

Grace

WEEKLY

August 25, 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! AUGUST 13-18, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 1

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 68 | Friday - 331 | Total: 399

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 228 | 10:00 - 588 | 11:30 - 486

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 197

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 122 | 11:30 - 43

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 26 | 10:00 - 110 | 11:30 - 56 | Wed. - 116

Total Worship Attendance: 2,371 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 165

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 55 | Octane (Wed.) - n/a | Revolution - 48
Surge - 137 | Planet 45 - n/a

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General - \$33,650 | Building - \$3,365 | Missions - n/a

This Year: General - \$1,067,928 | Building - \$119,042 | Missions - \$83,190

Total Year To Date Giving: \$1,270,160

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY - Join us Saturday, September 14, 11 AM at the Grace Community Center as we pack 5,000 shoe boxes to send to sensitive areas of the world where Christianity is frowned upon or even illegal. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex. Now is a great time to get items on sale like crayons, pens, and pencils. If you are too busy to shop, we will do it for you, just mark your check or envelope, "OCC."

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.

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. TONIGHT 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.

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. Thans for your support!

THE FLOWERS are given by Caryl Spradlin in celebration of the 22nd birthday of her daughter, Amy, on August 29.

REACH

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

THIRD SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS - Thank you for allowing people in our community to experience the love of God through your compassionate acts of kindness and dedicated service!
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.

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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 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.

MEN ON TARGET - Join men that are “on target” for Sarasota Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clays at the Fort Myers Shores campus of Grace Church on September 14 at 8 AM. The cost is approximately \$40, plus ammunition. If you are interested, please contact Ron Joray at 209-6006.

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.

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.

NEW COMPUTER SKILLS CLASS - Technology can feel intimidating, but it doesn’t have to be! A free class led by a certified instructor will meet every Thursday from 1:30-3:30 PM in the Connections Café (Cape Coral campus); 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 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.*

DYNAMIC MARRIAGE - This class offers help and hope for your marriage through practical instruction in better understanding your spouse’s needs and healthy ways to deal with conflict when it arises. If you’re ready to take your marriage to the next level, this class is for you! Previous participants report that “this class gave us a new marriage!” There is an informational meeting TODAY at 11:10 AM in Room 3 at the Cape Coral Campus with the facilitators. Come learn what the class is like, what is required, and how you can sign up to participate this fall.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER -The FamilyLife Marriage Getaway is coming to South Seas Resort October 11-13. Couples from Grace Church will save 40%, paying only \$180 per couple, by using the Group Name: “graceinmarriage” when registering at familylife.com. If you register by September 2-16 you will receive an additional \$30 off the already discounted price! Discounted rooms are also available at South Seas Resort for attendees. The seats are filling up fast!

MEN’S BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND CLASS - Held 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.

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.*

REPORT FROM OUR MISSION PARTNER IN INDIA: Thanks to your generous Faith Promise giving, we were able to support our Mission Partners Peter and Ester Periera serving with Hope for Today Ministries in India. The following report is from brother Solomon Raj.

"Now is the harvest time in India, with that comes people who are hungry for leadership training. We have completed a leadership training and many testimonies from the participants from different places say that they were blessed by learning, being challenged, inspired and motivated do their part for the Kingdom of God! National Leaders are ready to do their own Leadership Training. Praise the Lord. A quick VBS update- We praise and thank God for VBS goal this year to reach 15,000 children, in our first phase we have reached 9015 in October, and in November we will plan to reach another 7,000. To date this year, more than 1,200 young children got saved and took commitment for the Lord. Join us in praising God. Thank you Grace Church for your partnership with us"

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.

REVOLUTION TIME CHANGES - Our Sunday night High School youth group times have changed. Small groups will meet from 5 to 6 PM. Revolution (large group) is now from 6 to 7:30 PM. Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday night for a fun time of hanging out, playing games, worship, and a message about how God wants to relate to us!

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!

4TH AND 5TH GRADERS - Mark your calendars! Planet 45 begins again on Monday, September 9 from 6-7:30 PM in the youth room. Come hang out with other kids your age and learn about what God has in store for you! See you there!

WORSHIP

Contact Jennifer Strode, jstrode@egracechurch.com

NEW SOUND BOARD - We have replaced our analog sound board at the Cape Coral campus with a new digital sound board – a Behringer X32 to be precise! This is a huge leap forward in technology and sound quality. Please be patient with our tech team as they train on the new board over the next month. If you have an interest in learning to run sound, but maybe you were intimidated by the old sound board, now is the perfect time to jump in! All of our operators are on the same level, come learn with us! Contact Jen Strode for more information.

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 vocalists 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.

RECOVERY

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

THIS WEEK AUGUST 30 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus as we hear a lesson on "Grace and hear how to offer forgiveness to others who have harmed us and make amends for harm we have done without expecting anything in return.

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:** Surge (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

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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