

*Grace*

# WEEKLY

September 8, 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.

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## WE COUNT BECAUSE PEOPLE COUNT! AUG 27-SEPT 1, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 0

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**Celebrate Recovery:** Tuesday - 53 | Friday - 306 | Total: 359

**Cape Coral Campus:** 8:30 - 230 | 10:00 - 588 | 11:30 - 422

**Grace Community Center:** 10:00 - 170

**Ft Myers Shores Campus:** 10:00 - 139 | 11:30 - 37

**Ft Myers Central Campus:** 8:30 - 32 | 10:00 - 105 | 11:30 - 28 | Wed. - 158

**Total Worship Attendance:** 2,268 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 161

**Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth:** Octane (Sun.) - 56 | Octane (Wed.) - 29 | Revolution - 48  
Surge - 59 | Planet 45 - n/a

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

**This Week:** General - \$32,021 | Building - \$3,023 | Missions - 2,031

**This Year:** General - \$1,123,271 | Building - \$123,918 | Missions - \$87,550

**Total Year To Date Giving:** \$1,334,738

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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

**CONNECTIONS CAFÉ APPRECIATION DAY** – It's hard to believe, but the Connections Cafe is celebrating our One Year Anniversary. TODAY ONLY, 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 next Sunday, September 22 and reopen on Sunday, September 29.

**THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!** We need a whole lot of hands to help unload the truck on Sunday, October 6 at 1 PM. We'll celebrate with lunch when the truck is empty!

**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!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY** is this Saturday, September 14 from 11 AM - 2 PM at the Grace Community Center! We have a goal to pack 5,000 shoeboxes. All are welcome, many hands make the work light. Please don't forget to bring \$7 to the packing party for the shipping and handling. You can also go to [www.samaritanspurse.org/ezgive](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/ezgive) and print your own label to put on the shoebox and find out exactly which country your box is going to. Anyone who is available to set up on Friday, September 13 from 2-6 PM, just show up at the Grace Community Center and we will put you to work!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD VOLUNTEER MEETING** - Please join us on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 PM at the Cape Coral campus if you would like to have a specific volunteer

position for the packing party. We need some people to handle certain details at the packing party. If you are just coming to pack shoeboxes, you don't need to come to this meeting. Simple show up at the Grace Community Center on Saturday September 14 at 11 AM.

**WHAT'S YOUR "S.T.R.I.D.E."?** - 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](http://egracechurch.com/stride).

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Bill and June Wise in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on September 7.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Amanda Fox and family in the passing of her mother, Valarie Fox Schaefer, on August 30.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Charles and Hazel Gum in the passing of Charles' brother last week.

## REACH

*Contact Patti Nemazie  
[pnemazie@egracechurch.com](mailto:pnemazie@egracechurch.com) or visit the REACH wall in the welcome area.*

**COUPON SAVINGS KICK-OFF!** Are you looking to save money and reduce the cost of your grocery purchases? Come join our 3rd Saturday guests on September 21, from 9 AM-12 PM and learn how to start your own coupon savings program. Support this cause by bringing in coupons to the Cape Coral campus and Grace Community Center leading up to 3rd Saturday.

**GARDEN OF GRACE COMMUNITY GARDEN MINISTRY** is gearing up for the fall planting season! We are switching back to Saturday morning gardening days from 8 AM to 11 AM. This week we will be preparing the beds for our fall plantings and could use all the help we could get! Just show up on Saturday morning at the Garden located in the northeast corner of the Grace Community Center parking lot. For more information, contact Scott at 851-0613.

**CHOICE PANTRY** - 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 we 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.

**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 Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday? Contact Patti x228 or indicate "special needs" 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 Lets Connect card.

## CONNECT

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

**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, stop by our table outside the Sanctuary at the Cape Coral campus or the Grace Community Center. You may also call Amy Rexroat at 229-5417 or send an email to meals@egracechurch.com.

**NEW WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP** - This group meets on Monday evenings to read and discuss Battlefield of the Mind by Joyce Meyer (FaithWords Publishing, 2002). This is a great opportunity to connect with 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.

## 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, and character development to leaders through weekly lessons, sharing and development exercises. Sundays at 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.

**COSTA RICA MISSION TEAM:** Serving our mission partners Ray and Lydia Zirkel in Costa Rica, this team of 8 will be serving September 14-21, doing construction on the children's home (orphanage) as well as VBS for two of the local churches. The team will be sharing the message of the Armor of God from Ephesians 6. Team members are: Cape Coral campus- Linda and Jim Welch, Mercedes Acosta, Patti Nemazie; Fort Myers Shores campus- Kay Cowgill and Leslie Merrifield; from St. Katherine Drexel- Jennifer Brady and Jean Webb; Prayer Team Leader- Kathy Gross.

### **UPDATE FROM LAWRENCE BEKA, SERIVING IN GHANA, WEST AFRICA:**

*"Just want to say you all join us in Ghana as we lift up our hands and voices in praises to God for the victory of Ghana. Is been very peaceful after the ruling by the Supreme Court. The exciting thing is that the petitioners who are the loser had a press released accepting the ruling and congratulated the winning party. They called all sympathizers to accept the ruling for Peace. This is not common of leaders in Africa except in Ghana. Ghana is been very peaceful since. Continue to pray with Ghana for peace and development. I travel to Cape Coast for a program on August 30-31. Pray with me." -Lawrence*

## 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 tomorrow 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](mailto:jstrode@egracechurch.com)*

**SET DESIGN TEAM NOW FORMING** - We're forming a set design team to start beefing up our sets on Sunday mornings. If you like construction and are interested in joining this team, please contact Thomas Hopkins at [thopkins@egracechurch.com](mailto:thopkins@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 vocalists to be part of this as well.

## RECOVERY

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

**OUR NEW BBQ TEAM** is up and running on Friday nights. Come early and enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, chips, snacks and drinks. All items are individually priced with weekly specials.

**THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 13 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - Join us at the Cape Coral campus as we will hear a lesson on "Crossroads" as we begin step 10. "We continue to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it."

**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](mailto: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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