

Grace

WEEKLY

MAY 12, 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 30 - MAY 5, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 0

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 65 | Friday - 228 | Total: 293

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 239 | 10:00 - 589 | 11:30 - 430

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 171

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 159 | 11:30 - 60

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 26 | 10:00 - 120 | 11:30 - 39 | Wed. - 123

Total Worship Attendance: 2,249 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 138

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 35 | Octane (Wed.) - 19 | Revolution - 36
Revived - n/a | Planet 45 - 19

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General - \$35,950 | Building - \$5,587 | Missions - \$3,114

This Year: General - \$623,069 | Building - \$63,786 | Missions - \$48,669

Total Year To Date Giving: \$735,523

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

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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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Mother's Day photographs will be taken outdoors (under the big tree) between services today at the Cape Coral campus. Bring your family or come alone for a free photo that will be available next Sunday.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2013 - The Global Leadership Summit exists to transform all Christian leaders around the world with an injection of vision, skill development, and inspiration for the sake of the local church. Grace Church will be a host site for the 2013 Global Leadership Summit on August 8-9. As a host site, we are able to offer a discounted price of \$79 per person for members and regular attendees. Visit www.egracechurch.com/GLS2013 or stop by the table in the Narthex to register.

SHOES OF HOPE 2013 - Stop by the Shoes of Hope table in the Narthex! 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 July 27 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! Don't miss the Annual Memorial Day Picnic at Lakes Park from 11 AM to 3 PM on May 27. Hot dogs, condiments and lemonade are provided—you bring the rest. Stop by the table in the Narthex this morning to sign up for this fun-filled day of celebration with your Grace Church family!

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.

CHILD PROTECTION - Anyone who wants to work with children or youth is required to take this class once per year. Our next class is this Wednesday, May 15 at 7:15 PM in Grace Place at the Cape Coral campus. Another class will be held on Sunday, June 2 at 1:45 PM. Contact Heather Evans, hevans@egracechurch.com for more information!

MONDAY MORNING HELP NEEDED from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM to straighten and stuff the pockets of the chairs in the Sanctuary. Please call the office if you can assist.

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.

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.

GRAPHIC DESIGNERS NEEDED - 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 Publisher and Photoshop is a plus. Please contact Jana Barclay jbarclay@egracechurch.com for more information on joining this dynamic new team.

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 the family of Gary Light who passed away May 1.

THE FLOWERS are given by the families of Karen Skinner, Stacey Yates, and Shannon Egan in memory of Helen Collins Tiffin, their mother/grandmother/great-grandmother, whose birthday was May 16.

THE FLOWERS are given by Debbie Schultz-Shirey and Jane Long in memory of Steve Schultz, their husband and brother, who passed away May 12, 2008.

REACH

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

EARTH'S ANGEL'S WORM FARMING MEETING TODAY - Interested in being a part of the Earth's Angel's Worm Farming Team? This exciting, innovative ministry, will be putting together a team to roll up the sleeves and work towards employing three of the graduating special needs students from our local high schools to be employed through worm farming by late fall. Come find out more about what it means to be a part of this team TODAY at 1 PM at the Cape Coral campus!

TOOLS TO QUIT - Free two hour smoking cessation class will be held at the Grace Community Center on Saturday May 18 from 10-12. Register for this class by calling 977-819-2357.

NO GED classes May 22, 25, 29 due to holidays. Enjoy this time off!

MILITARY OUTREACH - Veteran's Day Weekend of 2009, Grace Church began a partnership with Operation Worship out of California, to send Bibles to our men and women in the Military. To date, Grace Church has sent over 2,700 Bibles to Operation Worship, where they distribute them to the Chaplains around the world. We are not finished - there are still men and women serving, far from home. Please join us Sunday, May 19, in purchasing a Bible for \$5, write a note of encouragement and thank you and we will see that it gets to a serviceman/woman. Bibles will be available in the Narthex. Thank you so much for helping to spread the Gospel to our US Heroes!!

CONNECT

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

WANT TO MEET PEOPLE AND GET INVOLVED AT GRACE CHURCH? We'd love to get to know you better! Register today for next month's 4-week Making My Connections class that starts on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 PM at the Cape Coral campus. Contact the front office at 574-7161 to register. Childcare is available.

NEED A LAST-MINUTE MOTHER'S DAY GIFT? You can sponsor a female to attend the Women of Faith "Believe God Can Do Anything" Conference. It will be held in Orlando, September 20-21, 2013. Come hear inspiring messages from Pastor Max Lucado, Cece Winans, Sheila Walsh, Lisa Harper, and Mark Lowry. We have 100 seats reserved and the hotel rooms booked! The cost is \$111 for the conference, and payments can be made until June 14. Questions? Email Cheryl at cacevedo@comcast.net or call 656-4508.

MANY THANKS to the male and female volunteers that made yesterday's MAY LUNCHEON such a success! The women loved it and truly were blessed as they enjoyed spending time with Jesus and their "garden friends." Thanks, too, for the Small Wonders Preschool and Grace Good Day program for helping paint the flowers for our stage decorations.

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.*

GRIEFSHARE - If you've lost a loved one, it may be hard for you to face the day feeling 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. Classes will begin Sunday, June 23 at 6 PM in Room 2 of the Cape Coral campus. Materials fee is \$18. To register, please contact Marsha at 839-1164 or Debbie at 560-0659.

SEND

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEW FOR MAY: During the month of May, we will focus on putting together bar soap with a washcloth. We were graciously donated 5,000 bars of soap, so we are in need of 5,000 washcloths. You can get 18 for \$4 at Walmart. In addition, Operation Christmas Child continues onward with the collection of stuffed animals, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Thank you for all you are doing!

AGE LEVEL

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

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!

VBS VOLUNTEERS! Please plan to attend one of two VBS team meetings. You can join us either Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 PM or Sunday, June 2 at 1 PM. These meetings will be held in Grace Place and Child Protection will be presented at the end of each meeting! We are still in need of more volunteers; so if you haven't committed already, but want to join the fun and serve at VBS June 24-28, please make a note on your Let's Connect card!

TODAY IN JR. GRACE PLACE the preschoolers will be learning the story of "A Boy Helps Paul." 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.

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!

WORSHIP

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

THOUGHTS ON WORSHIP

God is the first priority of the church. Not people. Not ministry. Not growth. Not success. God and God alone occupies the place of ultimate and absolute priority in the church. It was the Apostle Paul who wrote to the Colossians saying that Christ was to have the pre-eminence in everything. If the church is to accomplish its great mission in the world, God must be its first priority. If the church is once again to become salt and light in an increasingly darkened and decadent culture, it must recover the priority of God for itself.

WORSHIP AND THE PRIORITY OF GOD

What, then, is the connection between the priority of God and worship? Worship is about the priority of God. Worship is a personal, human expression of a relationship with God by which we honor and praise Him as supreme. The results of such worship include a greater understanding of who this unique God is and an increased desire to make Him first in all of life. Consider the names and titles by which we address God in our worship:

As King, He is ultimate, and we approach Him as loyal, contented subjects. As Lord, He is supreme, the Lord of Lords, and we come into His presence bowing and kneeling. As Master, He is one, and we all honor Him as willing servants. As Father, He is alone, the true Father of us all, and we come to Him as loving children. As Creator, God is the solitary source by whom everything was made, and we come before Him as lowly creatures. As Savior, He is unique, for there is no other savior, and we celebrate Him as the One who alone has rescued us out of our helpless and hopeless condition.

RECOVERY

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

THIS WEEK MAY 17 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus to hear a lesson on "Spiritual Inventory Part 1" as we examine our attitude, priorities in life, relationships with others, and our integrity. Large group begins at 6:45 with live praise and worship.

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 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** - 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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