

Grace

WEEKLY

September 22, 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! SEPT. 10-15, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 1

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 74 | Friday - 251 | Total: 325

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 210 | 10:00 - 607 | 11:30 - 454

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 205

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 116 | 11:30 - 50

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 40 | 10:00 - 120 | Wed. - 163

Total Worship Attendance: 2,290 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 164

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 56 | Octane (Wed.) - 26 | Revolution - 32
Surge - 51 | Planet 45 - 36

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General - \$33,434 | Building - \$2,895 | Missions - 1,662

This Year: General - \$1,182,753 | Building - \$130,840 | Missions - \$90,757

Total Year To Date Giving: \$1,404,350

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

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 mark your calendar for Sunday, November 10 at 6 PM to 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR to join lead pastor, Jorge Acevedo and the JOY Group, a ministry for seniors, at the Shores campus of Grace Church (14036 Matanzas Drive, Fort Myers 33905) on Monday, October 7 at 1:30 PM. Pastor Jorge will be sharing his personal experiences from traveling to 8 countries during his four month sabbatical before beginning his 18th year of ministry at Grace Church. All adults are welcome and encouraged to invite a friend! An ice cream social will follow, bring your favorite topping to share and the ice cream will be provided. Please RSVP by emailing Adela at phl1584@comcast.net or Alberta at jerrylong12@comcast.net.

SERVING FROM THE HEART - 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. To register, visit egracechurch.com/stride.

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING! We need lots of hands to make quick work of getting pumpkins off the truck and into the patch! Be a part of the fun on Sunday, October 6 at 1 PM in the mulch area! Lunch will be served after the truck is emptied!

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERING will be taken next Sunday. Please use the envelopes in the chairs/baskets.

LEE MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTER will be at the Cape Coral campus Sunday, September 29 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM to receive blood donations.

THE RED ROSE is to celebrate the birth of Hunter Michael St. Pierre on September 13. He is the son of Mike and Misti St. Pierre and the grandson of Jim and Marsha Newton.

REACH

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

FEED THE PACK - It's a REACH ministry! Why? People experience the love of God through a simple act of kindness by making pet food available to those who are in need. We thank God for this ministry and the Feed the Pack team that gives of their time and talents on our 3rd Saturday Outreach Event. If you are interested to learn more about this awesome ministry, contact Betty at 898-5804 or write "feed the pack" on the back of your Let's Connect card.

CHOICE PANTRY - We are getting ready to implement a Choice Pantry pilot program for the months of October, November, and December. 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.

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 your Let's Connect card.

CONNECT

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

FITNESS FOR FAITH - Beginning October 2, a group will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM -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.

WANT TO MEET PEOPLE AND GET INVOLVED AT GRACE CHURCH? - We would love to get to know you better! Register today for the next 4-week "Making My Connections" membership class starting Sunday, November 3 at 10 AM in Room 3 at the Cape Coral campus. You will have an opportunity to ask questions in a fun and interactive environment, learn more and meet new friends at Grace Church. Please contact the church office at 574-7161 to register. Childcare is available.

TUESDAY BUNCH FOR LUNCH - Beginning October 1, this women's small group meets on Tuesdays from 12 PM - 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 msbettyr2@gmail.com.

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.

UPCOMING CLASSES + BIBLE STUDIES - We're approaching the midway point of our Fall 2013 Transform classes, and it's not too late to get involved. Take advantage of the following opportunities that begin meeting during the month of October. To register for any of the classes below, call Leigh Jarvis at 574-7161. For more information, visit egracechurch.com/transform.

- "THE ME I WANT TO BE"
- "FITNESS FOR FAITH"
- "WHAT'S MY STORY?"
- "STICKY FAITH"
- "BIBLE STUDY: ISAIAH AND THE MESSIAH"

THE LEADERSHIP ROADMAP - Led by Tonya Roberts, this class provides encouragement, accountability, and character development to leaders through weekly lessons, sharing and development exercises. 10 AM - 11:15 AM Sundays in Room 5 (Cape Coral campus).

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER - The FamilyLife Marriage Getaway is coming to South Seas Resort on Captiva Island from October 11-13. Couples from Grace Church save 40%, paying only \$180 per couple, by using the Group Name: "graceinmarriage" when registering at familylife.com. Discounted room rates are available at South Seas Resort for attendees. Make an investment in your marriage that you will remember forever!

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 TEAM arrived home safely! Ray and Lydia send greetings and love. Thank you to all who made this possible: those who financially supported this team, those who prayed for this team and those who WENT in the name of Jesus. It takes the whole body of Christ to make a difference around the corner and around the world.

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 BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER TODAY- Plan on having breakfast with your family TODAY 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 will go towards these mission trips.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The Packing Party is over, but the work isn't! Grace Community Center will serve as an OCC collection site November 18-25. As a collection site, we will be scheduling shifts to receive shoeboxes from other churches that have collected shoeboxes around SW Florida. There is still more to do! If you are interested in serving on the Collections Week Team in November, write "OCC collections team" on the back of your 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.*

OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! Join us on Saturday, October 19 in the kids parking lot at 6:30 PM. "Hotel Transylvania" will be playing on the big screen and concessions will be available! Bring blankets or chairs to sit on. There will be a kids costume contest before the

show. Don't miss it!

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.*

THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 27 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus as we will hear a lesson on "Daily Inventory" as we complete step 10.

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.

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

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



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