

Grace

WEEKLY

August 11, 2013



GRACE CHURCH VISION

To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God.

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! JULY 30-AUG. 4, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 3

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 62 | Friday - 248 | Total: 310

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 231 | 10:00 - 631 | 11:30 - 540

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 166

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 129 | 11:30 - 38

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 30 | 10:00 - 121 | 11:30 - 23 | Wed. - 135

Total Worship Attendance: 2,354 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 153

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 43 | Octane (Wed.) - n/a | Revolution - 35
Revived - 68 | Planet 45 - n/a

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General - \$34,953 | Building - \$4,688 | Missions - \$2,997

This Year: General - \$1,001,403 | Building - \$114,171 | Missions - \$80,856

Total Year To Date Giving: \$1,196,430

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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

UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP - Do you find yourself struggling with your daily devotions, searching for a way that makes reading the Bible relevant and exciting? Mark your calendar to attend the University of the Holy Spirit Workshop where you will learn the "SOAP" method and gain other helpful insights. TONIGHT at 6 PM at the Cape Coral campus in the Connections Café with Pastor Wes OR at the Grace Community Center at 6 PM in Room 1 with Pastor Kevin.

FROM THE ANDREWS FAMILY: Thank you Grace Church family for 16 unbelievable years of ministry together. Your unconditional love has seen my family through many seasons. We will forever keep Grace Church in our prayers and always treasure the many memories of our time there. We are all moved to Kissimmee now and settling in to new adventures. Thanks for everything and God bless! -Shaun, Nancy and Mallory Andrews

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!

REACH

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

TOOLS TO QUIT SMOKING - Free two hour smoking cessation class will be held at the Grace Community Center on Saturday, August 17 from 10-12. Register for this class by calling 977-819-2357. This class will be offered every third Saturday from now through December.

CAN YOU DRIVE THE GCC BOX TRUCK? We are STILL looking for a few more volunteers to put in this rotation. No special license required. We pick up food from Harry Chapin in downtown Ft. Myers on the first and second Tuesday of the month, and we need backup drivers. Time needed is from 8:30 AM - 11 AM first and second Tuesday of the month. On the job training will be given. Please contact Criss if you are available to help out 815-450-0706 or write "driver" on the back of your Let's Connect card.

FALL FESTIVAL is around the corner! Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 26. This is another one of our HUGE annual REACH events! Last year we had over 4,000 people on our campus for this event. We will need everyone to help serve our community this year! If you are interested in being a part of the leadership task team to help plan this year's event, please contact Patti at x228 or indicate this on the back of your Let's Connect card.

CONNECT

*Contact Kevin Griffin
kgriffin@egracechurch.com or visit the CONNECT wall in the welcome area.*

MEALS MINISTRY - Do you have a heart for serving and love to cook? Coming soon is a new ministry at Grace Church that needs you! The Meals Ministry will care for people in the Grace Church family who are experiencing a major life event, such as the birth of a child, a death in the family, or recovering from a serious injury or illness, by providing spiritual and physical nourishment through meals delivered to their home. We are currently forming a list of volunteers who are willing to prepare meals based on their availability and schedule. To sign up or get more information, stop by our table outside the Sanctuary at the Cape Coral Campus, or you may call Amy Rexroat at 229-5417 or send an email to meals@egracechurch.com.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP FORMING - This group is currently forming and will soon begin meeting weekly on Monday evenings at a host home to read and discuss *Battlefield of the Mind* by Joyce Meyer (FaithWords Publishing, 2002). The book is available at amazon.com and in many local stores. This is a great opportunity to connect with new people at Grace Church and learn how to deal with negative thoughts and emotions. For more information, call Paulette Jones at 896-7370 or send an email to paulette.jones18@yahoo.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Life can be difficult at times, but you do not have to walk through the tough times alone. A Grace Stephen Minister is available to meet you "where you are" and confidentially listen and offer spiritual support through prayer and encouragement. Stephen Ministry brochures are available on the Connect Wall in the Narthex.

GRIEFSHARE - If you have 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. Join this class on Sunday evenings at 6 PM in Room 2 at the Cape Coral campus. New members are welcome. To register, please contact Marsha at 839-1164 or Debbie at 560-0659. Materials fee is \$18.

DIVORCE CARE CLASS - Experience the healing that comes from this weekly support group on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in Room 6 at the Cape Coral campus. You'll learn how to deal with the past, and look forward to rebuilding your life. You will be uplifted and encouraged! Contact the church office at 574-7161 to register.

ALL ABOUT GRACE - Are you new at Grace Church? Or have you attended here for a while and want to take the next step? Then join Pastor Wes, Pastor Kevin, and other leaders for a fun and informal evening of learning more about who we are, what we believe, and why we do what we do. The night will include coffee, desserts, and an opportunity to have any questions answered. Sunday, August 25 at 6 PM in two locations (choose one): at the Cape Coral campus in the Connections Cafe, or at the Grace Community Center in Room 1. Please RSVP at 574-7161 or info@gracechurch.com and indicate which location you prefer.

NEW COMPUTER SKILLS CLASS - Technology can feel intimidating, but it doesn't have to be! Beginning Thursday, August 15 in the Connections Cafe (Cape Coral campus), a free class led by a certified instructor will meet every Thursday from 1:30-3:30 PM to help you learn how to use your home computer, navigate the Internet, and safely use social media websites like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Skype to stay connected to your family and friends. To find out more or sign up for the class, call Perri Williamson at (239) 600-3495 or send an email to perriandjoe@gmail.com.

FORM

*Contact Kevin Griffin
kgriffin@egracechurch.com or visit the FORM wall in the welcome area.*

MEN'S BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND CLASS - On Sunday mornings at 10 AM in Room 6 at the Cape Coral campus of Grace Church. Learn how to choose life-generating thoughts that line up with God's Word to experience the fullness of life God has planned for you.

REGISTER FOR TRANSFORM TODAY - Visit the Transform Table by the Sanctuary doors at the Cape Coral campus or by the "Yes Table" at the Grace Community Center to register and purchase books for the fall session of Transform. There are lots of opportunities for all ages and no matter where you are in your spiritual journey, there is a class for you! Classes begin Wednesday, August 28.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY - Whether your relationship with your spouse is strong, in crisis, or somewhere in between, we want to help you take the next steps into deeper love and commitment with one another. We offer biblically based classes and groups throughout the year designed to give you the skills, encouragement, and hope you need to succeed and thrive as a married couple. If you are engaged or thinking about marriage, we provide marriage mentoring and pre-marital counseling to save your marriage before it starts. This fall, we have two opportunities for married couples: "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" and "Dynamic Marriage." Pick up a class schedule book at the Transform Table or go to egracechurch.com/transform for more information, or call Leigh Jarvis at 574-7161.

SEND

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD packing party at the GCC is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at 11 AM. We are still in need of toys for boys and girls, stuffed animals and, washcloths. Please pick some of these items up and drop them off at the table in the Narthex. Please join us for this event at the Grace Community Center as we pack 5,000 shoeboxes to send to countries around the world to share the Good News of Jesus.

SEND GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE: February 26 - March 2, 2014 Our Mission partners from around the world will be coming to Grace Church to report all that God is doing in and through the ministries that we support through our Faith Promise Giving! If you would like to be a part of this short-term task team to help implement the events planned for this exciting week, please write SEND GLOBAL on the back of your Let's Connect card or contact Patti x228.

REPORT FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS RAY AND LYDIA ZIRKEL SERVING IN COSTA RICA: Thanks to your generous Faith Promise giving, we were able to continue supporting our Mission Partners Ray and Lydia Zirkel serving the Methodist Seminary, Methodist Children's Home, and Methodist schools in Costa Rica. Check out their website www.zirkelministrycostarica.com to learn more.

"We are so excited to welcome once again a Grace Church mission team to the Children's Home. The staff and children are excited about your upcoming visit! Please give Grace Church our love and we ask that you keep us in prayer as we continue in the construction of the Children's home and especially for the Children that God has given us to care for! Looking forward to greeting the team at the airport on September 14."

AGE LEVEL

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

ATTENTION YOUTH! Come check out Surge this Friday. Surge is a fun environment for middle and high school students to hang out at on Friday nights. Students will have the opportunity to play games, eat food, and connect with others in this faith-based environment. Come join us every Friday night from 6:45 to 9 PM in the Youth Room. For more info, please contact Taylor Foley.

GRACE KIDZ - All parents of kids ages 0-5th grade need to complete new Grace Kidz registration forms for the new school year. Please complete yours today in the children's building!

PLANET 45 will be taking a break for the month of August!

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

WORSHIP

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

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.

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.

RECOVERY

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

THIS WEEK AUGUST 16 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus as we will hear a lesson on "Forgiveness" by Toni D. Learn how we can be free from our resentments, anger, shame, fears and guilt. You don't have to let people, places, and things of the past keep you from experiencing freedom today.

STEP STUDY UPDATE - Our step study groups are now closed to new attenders. We are however in the process of starting a new men's and women's group. If you are interested in joining this group, make a note on your lets connect card or contact Greg Mulkey at 574-7161 or gmulkey@egracechurch.com.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY FRIDAYS *at the Cape Coral Campus:*

5:30 PM: Dinner **6:45 PM:** Large Group Celebration **6:45-9 PM:** Revived (middle and high-school age) **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

For more information on any of our Grace Church ministries...

CALL 239-574-7161

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GOD'S VISION FOR GRACE CHURCH IS:

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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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