

Grace

WEEKLY

September 15, 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! SEPTEMBER 3-8, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 4

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 68 | Friday - 258 | Total: 326

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 232 | 10:00 - 594 | 11:30 - 412

Rock the Universe: 55

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 177

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 136 | 11:30 - 42

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 36 | 10:00 - 119 | 11:30 - 16 | Wed. - 132

Total Worship Attendance: 2,277 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 172

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 37 | Octane (Wed.) - 32 | Revolution - n/a
Surge - 44 | Planet 45 - 15

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General - \$26,049 | Building - \$4,028 | Missions - 1,546

This Year: General - \$1,149,319 | Building - \$127,945 | Missions - \$89,095

Total Year To Date Giving: \$1,366,360

Give online! Make a one-time donation,
or set up an automatic monthly donation.

www.egracechurch.com/donate



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

CONNECTIONS CAFÉ APPRECIATION DAY (FOR REAL) – Sorry for the misprint last week, TODAY 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, the Connections Cafe will be closed next Sunday, September 22 and reopen on Sunday, September 29.

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? 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.

FACILITIES LEADERSHIP TASK TEAM NOW FORMING - Fall Festival is scheduled for October 26 and we will host over 4,000 of our neighbors. We need a dynamic team who can help make the campus shine before and after the event. If you are interested in finding out more about being part of this short term task team that will be meeting weekly beginning Monday, September 23 from 6-7 PM in room 7, please indicate "facilities" on the back of your Let's Connect card or contact Carol at 574-7161.

GCC ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL - Vendor opportunities available for November 22 & 23 Art Festival. Prime spots still open, but are filling up fast. Download application at egracechurch.com/artfest. If you are interested in donating baked goods for the Bake Sale, please write "Bake Sale" on back of your Let's Connect Card today.

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!

EMMAUS WALK #87 GATHERING - All pilgrims and team members are invited to a one year reunion gathering on Saturday, September 28 at 11 AM in the Connections Café at the Cape Coral campus. Please RSVP by September 21 to Jan Stenberg at 322-8020 or email acecritter@aol.com.

TODAY at the 11:30 service we celebrate the baptism of Eden Sarai Campbell born January 12, 2013. She is the daughter of Ethan Campbell and Lisa Mendez-Campbell.

REACH

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

CHOICE PANTRY - We are getting ready to implement a Choice Pantry pilot program for the months of October, November, and December. We will be opening our pantry once a month to a select few homebound seniors who live around Grace Church, Cape Coral, and GCC. If you have a special interest in serving the elderly, homebound seniors in our community or would like to help on the event days or follow up, join us for our next meeting Tuesday, September 24 from 5:30-7 PM at the Grace Community Center Food Pantry, or write Choice Pantry on the back of your Let's Connect card

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 8-11 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.

DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR SPECIAL NEEDS? Grace Creative Solutions for Exceptional Entrepreneurs, 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 or indicate "special needs" on the back of you Let's Connect card.

CONNECT

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

TUESDAY BUNCH FOR LUNCH - Beginning October 1, this women's small group meets on

Tuesdays from 12-1 PM in Room 4 at the Cape Coral campus. This fall, the group will study Galatians together using the book Life Change Series: Galatians (NavPress, 1989), which is available at amazon.com or in the church office for \$10. Bring your Bible, the book, and a brown bag lunch. For more information, call Betty Ressler at 995-3791 or send an email to msbetty2@gmail.com.

FITNESS FOR FAITH - Beginning October 2, a group will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Grace Community Center (4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy) for cardio exercise, cross training, and spiritual growth. The class will be led by a certified personal trainer and is open to people of all ages and skill levels. Cost is free. Childcare is available across the street at the Cape Coral campus. For more information, call Adam Viquesney at 810-1515.

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 you may also call Amy Rexroat at 229-5417 or send an email to meals@egracechurch.com.

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.

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 week, September 14-21. Please pray for this team who will be doing construction on the children's home (orphanage) and VBS for two of the local churches. 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.

BAD HAIR DAY! GHANA MISSION TEAM FUNDRAISER EVENT- Monday, September 30 from 9 AM – 5 PM - Half price haircuts, colors, manicures and polish, chair massages and gift bags full of your favorite products. All proceeds go to Grace Church Mission Teams. Donations accepted and appreciated. Join us at Headturners Salon, 11601 South Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers or call for an appointment 277-7905.

PANCAKE PARTY GHANA/MEXICO MISSION TEAM FUNDRAISER EVENT- Plan on having breakfast with your family next Sunday in Connections Cafe to help support our mission teams preparing to serve our mission partners, Lawrence Beka and Michael Mozley in Ghana, Africa, and Marie and Nolan Schockey in Juarez, Mexico. All donations from this breakfast on SEND LOCAL SUNDAY, September 22 will go towards these mission trips.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD- A big thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child Packing Party yesterday! It's not over. . . stay tuned for information about being a part of the National Collection Week team, where the Grace Community Center will serve as a collection site for shoeboxes from around SWFL in November. There is still more to do! If you are interested in serving on the Collections Week Team in November, write "OCC collections team" on back of Let's Connect card!

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 TODAY 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.

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 IS BACK on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 PM at the Cape Coral campus! 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
or Corey Johnson, cjohnson@egracechurch.com

SET DESIGN TEAM NOW FORMING - We are seeking creative ideas and those who can turn those ideas into reality. If you like construction and design, please contact Thomas Hopkins at thopkins@egracechurch.com to learn about our set design team.

MUSICIANS NEEDED - Our contemporary praise team is seeking musicians. We have many opportunities for experienced players looking to worship through music. We are currently seeking violin, cello, lead guitar and keys players for several of our worship bands. All interested musicians please contact Jen Strode or Corey Johnson.

VOCALISTS - Our sanctuary choir is seeking sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. They practice Thursday evenings from 7-8:30. Please call Jen Strode if you would like to visit a rehearsal or audition.

OUR PRAISE TEAM is currently seeking singers with experience singing harmony. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM. Please call Jen Strode if you would like to visit a rehearsal or audition.

RECOVERY

Contact Greg Mulkey
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 20 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus as we will hear a personal testimony from Scott S. as he shares his experience, strength and hope of his life as a Christ follower in recovery.

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:

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

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:

Sat-Sun: 10AM - 3PM
Monday: 10AM - 3PM



Mobile app available!



facebook.com/egracechurchonline



twitter.com/egracechurch



egracechurch.com/grace-church-blog



www.egracechurch.com