

Grace

WEEKLY

September 1, 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 20-26, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 0

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 58 | Friday - 257 | Total: 315

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 250 | 10:00 - 615 | 11:30 - 451

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 177

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 119 | 11:30 - 43

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 31 | 10:00 - 99 | 11:30 - 34 | Wed. - 135

Total Worship Attendance: 2,269 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 166

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 58 | Octane (Wed.) - n/a | Revolution - 44
Surge - 48 | Planet 45 - n/a

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General - \$23,140 | Building - \$1,852 | Missions - 2,058

This Year: General - \$1,091,068 | Building - \$120,894 | Missions - \$85,248

Total Year To Date Giving: \$1,297,211

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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

GCC ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL - Vendors needed for November 22 and 23 Art Festival. Booths are \$50 inside and \$40 outside. For an information packet, email GCCARTS2013@yahoo.com today. Our location is fantastic with great traffic, so this is bound to be a super good show. We would love you to be part of it! We are in need of baked goods as well, if you would like to donate an item, please let us know!

What's Your "S.T.R.I.D.E."? - Have you ever wondered how God has uniquely gifted you to serve? Are you searching for a way to volunteer and plug in that matches who you are? Join us for a fun and interactive day of discovering more about your Spiritual Gifts, Talents, Resources, Individuality, Dreams, and Experiences (STRIDE) . . . and how God can use all of these things for His Kingdom. You're invited to join Pastor Wes and Pastor Kevin, along with other Grace Church staff and leaders, for a one-day event called "Serving from the Heart" at the Grace Community Center. 9 AM-4 PM Saturday, October 5. Registration is only \$10 and includes all materials, your workbook, and Rod Evans' famous BBQ lunch! Free childcare is available. Sign up on Sunday morning at the STRIDE table or visit egracechurch.com/stride.

CONNECTIONS CAFÉ APPRECIATION DAY – It's hard to believe, but the Connections Cafe is fast approaching our One Year Anniversary. To honor the day, the Connections Cafe will hold an Appreciation Day for all the support we have received. On Sunday, September 15, we will offer our regular breakfast menu for just \$2 YES, BACON IS INCLUDED! Please come help us celebrate our special day. Please note, in order to give our volunteers a much needed break, the Connections Cafe will be closed the following Sunday, September 22 and reopen on Sunday, September 29.

LEARN ABOUT GRANTS! Ministry Leaders, everyone knows that grants exist, but do they fit into your ministry? How do you find them? On Thursday September 5, 6-8 PM at the Fort Myers Central campus, Rev. Courtney Williams, Senior Grant Writer at Grants for All, will take on all questions, and challenge you to plan and envision your ministry in ways that better relate to your overall fund development goals. Join us and learn how to plan for ministry that is streamlined to access grant funding. Everyone welcome!

THE FLOWERS are given by Karen Skinner, Stacey Yates, and Shannon Egan in memory of their husband/father, Lenny Skinner's first anniversary of his Heavenly homecoming on August 31.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Mike Hannon and family in the passing of their wife and mother, Ruth Hannon, on August 23.

REACH

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

DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR SPECIAL NEEDS? Grace Creative Solutions for Exceptional Entrepreneur's, or our "worm-farming ministry," has 15 special needs High School students currently in our program Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 AM - 1 PM. We are praying for some loving, compassionate volunteers to join us in making a difference in the lives of these special people. Can you give just 4 hours a week of your time on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday? Contact Patti x228 or indicate "special needs" on the back of your Let's Connect card.

CHOICE PANTRY: Because of the groundwork that had been done about a year ago by our Choice Pantry Team, we are now in a position to move forward in piloting a CHOICE PANTRY at the Grace Community Center! We have lots to share, but first I would like to invite you to join us on Tuesday, September 10 at the Cape Coral campus from 6:30-8 PM. All are welcome. If you would like to be a part of this pilot program, charged with actually implementing the tasks necessary to get this off the ground, JOIN US, or write, "choice pantry" 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.

HAIRCUTTING MINISTRY - It's a REACH ministry! Why? People experience the love of God through a simple act of kindness, a haircut. We thank God for this ministry and all of the hairdressers that give of their time and talents on our 3rd Saturday Outreach Event. If you are a hairdresser and would like to serve one day a month in this awesome ministry, please contact Toni at 470-4066 or write Haircutting Ministry 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.*

MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY TRIP TO EVERGLADES CITY - All interested bikers meet at Dunkin Donuts on Palm Beach Blvd/SR 80 on September 7 at 8 AM - kick stands up at 8:30 AM! For more information, contact Bob Johnson at 694-1803. The Motorcycle Ministry meets the first Saturday of each month.

MEALS MINISTRY - 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.

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 Saturday, September 14 at 8 AM. The cost is approximately \$40, plus ammunition. If you are interested, please contact Ron Joray at 209-6006.

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.*

THE LEADERSHIP ROADMAP - This 12 week class led by Tonya Roberts provides encouragement, accountability, character development to leaders through weekly lessons, sharing and development exercises. Starting Sunday, September 1 from 10 AM – 11:15 AM in Room 5 at the Cape Coral campus. Required book: *TouchPoints for Leaders* by Douglas J. Rumform (Tyndale House Publishers Inc., 2004) available online or the church office for \$4. To register please contact Leigh Jarvis at 574-7161.

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.

SEND

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The packing party is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at 11 AM at the Grace Community Center. We are still in need of toys for boys and girls, stuffed animals. Please pick some of these items up and drop them off at the table in the Narthex.

REPORT FROM OUR MISSION PARTNER IN GHANA, AFRICA - Grace Church has a team of 8 people who are currently preparing to go on mission to serve alongside Lawrence this December. Please keep this team and the ministry in Ghana in prayer this week.

From Lawrence Beka:

"Just want to say God bless Grace Church for the support and partnership. You may not know how much you're giving back life to the church and to my ministry and me. How the kingdom of God is expanding and how lives are transformed as a result of the support given to me from Grace Church. My home is secure for the whole of 2013 as Grace Church supported in paying for the rent charge. My car is back on road as you supported in getting my engine fixed. Let me add that you sponsored my trips in 2012 and 2013 (full scholarship) to be part of Grace Global Mission Conference. The exposure and lessons I learned are so, so, so great. I love Grace Church. "SHE" is a spirit led church."

AGE LEVEL

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

PUMPKIN PATCH - Parents! The pumpkin patch will be here soon! If you plan to serve at the patch as a means of raising funds for your kids trips to Warren Willis or other trips and/or retreats, it's very important that you attend a brief informational meeting on Sunday, September 15 at 1 PM in Grace Place at the Cape Coral campus. There will be a new procedure for earning pumpkin patch credit that you will want to know about.

WILLING HEART NEEDED - Age Level Ministries is looking for a willing heart to be a buddy for a 4 year old boy who is a part of our Friday night ministries. Please contact Heather Evans or Jena Curnoles for more information.

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!

ANY GRACE KIDZ IN GRADES K-5 interested in participating in this year's Grace Kidz Christmas musical, meet Miss Stacy and Mr. Julian in Grace Place THIS Wednesday night at 6:30 PM for more information and FUN!

PLANET 45 will be back in action starting Monday, September 9 from 6 to 7:30 PM! 4th and 5th graders, don't miss out on your exciting youth group time! We will play some crazy games and worship in our time together. Planet 45 kidz spend time learning how to apply God's Word to their everyday lives.

WORSHIP

Contact Jennifer Strode, jstrode@egracechurch.com

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.

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.

RECOVERY

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

THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 6 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus as we will hear a personal testimony from Mike V. as he shares his life story on what life was like, how he got into recovery, and what life is like today.

STEP STUDY UPDATE - We are forming a new men's group and a new women's group, which will begin in the first 2 weeks of October. If you are interested in joining this group, indicate on your Let's 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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