

*Grace*

# WEEKLY

MAY 26, 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.

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## **WE COUNT BECAUSE PEOPLE COUNT! MAY 14-19, 2013**

**Commitments made last week:** Life to Jesus - 12

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

**Celebrate Recovery:** Tuesday - 69 | Friday - 211 | Total: 280

**Cape Coral Campus:** 8:30 - 242 | 10:00 - 538 | 11:30 - 445

**Grace Community Center:** 10:00 - 172

**Ft Myers Shores Campus:** 10:00 - 147 | 11:30 - 44

**Ft Myers Central Campus:** 8:30 - 28 | 10:00 - 137 | 11:30 - 39 | Wed. - 162

**Total Worship Attendance:** 2,234 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 135

**Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth:** Octane (Sun.) - 30 | Octane (Wed.) - 30 | Revolution - 34  
Revived - n/a | Planet 45 - 25

### **GIVING** *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

**This Week:** General - \$28,448 | Building - \$3,808 | Missions - \$3,216

**This Year:** General - \$682,893 | Building - \$70,483 | Missions - \$55,747

**Total Year To Date Giving:** \$809,123

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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*.

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## GRACE NEWS

**MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC TOMORROW!** Don't miss the Annual Memorial Day Picnic at Lakes Park from 11 AM to 3 PM tomorrow. 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!

**OKLAHOMA DISASTER RELIEF** - How can you help? GIVE: in memo of check or on envelope indicate, "Oklahoma Disaster Relief," or give by making Health and/or School kits for UMCOR. Instruction postcard available at the welcome kiosk. GO: indicate on your Let's Connect card, "Disaster Relief Mission" if you are interested in going on a short-term mission to Oklahoma. PRAY: pray for the survivors, Samaritan's Purse staff, site management teams, and the volunteer teams.

**ALL ABOUT GRACE** - Are you a visitor at Grace Church and would like to find out what we're all about? Join Pastor Wes & other staff on Sunday, June 9 at 6 PM in the Connections Café for dessert and a fun, informal, time of discovering our mission, vision, values, beliefs, and structure. Please RSVP at 574-7161 or [info@egracechurch.com](mailto:info@egracechurch.com).

**THRIFT STORE** is in need of your gently used donations. We accept houseware items, small kitchen appliances, clothes, linens, shoes, books, decorative items and more. If you aren't sure about an item, please give us a call at 656-0122. Please no TV's. Thank you for supporting the Grace Community Center Thrift Store!

**SHOES OF HOPE 2013** - The 3rd Annual Shoes of Hope Back to School Bash will be held at the Cape Coral campus on July 27 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Donations can be put in the offering marked, "Shoes of Hope."

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES:** Mallory Barclay, North Fort Myers High School; David Bowling, Edison State College; Jennifer Crawford, Shelby Nally, Cape Coral High School; Deciymer Goss, Island Coast High School; Cody Deno, Elizabeth Santiago, Ida Baker High School; Andy Llanes, Maggie Helms, school unknown; Ethan Lapham, Purdue University; Staci Lehnert, University of Florida; and Ana Rushing Schroeder, Julian Segal, FGCU.

**WELCOME NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS** - Grace Church commissions 5 new lay Stephen Ministers today who have completed their 50 hours of training. Welcome and pray for God's blessing upon Shannon M. Hartline, C. J. Hartsell, Marilyn Hester, Sandy Lane, and K. J. Walter as they minister to provide encouragement and spiritual support to those in time of need across our Grace Church community. Learn more about your Grace Stephen Ministry by picking up brochures on the Connect wall in the info area.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Laurie Brown whose brother passed away May 19.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Jodi Smith whose brother, James Smith, passed away May 20.

## REACH

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

**NOT IN MY CITY HELP LINE**, housed at the Grace Community Center, is a service to churches in Cape Coral who want to help people in crisis. The HELP LINE team is now recruiting volunteers who will be trained to review requests for assistance, communicate with partner churches, and give information about additional agencies who may be able to assist. If you are interested, please write "helpline" on the back of your Let's Connect card or contact Patti x228.

**2ND ANNUAL LADIES TEA** - June 1 from 11 AM to 3 PM at the Grace Community Center. Presented by Oma's Heart Inc. Join us for our delicious catered brunch, a fashion show presented by Boutique on Wheels, incredible raffles, fun jewelry by You Look Mahvelous, awesome bags by Thirty One, purses, belts and so much more! To reserve your table or make a reservation, call 989-6718 or tickets are \$20 and available in church office.

**CALLING ALL THOSE WITH A GIFT OF HOSPITALITY!** If you are interested in hosting an Operation Christmas Child packing party at your house, please write "packing party host" on your Let's Connect card, and plan on attending the Hostess Training on Thursday June 20, 6:30-8:30 PM. Stop at the Operation Christmas Child table in the Narthex for more info.

**GARDEN OF GRACE** looking for carpenters for a project! We are building a 10 x 12 pre-packaged pavilion and need help putting in footers and installing the pavilion on Saturday, June 15. If you are handy with carpentry, your help would be appreciated on Saturday June 15. Please stop by the table in Narthex or call Fred for more information at 980-1557.

**GCC FOOD PANTRY** If you feel led to purchase baby diapers and wipes, you can drop them off on Sunday in the shopping cart in Friendship Court. If you would rather put a cash donation in the offering instead of bringing in canned goods/baby items, it would be appreciated. Please write, "Food Pantry" on the envelope or memo of your check.

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

## 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.

**REGISTER ONLINE FOR WOMEN OF FAITH** - Tickets are available for the Women of Faith "Believe God Can Do Anything" Conference September 20-21 in Orlando. Conference tickets are \$101 and PAYMENT IS DUE IN FULL BY JUNE 14. Go to [egracechurch.com/women-of-grace](http://egracechurch.com/women-of-grace) and then follow the link to register and pay through the Women of Faith registration site. Questions? Contact Robin at 334-0653, [josmamajam@aol.com](mailto:josmamajam@aol.com); or Jana at 574-7161, [jbarclay@egracechurch.com](mailto:jbarclay@egracechurch.com). We hope you'll join us to hear inspiring messages from Pastor Max Lucado, Cece Winans, Sheila Walsh, Lisa Harper, Mark Lowry and more!

**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.

**LOOKING FOR A WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP?** - There's a new women's small group forming, and you're invited! The group will meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM beginning June 13 and will be studying "Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyers. If you're interested or need additional information, call Perri at 600-3495.

## SEND

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

**FAITH PROMISE REPORT** - A Family recently refinanced their home at a lower interest rate. When the transaction was complete, they realized they would have unexpected money available each month because of the reduced interest rate. On a monthly basis it will provide most of the Faith promise they made in February.

**WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOD UP TO?** Join us for the Global Outreach Workshop on Saturday, June 1 from 9 AM – 4 PM at the Central campus and again on Saturday June 29, 9 AM – 4 PM at the Shores campus. This is an opportunity to learn more about God's plans for the nations, and how you can join God in His purpose. Plan to join us, learn, and grow. Call Patti at 574-7161 x228 to register.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** continues to collect goodies for shoeboxes! We need small stuffed animals, toothpaste, and washcloths (18 for \$4 at Walmart), and you can start buying for next month as well. We'll be collecting small toys, sunglasses, hair clips, yo-yo's, kazoos, etc. Drop off donation on Sunday in the box in the Narthex.

**LOOKING FOR SORTERS!** Join us Thursday, May 30 to sort all the items collected so far for the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party. We will be meeting at 6 PM at our warehouse at Park 720 around the corner from GCC. Please email Caprecia Turner for directions, [cappyturner@live.com](mailto:cappyturner@live.com) or call her at 207-4290.

**EVERDAY CAFE/SOUP KITCHEN** - Remember you can volunteer at the soup kitchen downtown Ft. Myers anytime you want, but you must first call Jen Larsen at 332-7687 x105 to sign up. We will not be going as a group anymore. If you have questions, please call Carolyn Green at 850-2094.

## AGE LEVEL

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

**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. Contact Heather or Taylor at 573-6890.

**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!** If you are planning to serve at VBS this summer and you have not attended an orientation meeting yet, please plan to attend on Sunday, June 2 at 1 PM in Grace Place. Child Protection will be presented at the end of the 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!

**VBS - REGISTER TODAY!** - Registration is filling 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!

**SET BUILDERS NEEDED** for Vacation Bible School! We need a team of clever, creative people who can construct a castle out of giant pieces of foam. If you can help, please contact Heather Evans at 573-6890 or [hevans@egracechurch.com](mailto:hevans@egracechurch.com).

**TODAY IN JR. GRACE PLACE** the preschoolers will be learning the story of “Joseph and His Brothers.” 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! If you have one hour to spare on Sunday, please consider joining our Age Level Ministry Team of volunteers! Please contact Ms. Stacy, Ms. Beth or Ms. Heather for more information.

## WORSHIP

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

*It’s who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That’s the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.*

John 4:23–24

“Worship is like a mirror—it reflects your relationship with God. It doesn’t matter whether you’re worshipping in public or you’re worshipping in private, how you worship is a crystal clear thermometer that accurately reflects the depth and passion of your relationship with your heavenly Father.

King David in the Bible worshipped God with total abandon and honesty. He held nothing back. And the Bible describes him to be, “a man after God’s heart.” David was a man who worshipped in truth.

I encourage you to take a page from David’s book, The Psalms. Don’t cover up or hide what you’re feeling from your heavenly Father. Follow David’s example—start expressing your heart openly and honestly as you worship your King.” -Pastor Joe

## RECOVERY

Contact Greg Mulkey  
[gmulkey@egracechurch.com](mailto:gmulkey@egracechurch.com) or visit the RECOVERY wall in the welcome area.

**THIS WEEK MAY 31 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - Join us at the Cape Coral campus to hear a personal testimony from Paulette J. She will share her experience, strength and hope with us. Large group begins at 6:45 PM with live praise and worship.

**STEP STUDY** - The next Women’s Step Study will begin on June 11. Mark your Let’s Connect card if you are interested. The next Men’s Group is being formed to start soon.

**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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