MARCH 17, 2013

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, March 17

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 18

Planet 45 - 6-8 PM Cape Coral

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

Contemporary Praise & Worship Practice - 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 21

Traditional Sanctuary Choir Practice - 7 PM

Friday, March 22

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

WE COUNT BECAUSE PEOPLE COUNT! MARCH 5-10, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 3 Recommitting Life to Jesus - 37

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 78, Friday - 228 Total: 306 **Cape Coral Campus:** 8:30 - 306, 10:00 - 556, 11:30 - 432

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 171

Ft Myers Central Campus: 10:00 - 167, 11:30 - 65, Celebrate Recovery - 19 **Ft Myers Central Campus:** 8:30 - 28, 10:00 - 92, 11:30 - 42, Wed. - 157

Total Worship Attendance: 2,341 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 146

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 21, Octane (Wed.) - 34 Revolution - 19,

Revived - 17, Planet 45 - 19, Junction 4151 - 91

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General - \$33,027 Building - \$3,197 Missions - \$3,153 **This Year:** General - \$353,333 Building - \$31,278 Missions - \$28,226

Total Year To Date Giving: \$412,838

Give online! Make a one-time donation, or set up an automatic monthly donation.

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GRACE NEWS

TODAY at the 11:30 service we celebrate the baptism of Brady Andrew Hubicki born November 26, 2012. He is the son of Jason and Tracey Hubicki.

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY APPRECIATION EVENT - Thursday, April 11 at 6 PM in Connections Café. Please join us to share your experience with other churches. Guest speakers from Prisonfellowship will speak on the Angel Tree Program and the new program Story Book Mom and Dad Program. Anyone interested in joining the Angel Tree Ministry and learning about and assisting in the Story Book Program, please join us. For more information and to RSVP for the meeting, call Robin Robins at 826.3932 or email Trustinblueangel@aol.com.

EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE - Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7 PM at Cape Coral campus; Good Friday Baptism 6:45 PM Cape Coral campus; Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30, 10 AM Cape Coral campus; Sunday, March 31 - 6:30 AM Sunrise Service Cape Coral campus (bring a chair); 8:30 AM Traditional Service Cape Coral campus; 10 AM Contemporary Services at Cape Coral campus and Grace Community Center; and 11:30 AM Contemporary service at Cape Coral campus.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN LEE COUNTY - Join the Grace Business Alliance for a very special program on Tuesday, April 16 at 8 AM in Connections Cafe. Special Guest Speaker, Gary Jackson, Ph.D., Regional Economic Research Institute Director from FGCU, will be providing an overview of the national and local economics and discuss key economic challenges that we face. He will share about where we are and about the federal budget issues, savings, housing market, financial markets, and globalization (imports and exports). Anyone interested in this topic and all business owners of Grace Church are invited. For additional information, go to www. egracechurch.com/grace-business-alliance.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON EASTER SUNDAY - We will need dozens of additional volunteers for Easter services on Sunday, March 31. If you're available to set-up and tear-down at sunrise service and/or if you're able to serve as an usher or greeter at any of the Easter services, please stop by the Connect table in the Narthex this morning to sign up. We appreciate your help during what promises to be our busiest Sunday morning of the year!

EASTER BREAKFAST - To accommodate the many visitors expected at our Cape Coral campus on Easter Sunday, Connections Café will be utilized as an additional seating area the entire morning. But have no fear—breakfast will be served! Our Connections Café team will be offering a light breakfast, free of charge, outside the main building in the mulch area.

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.

Contact Patti Nemazie pnemazie@egracechurch.com or visit the REACH wall in the welcome area.

G.E.D - Every Saturday from 9 AM - 12 PM and Wednesday evenings from 6-8 PM at the Grace Community Center. Free tutoring. For more information on volunteering or signing up for GED, contact GEDministry@egracechurch.com or just show up!

THIRD SATURDAY OUTREACH - A big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who help people in our community experience the love of God through your acts of service, by meeting some very basic needs such as food, haircuts, pet food, medical screenings and much more!

GRACE COMMUNITY GARDEN YOU PICK! Every Saturday morning from 8 AM - 12 PM. Come serve in the garden (weeding, harvesting, laying pavers etc.), and go home with a bag full of fresh produce. Be the body of Christ so that others in our community can experience God's love through you.

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!

55 AND OLDER? - In partnership with the Grace Community Center, The Dr. Piper Center for Social Services is recruiting Stipend Volunteers who are eligible to serve at the Grace Community Center in either of the following outreach ministries: G.E.D or our newest ministry serving special needs students at the Grace Community Garden. The stipend amount is \$2.65 per hour and 40 cents a mile. Stipend Volunteers need to be 55 plus years of age and must be willing to work 20 hours a week. They will provide sick and vacation pay as well. Please call the Dr. Piper Center for more information 332-5346.

SOUP KITCHEN - Important meeting for all people interested in serving or who have previously served at the Soup Kitchen on the last Monday of the month. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 10 AM in Room 6 at the Cape Coral campus. We will be discussing new volunteer policies from CCMI's soup kitchen and other volunteer possibilities within Grace Church. For more information, contact Carolyn 850-2094.

CONNECT

Contact Jana Barclay

jbarclay@egracechurch.com or visit the CONNECT wall in the welcome area.

GRACE BUSINESS ALLIANCE will hold their monthly gathering on Tuesday, March 19 at 8 AM in Connections Café. Find additional information about this small group at www.egracechurch. com/grace-business-alliance.

WOMEN OF GRACE MAY LUNCHEON TICKETS ON SALE TODAY - The annual Women of Grace May Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 10 AM to 2 PM at Grace Community Center. Tickets are available today in the Narthex for \$10 each. If you would like to serve as a table hostess or help on the server/decoration team, please stop at the info table TODAY.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEMBERSHIP CLASS COMING IN APRIL - Ready to join Grace Church? A 4-week Making My Connections class will begin on April 10th at 6:30 PM at the Cape Coral campus. 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** - Do you need to just sort things out with someone? A Grace Stephen Minister is available to meet you "where you are" and to confidentially listen and offer spiritual support. Pick up a Stephen Ministry brochure on the CONNECT wall.

FORM

Contact Jana Barclay

jbarclay@egracechurch.com or visit the FORM wall in the welcome area.

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 each Wednesday night as we take a "Deeper Dive" into the previous Sunday's sermon. This group meets on Wednesdays at the Cape Coral campus from 6:30 to 7:45 PM in Room 1. Childcare is available and you do not need to purchase any 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 by clicking "Online Resources," then "Online Registration," then "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 11-13. Couples from Grace Church will save 40%, paying only \$180 per couple, by using the Promotional Code: "graceinmarriage" when registering at http://shop.familylife.com/p-2830-captiva-islandfort-myers.aspx. Discounted rooms are also available at South Seas Resort for attendees. Stay tuned for more information on what promises to be an unforgettable experience!

SEND

Contact Patti Nemazie

pnemazie@egracechurch.com or visit the SEND wall in the welcome area.

SEND MINISTRY VISION: To prepare and send people from Grace Church into the world globally and locally to proclaim Jesus in word and deed in order to make disciples of Jesus. The focus is on training and equipping servants to spread the word locally and globally. The

strategy used to accomplish this is by Informing, Instructing, and Involving the people of Grace Church who have been REACHED, CONNECTED, and FORMED and now being SENT Jesus said "As the Father has sent me, now I am sending you." (John 20:20 NIV).

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: Pray for our Methodist brothers and sisters in northern Ghana. A recent storm damaged the library and a hostel at the only Methodist high school in northern Ghana. Our mission partner, Lawrence Beka, is a chaplain at the school.

SEND TEAM is seeking someone with creative skills willing to give an hour or two each week. For more information call or email C V Elliott: (859) 229-0455 or cve1946@gmail.com.

COSTA RICA SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAM now forming for September 14-21. Applications are available on the SEND wall and the deadline date for application is March 31. Informational meeting is today at 1 PM. Come and learn more about what it means to be part of a short-term mission team. All welcome to apply. For more info, contact John Vogel at 940-9127.

FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONIES remind us of God's goodness and faithfulness. Our role in Faith Promise is prayer. We pray for God's guidance in making a Faith Promise, and we seek God to provide the funds so He and we can fulfill that Faith Promise. Do you have a story to tell about God's provision for the Faith Promise commitment you made? Our church would love to hear it. Call or email Patti Nemazie, 916-0091 or pnemazie@egracechurch.com.

AGE LEVEL

Contact Heather Evans (Children) hevans@egracechurch.com or Taylor Foley (Youth) tfoley@egracechurch.com or visit the AGE LEVEL wall.

YOUTH BBQ! Today during all 3 services. An \$8 meal includes your choice of pulled pork or chicken, roll, baked beans, and cole slaw. All proceeds go to youth summer missions and conferences.

JR. GRACE PLACE - Today in Jr. Grace Place, the preschoolers will be learning the story of "A Rich Man's Question." Ask the question attached to their wrist to make sure they were paying attention! Also, if you have a love of children and are feeling called to help teach the wonderful little minds of Grace Place and Jr. Grace Place, we would love to have you join our team! 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.

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!

WORSHIP

Contact Joe Wingard (Worship) jwingard@egracechurch.com or Jennifer Strode (Tech), jstrode@egracechurch.com

WORSHIP IS AN ACTION WORD - A verb. It's giving your whole self to something. It's adoring something and placing whatever it is you're worshiping on a high pedestal. In the Christian faith, that something is a someone. That someone is God. Worshiping God is so important; He made the first four of the Ten Commandments all about worshiping Him. See Exodus 20.

WORSHIP IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE - In the Old Testament Israeli army the worship leaders (Levites) went ahead of the infantry. They would escort the Ark of the Covenant to battle. (2 Chronicles 20:21-22). Each battle that was fought was spiritual as well as physical. Another function of the Levites was to maintain, and constantly re-establish the holiness of God's chosen people, Israel.

WORSHIP GOD DAILY - Worship is a personal, human expression of a relationship with God by which we honor and praise God as supreme. This is not just for the "super spiritual believers." This is what God expects of every Christian. Worship Him daily with all your heart.

RECOVERY

Contact Greg Mulkey

gmulkey@egracechurch.com or visit the RECOVERY wall in the welcome area.

THIS FRIDAY AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us as we hear a lesson on "ACTION" as we wrap up step 3: "Made a decision to turn our will and lives over to the care of God."

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

GOD'S VISION FOR GRACE CHURCH IS:

To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of 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 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 Sunday: 10AM - 3PM



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