

Grace

WEEKLY

MAY 5, 2013



GRACE CHURCH CORE VALUES

We are unashamedly *God-centered!*

The triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is the One we worship and serve to His glory.

We are passionately *people-focused!*

People, regardless of their spiritual condition, matter to God and to us.

We are strategically *team-based!*

We believe ministry is best accomplished in teams of people with diverse gifts and abilities who are bound together with common purpose and covenants of trust.

WE COUNT BECAUSE PEOPLE COUNT! APRIL 23-28, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 0

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 68 | Friday - 214 | Total: 282

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 260 | 10:00 - 661 | 11:30 - 438

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 172

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 170 | 11:30 - 62

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 27 | 10:00 - 110 | 11:30 - 34 | Wed. - 195

Total Worship Attendance: 2,411 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 122

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 37 | Octane (Wed.) - 28 | Revolution - 27
Revived - 15 | Planet 45 - 22

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General - \$25,878 | Building - \$2,210 | Missions - \$2,271

This Year: General - \$587,119 | Building - \$58,199 | Missions - \$45,555

Total Year To Date Giving: \$690,873

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

www.egracechurch.com/donate



GRACE CHURCH STRATEGY

REACH

ministries that *engage* and invite unchurched *people* in our community to *experience* the love of *Jesus* through the body of Christ.

CONNECT

ministries that help people *connect* to Jesus and the Grace Church *family*.

FORM

ministries that help *people* have a *growing* and transforming *relationship* with Jesus Christ.

SEND

ministries that *release* God's *people* to make the realities of heaven the *realities of earth*.

GRACE NEWS

GRADUATING SENIORS please notify the church office or indicate on your Let's Connect card all graduating seniors (high School, College, etc.) in our Grace Church family. We will recognize graduates Sunday, May 26.

GOOD MORNING! Isn't it great when someone says that to you? Are you looking for an easy way to plug in here at Grace with a small time commitment? We need you! We need greeters for the 10 and 11:30 AM services. If you are even a little bit curious, join us for a short meet and greet Sunday, May 19 at either 11:15 AM or 12:45 PM in Room 7. For more info, please call Sherri Wambolt at 872-2925.

WOMEN'S MAY LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY! If you are serving Jesus as room set up/ decoration team (on Friday), or as table hostess/room tear down team (on Saturday), there is a brief orientation meeting TODAY! Come to one of our meetings before or after your worship service in ROOM 5. We'll be there from 9:30-10:00 AM, 11-11:30 AM, and 12:30-1 PM.

OUR NURSERY is now accepting applications for a paid part-time nursery worker on evenings and Sunday mornings. Please contact Heather or Beth to apply.

DO YOU LOVE GRAPHIC DESIGN AND PHOTOSHOP? Grace Church is seeking creative people for a new Volunteer Design Team that will assist in the creation of marketing materials—brochures, posters, advertisements, etc.—used by our many ministries. Proficiency in Photoshop is a plus. Please contact Jana Barclay jbarclay@egracechurch.com for more information on joining this dynamic new team.

THRIFT STORE NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: Interested in working in the Thrift Store, but not sure where you fit in? We will be holding an orientation/informational meeting for

new volunteers on Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30 PM at the Grace Community Center. We will have door prizes and light refreshments; also a special gift for those who bring another potential volunteer. Please RSVP to Donna at 656-0122.

GRACE BUSINESS ALLIANCE will meet Tuesday, May 21 at 8 AM in Connections Café. Health Care Reform and the Small Business will be the topic and Heather Stone, the guest speaker, will share the basic facts of the U.S. Health Care Reform and how it relates to small businesses (employs less than 50 people) and self-employed people. All are welcome. For more information about Grace Business Alliance, visit www.egracechurch.com/grace-business-alliance.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Helen Davis in the passing of her husband, Jim, on April 27.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Brian Curls and family in the passing of his grandmother, Melba Christensen, on April 28.

REACH

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

STOP SMOKING NOW! 4 week Smoking Cessation class will begin on Wednesday, May 29 at the GCC. If you are interested you must register by calling 877-819-2357

WORM FARMING - Meeting today at 1 PM at the Cape Coral campus! If you are interested in being a part of this new innovative ministry, join us today! Lee County schools are sending special needs students to the Grace Community Garden three times a week as a work training program! For more information contact Betty, 362-5932.

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.*

TONIGHT IS KARAOKE NIGHT! We have lots to celebrate, so join folks from every Grace Church campus for an ice cream social and karaoke party at the Fort Myers Shores campus on Sunday, May 5 at 6:30 PM. We'll provide the ice cream; you bring your favorite toppings.

WANT TO MEET PEOPLE AND GET INVOLVED AT GRACE CHURCH? Register today for one of our upcoming Making My Connections classes and get to know us better! Choose from a 4-week Sunday morning class beginning today at 10 AM or a Wednesday night class that starts at 6:30 PM on June 5. Contact the front office at 574-7161 to register.

IT'S PICNIC TIME AT GRACE CHURCH! Don't miss the Annual Memorial Day Picnic on May 27 at Lakes Park! Stop by the table in the narthex this morning for more information or to sign up for this fun-filled day with your Grace Church family as we celebrate together!

FORM

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

DIVORCE CARE - Experience the healing that comes from this weekly support group. We have room for a few more in the class that meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM at the Cape Coral campus.

THE ART OF MARRIAGE - Beginning Sunday, May 19 at 10 AM in Room 3 of the Cape Coral campus, take your marriage from good to great with our 6-week "Art of Marriage" class. Participants will need to purchase The Art of Marriage small group study guide. Stop by the registration table this morning or contact Brandi Farricielli at bfarricielli@yahoo.com for more information.

SEND

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

MEXICO MISSION TRIP: OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 2, 2013 - Interested in going to Mexico with a short term mission team? Serving our Mission Partners Marie and Nolan Schockey, this team's focus will be on building a ministry storage unit on Marie and Nolan's property in El Paso, TX, with optional day trips to Juarez to support and encourage Servant Senders Ministry. Applications available on SEND wall. APPLICATION DEADLINE is TODAY. For more info, contact Patti Nemazie.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) - Remember to shop for Operation Christmas Child! Watch for clearance items, such as stuffed animals, toothbrushes, washrags, etc. Check out these websites for deals: clipwithpurpose.com & southern savers.com. For more information contact Jessica Cantu, jessicacantu@comcast.net.

AGE LEVEL

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

SHOES OF HOPE 2013 - Stop by the Shoes of Hope table in the Narthex where you can sponsor a child for \$10, pick up a donations list, or sign up to serve at the 3rd Annual Shoes of Hope Back to School Bash which will be held at the Cape Coral campus on Saturday, July 27 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR VBS - Stop by Grace Place or the Age Level wall in the welcome center for a list of items we are collecting! Thank you for your support!

GRACE KIDZ SUMMER CAMP - Did you know that we have a summer day camp ministry for kidz who have completed kindergarten through 6th grade? Our campers experience all kinds of fun throughout the week with trips to the pool, movies, and other exciting locations. Crafts, games, and Bible lessons are also part of the fun. Interested?

SMALL WONDERS PRESCHOOL is now enrolling students for the 2013-14 school year. We have limited openings for children ages 2 through VPK 4 year olds.

VBS - REGISTER TODAY! - 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 are invited to join in the fun. We need a lot of servants to make this week a success, and we hope YOU will plan to be a part of the team! Contact Heather for details!

TODAY IN JR. GRACE PLACE the preschoolers will be learning the story of "Paul Obeys God." Jr. Grace Place has such good listeners and they would love to tell you what they learned this week. So, ask them about their armbands and let them tell you all about today's story! Grace Place and Jr. Grace Place are always looking for volunteers to help teach these lessons weekly. If you have one hour to spare on Sunday, please consider joining our Age Level Ministry Team of volunteers! Even one Sunday a month would be a huge help! Please contact Ms. Stacy, Ms. Beth or Ms. Heather for more information.

WARREN WILLIS SUMMER CAMP - Registration is now open and filling fast! Grace Kidz and Youth (3rd-12th grade) will be attending June 10-15.

WORSHIP

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

SANCTUARY CHOIR, which sings at our 8:30 AM Traditional Service will be taking a summer break when school is out, HOWEVER, on Sunday, June 23, and Sunday, July 21, will be the summer choir. This is for anyone in the congregation who would like to come sing that day. Simply arrive at 7:55 AM and we will have something familiar and simple to sing for the 8:30 AM service. That's always a good time to "test drive" the choir to see if may be a good fit for you.

TECH BOOTH - If you like pushing buttons and working behind the scenes, the tech ministry may be just the place for you. We would like to provide a service opportunity for you to be involved in this very important ministry. 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.

RECOVERY

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY TUESDAYS - New step study groups are forming now. Mark your Let's Connect card if you are interested in diving deeper into the 12 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

DEAR GRACE CHURCH FAMILY,

Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ! We, the Guide Team for Grace Church's Cape Coral Campus and Grace Community Center, are pleased to bring you some exciting news about the upcoming months of ministry together.

First, we want to let you know our Lead Pastor, Jorge Acevedo has been awarded a grant from the Lilly Endowment's National Clergy Renewal Program. As the award states, this prestigious honor is designed to help pastors "step back from their busy lives and renew their spirits for the benefit of their ongoing ministries" through a "period of intentional reflection and renewal." After serving Grace Church for the past 17 years, Pastor Jorge sensed the timing was right for him to step away from the day-to-day responsibilities of leading Grace Church for an extended season of rest. This sabbatical has been encouraged and approved by our Resident Bishop, Ken Carter, our District Superintendent the Rev. Dr. Rini Hernandez and the Grace Leadership Council, the team that oversees all four campuses of Grace Church and supervises Pastor Jorge. Pastor Jorge's sabbatical leave will be from May 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013. Pastor Jorge will return to Grace Church on September 1, the day he begins his eighteenth year as our Lead Pastor! During these four months, we are asking that you refrain from contacting Pastor Jorge. It is essential for him to unplug completely from his responsibilities here. Pastor Wes Olds will serve as the Lead Pastor for Grace Church on an interim basis.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Pastor Kevin Griffin as one of the pastors of Grace Church's Cape Coral Campus and Grace Community Center. He will be serving on Pastor Wes' team. Kevin will oversee the "Connect and Form" ministries and serve on the Teaching Team. Pastor Kevin is 33 years old, a dynamic communicator and a creative, caring, and energetic young pastor with a heart for helping all people connect with Jesus and his Church. He is married to Ashley and they have three children Abigail (7), Jacob (4), and Nathan (2). Kevin currently is the Senior Pastor of Buechel United Methodist Church in Louisville, KY. He has a B.A. in English for Secondary Education from the University of Kentucky and a Master's of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. Kevin is no stranger to Florida, Grace Church, or our pastoral team. Before going to college, Kevin grew up in the youth ministries of Christ Church, Fort Lauderdale, and Pastor Wes was Kevin's Youth Pastor while Pastor Jorge served the church as the Executive Pastor! Kevin is glad to "be coming home to South Florida." These are exciting days for us at Grace Church as we stay on mission with Jesus!

2013 Cape Coral/Grace Community Center Guide Team

Wayne Ambrose, Nancy Ewing, Jana Barclay, Scott McDonald, Lisa Barnum, Mike Yost, Chris Wallace, Toni Dattolico, George Starner, Wes Olds, Jorge Acevedo, Carol Musselman

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



Mobile app available!



facebook.com/egracechurchonline



twitter.com/egracechurch



egracechurch.com/grace-church-blog



www.egracechurch.com