

Grace

WEEKLY

MARCH 31, 2013



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Easter Sunday, March 31

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, April 1 (Office Closed)

Planet 45 - 6-8 PM - Cape Coral

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

Contemporary Praise & Worship Practice - 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 4

Traditional Sanctuary Choir Practice - 7 PM

Friday, April 5

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

WE COUNT BECAUSE PEOPLE COUNT! MARCH 18-24, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 2

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 79, Friday - 226 Total: 305

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 315, 10:00 - 741, 11:30 - 493

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 169

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 173, 11:30 - 74, Celebrate Recovery - 35

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 29, 10:00 - 112, 11:30 - 38, Wed. - 163

Total Worship Attendance: 2,647

Weekend Online Viewers: 159

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 30, Octane (Wed.) - 31 Revolution - 17,
Revived - 18, Planet 45 - 14

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General - \$32,461 Building - \$2,901 Missions - \$1,333

This Year: General - \$417,253 Building - \$38,280 Missions - \$32,334

Total Year To Date Giving: \$487,867

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or set up an automatic monthly donation.

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GRACE NEWS

WELCOME to the following new member who joined Grace Church last week at the Cape Coral campus at the 11:30 AM service: Holly Baughman, Kathy Brantley, Austin Knipper, DeciyMBER Goss, Jaime Marquez, Mileydi Pozo, Joy Robertson, David and Susan Thompson, Owen and Michelle Trulock, Tom and Anne Wegge.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be Closed on Monday, April 1 for the Easter Holiday.

JUSTICE MINISTRY APRIL 8 - This year's Nehemiah Action of the Justice Ministry is April 8 at 6:30 PM at the Grace Community Center. Come be a part of this year's action for mental health reforms for children in Lee County.

THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Thrift Store is in great need of volunteers! Revenue generated by the Thrift Store helps pay a portion of the costs associated with maintaining the Grace Community Center and the various outreach ministries. If you can volunteer just a few hours per week, please contact Donna at 656-0122.

PUBLIC PRAYER LIST - After today, we will no longer type up the public prayer list to give out. Instead, the cards that are marked for public prayer will be put into a basket and given to the Tuesday morning prayer group to pray over. Any and all are welcome to attend this prayer group every Tuesday at 10 AM in Room 2.

FIFTH SUNDAY CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERING will be taken today. Please use the envelopes in the chairs/baskets.

GOLF TOURNAMENT - The GCC 6th Annual Golf Tournament is coming April 20 at the Golf Club at Magnolia Landing. The cost to participate is \$85 per person and includes golf, cart, lunch, and door prizes. All proceeds to benefit the outreach ministries of the Grace Community Center. We also need sponsors. If interested, visit egracechurch.com/golf.

RELAY FOR LIFE - The American Cancer Society is having a "Relay for Life Event" on May 10 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.

At Grace Church, we seek to *REACH* people who are far from God, *CONNECT* them to God and other Christ-followers, *FORM* them to be more and more like Jesus, and *SEND* them into the world to serve God and others!

REACH

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

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.

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!

CONNECT

*Contact Jana Barclay
jbarclay@egracechurch.com or visit the CONNECT wall in the welcome area.*

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES STARTING SOON - Ready to join Grace Church? A 4-week Making My Connections class for Grace Church and Grace Community Center will begin on April 10 at 6:30 PM at the Cape Coral campus. A Sunday morning class will also be offered beginning May 5. Contact the front office at 574-7161 to register or email ssummerall@egracechurch.com for more information.

PURCHASE YOUR WOMEN'S LUNCHEON TICKETS 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 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.

EVERY MAN'S BATTLE – A spiritual battle for purity is going on in the heart and soul of every man, and obedience is difficult, requiring humility and accountability. Beginning April 14, join other men as you pray and commit to a deeper relationship with God. The *Every Man's Battle* study is literally for every man, whether you are standing firm and want to stay that way, or you are struggling and need help. This 9-week class begins Sunday, April 14 at 10 AM in Room 5 of the Cape Coral campus. Contact Trey Barclay barclay911@gmail.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. A new Sunday evening class will begin during the summer, but you are welcome to join the current class at any point during the 13 weeks. They meet at 6 PM on Sunday evenings.

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Divorce, Loss of a Loved One, Unemployment? Any of these may be an overwhelming personal crisis. A Grace Stephen Minister is a confidential and impartial listener available to meet with you during difficult times like these. Pick up a Stephen Minister brochure on the CONNECT wall today.

FORM

*Contact Jana Barclay
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DIVORCE CARE - Experience the healing that comes from this weekly support group. You'll learn how to deal with the past, and look forward to rebuilding your life. You will be uplifted and encouraged! A new series starts Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm at the Cape Coral campus. Contact the front office at 574-7161 to register. Childcare is available.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT - The Women of Grace from all four

campuses will come together next weekend, 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 TODAY. 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!

ARE YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE SPEAKING THE SAME LANGUAGE? You won't find the way into each other's hearts if you're knocking at the wrong door! Join Grace Church Marriage Ministry's "The Five Love Languages: Learning the Secret to Love that Lasts" and learn how to take practical steps toward truly loving your spouse by discovering each other's unique love language. Sign up today for this fun, informal class that will be held in the sanctuary of the Cape Coral campus on Saturday, May 4 from 9 AM to 3 PM, and learn to speak the right language when you say "I love you" to your spouse. \$25 per couple covers materials and a catered lunch, and childcare is available for \$15 for the first child, \$10 for the second, and a \$30 maximum per family. Call the front office today to take advantage of this day of learning and loving together.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - Participants of our last Financial Peace University class paid off a combined debt of \$135,778, saved \$29,360 for emergencies and closed 14 credit card accounts! A new 9-week class is starting at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 17 at the Cape Coral campus. If you have too much month left at the end of your money, join this humorous and candid Dave Ramsey class to learn how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more. To register, go to Daveramsey.com>classes>find a class. Not quite ready to commit? The first class is FREE. Come see if FPU is for you! Childcare is available for each two-hour class.

SEND

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

FRIENDS OF INDIA - Join us as we host our mission partners Peter and Esther Pereira on Friday April 5 at 6 PM at Bucadi Beppo Restaurant in the Edison Mall. They will be sharing with us and giving an update on the ministry in India. Cost of dinner is on your own, however, we need to make reservations. Please contact Marilyn at 239-574-6188 or mamah16@gmail.com by Monday, April 1 before 5 PM to RSVP.

PAWS (PETS ARE WORKING SAINTS) - Would you like to use your pet in our ministry? We take our pets to local nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Lee County to share the unconditional love of Jesus. All pets must be gentle and pass Temperament Testing on Sat., April 13 at 10 AM at the Cape Coral campus with a mandatory orientation on Sun., April 14 from 1-2 PM at the Cape Coral campus. Contact Misti at misti@metroiron.net with any questions. PAWS is not just for dogs.

COSTA RICA SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAM - Today, March 31, is the deadline to submit applications for the Costa Rica team, September 14-21, 2013.

TESTIMONY FROM HOPE FOR TODAY (Peter and Esther Pereira) in INDIA!

Delhi reported in January they had experienced the coldest day in 44 years, and over 200 people have frozen to death this year. Hope for Today (HFT) recognized this plight for the homeless and those with insufficient clothing/shelter, and have distributed blankets for the last three Christmas seasons. The blankets (almost 3,000 this year) were distributed to the neediest, as designated by the community, along with the story of Jesus' birth and how He came to earth to love all people.

One pastor asked if he could distribute blankets to Muslims. The answer was, "Of course! We want to show love to all of God's children." The HFT staff was invited to a community center attached to a Mosque, where the mullah explained the Christians were there to show the love of Isa (Jesus). He explained that the Qur'an teaches about Isa, and how He was born of the Virgin Mary. The HFT staff told them about Jesus, and how they are called to be His servants in the world. Next, they distributed the blankets. The following day, there was a banner hanging from the mosque, saying, "Merry Christmas to our Christian neighbors."

Continue to pray for the many outreaches of Hope for Today. Pray also for Peter, Esther, Solomon, and Wilson as they lead the various ministries.

AGE LEVEL

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

AGE LEVEL MINISTRIES TABLE is in the narthex today. Stop by for information on all ministries for kids and youth at Grace! Summer is just around the corner, and we have all kinds of activities available to keep your kids connected and growing in their faith! Looking for a fun place to serve? We can get you connected too! Visit Heather at the table today!

TODAY IN JR. GRACE PLACE the preschoolers will be learning the story of "The Empty Tomb." Ask the question attached to their wrist to make sure they were paying attention! 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.

VBS IS ON ITS WAY! - Registration has begun for Kingdom Rock - this year's Vacation Bible School, which will take place June 24-28 from 9 AM until noon each day! Children ages 3 years through 5th grade. We need a 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!

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.

WARREN WILLIS SUMMER CAMP - Registration is now open and filling fast! Grace Kidz and Youth (3rd-12th grade) will be attending June 10-15. Scholarship Applications are due by April 1st! 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.

YOUTH BBQ has been rescheduled for April 14! An \$8 meal includes your choice of pulled pork or chicken, roll, baked beans, and coleslaw. All proceeds go to youth summer missions and conferences.

OUR NURSERY is looking for a few new workers. Working Friday nights and Sundays would be mandatory. If you are interested in working in the nursery, please contact Beth George at 573-6890.

WORSHIP

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

TECH BOOTH - Do you like being a behind the scenes kind of person? Our tech team is seeking people who want to learn sound, lights, and media. Although experience is helpful, training will be provided. Contact Joe Wingard at 574.7161 for further details.

MUSICIANS NEEDED - We are actively seeking experienced musicians to build new rhythm sections for our contemporary worship services. A rhythm section consists of drums, bass, lead and rhythm guitar and or keyboards. We are also seeking vocalist to be part of this as well.

SANCTUARY CHOIR sings at our 8:30 traditional service. They lead worship through the classic hymns of our faith and sing 4 part harmony choir anthems. If you have experience singing in choirs or other vocal groups and love the traditional hymns, then this may be the place for you.

RECOVERY

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

THIS FRIDAY 4/5/13 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY – Join us at the Cape Coral campus as we move into Step 4, “We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.” We will hear Toni D. teach a lesson on “Moral.” We will learn how to get out from under the curse of our guilt, resentments, and fears.

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

Visit us at: www.egracechurch.com

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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