those who worship the Father in Spirit and Truth.

(For more info contact Joe Wingard (Worship), jwingard@egracechurch.com 574-7161 x222 or Jennifer Strode (Tech), jstrode@egracechurch.com 574-7161 x239)

RECOVERY

THIS FRIDAY AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us as we hear a personal testimony from Janet R. She will be sharing what God has done in her life along the road to recovery.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 - We will be celebrating the baptisms of many of our Grace Church family. NOTE: If you have never been baptized and would like to be, make a note on your Let's Connect card and we can prepare you for the next steps.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY FRIDAYS *at the Cape Coral Campus:*

5:30 PM: Dinner **6:45 PM:** Large Group Celebration **6:45-9 PM:** Revived **8 PM:** Small Groups for Hurts, Habits & Hang-ups!

CELEBRATE RECOVERY TUESDAYS *Step Study Night at the GCC:*

5:30 PM - Dinner **6:30 PM** - Praise & Worship **7:00-8:45 PM** - Men & Women's Step Study Groups

(For more info contact Greg Mulkey, gmulkey@egracechurch.com 574-7161 x234 or visit the RECOVERY wall in the Welcome area.)

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To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God.

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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
11:30AM - Contemporary
(WED) 6:30PM - Contemporary

Ft. Myers Shores Campus

14036 Matanzas Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33905
239.694.2797

Worship Times:

10:00AM - Contemporary
11:30AM - Traditional

Grace Community Center

4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
239.656.1320

Worship Times:

10:00AM - Contemporary

GCC Thrift Store

4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway
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:

Saturday: 10AM - 3PM
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