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WEEKLY

November 3, 2013

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GRACE CHURCH VISION

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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! OCT. 22-27, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 2

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 69 | Friday - 236 | Total: 305

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 223 | 10:00 - 593 | 11:30 - 413

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 187

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 135 | 11:30 - 52

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 26 | 10:00 - 112 | Wed. - 141

Kairos: 2

Total Worship Attendance: 2,190 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 139

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 50 | Octane (Wed.) - 24 | Revolution - 45
Surge - 41 | Planet 45 - 25

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General - \$22,009 | Building - \$12,281 | Missions - 1,101

This Year: General - \$1,337,174 | Building - \$174,872 | Missions - \$101,428

Total Year To Date Giving: \$1,613,473

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

IMPACT INITIATIVE GATHERING TODAY - The pastors of Grace Church invite you to an Impact Initiative Gathering at the Grace Community Center to dream with you about the future of our church. Please join us for lunch TODAY at 11:30 AM.

GRACE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU! Please stop by the table in the Narthex to sign up or get more info about volunteering just a few hours of your time. Volunteers are needed from 4-8 PM on Friday, Nov 22 and from 9 AM - 3 PM on Saturday, Nov 23. If you are unable to volunteer please consider donating a baked item for the Bake Sale. Thank you.

THRIFT STORE SUNDAY NEXT WEEK - On November 10, the GCC Thrift Store truck will be parked in the Cape Coral campus parking lot to accept donations. Please consider donating any gently used item to help support the store's mission.

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.

HAVE PLASTIC BAGS? The GCC Thrift Store is in need of plastic shopping bags. Please recycle any plastic shopping bags you have to the Thrift Store, our supply is very low! Thank you!

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sunday, November 10, Troop 82 will be hosting a pancake breakfast in Connections Café to help raise money to send the boys to camp. \$5 will get you all you can eat pancakes and sausage and all proceeds benefit the boys of Troop 82. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

REACH

Contact Patti Nemazie
pnemazie@egracechurch.com

CAR CARE MINISTRY will be changing oil for single moms Saturday, November 9 from 8 AM - 1 PM at the Cape Coral campus. Volunteers are needed to help work on cars. Volunteers and single moms may contact Bob Cantu at 340-0375.

52 DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS! Our Christmas Ministries are gearing up for the season. Once again this year we will be serving the Foster Children in Lee County through the Adopt-A-Child Christmas ministry; Oma's Heart Ministry will be serving families experiencing financial difficulties by providing vouchers to parents and setting up a Christmas store at the Grace Community Center; Angel Tree Ministry will be serving children whose parents are incarcerated; and the Grace Community Center will be the host site for Operation Christmas Child's Collection for SWFL. All toy donations for these Christmas ministries will continue to bless our community this Holiday Season. Over the next few weeks, these ministries will be set up in the Narthex for more information. If you want to get involved, donate, or have any questions, contact Patti Nemazie, pnemazie@egracechurch.com.

GRACE COMMUNITY GARDEN - We are preparing ground for phase II of our fall planting and many other activities. Come join us at the Grace Community Garden located behind the Mobil station in the parking lot of the Grace Community Center on Saturday mornings from 8 AM - 12 PM. For more information, contact Scott at 851-0613.

FOOD PANTRY: Canned food is always welcomed for the food pantry. Simply drop off your donation in the shopping cart in Welcome Area. Also, a special donation of paper goods, hygiene items and adult diapers would be greatly appreciated!

CONNECT

Contact Kevin Griffin
kgriffin@egracechurch.com

INTRODUCING "THE GATHERING" - Are you a young adult or college student looking for a place to belong? Join us at 5 PM on Saturday, December 14 in the Youth Room (2nd floor of Grace Place building, Cape Coral campus) for an evening of worship, teaching, and community. Children's Ministry for kids from birth through 5th grade will be provided during the Gathering by our Grace Kidz team. For more information, call Taylor Foley or Pastor Kevin at 574-7161.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION - Beginning today at the Cape Coral campus, gluten-free communion elements are now available at the front right station in the sanctuary when we celebrate Holy Communion. Simply ask the servers at the front right station for "gluten-free."

WOMEN OF FAITH CHRISTMAS - Join Women of Grace for a live simulcast of Women of Faith's 2nd annual Christmas presentation. Tickets are available for \$5 at the display table at the Grace Community Center, the Welcome Center at the Cape Coral campus or online at egracechurch.com. 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM Friday, December 6 at the Grace Community Center.

HOMEBOUND VISITATION TEAM - This team cares for senior adults at Grace Church who are

unable to attend worship because they are convalescing or unable to leave home. They minister through conversation, encouragement, prayer, and by delivering communion if desired. If you would like a visit, or if you want to join the team, call Pastor Kevin at 574-7161.

GCC CAFE TEAM - A team is forming to improve our hospitality and café environment for the Sunday morning worship service at the Grace Community Center. If you're interested, talk to Donna Linder after the service ends today or send an email to dlinder@egracechurch.com.

MAKING MY CONNECTIONS TODAY! - The next 4-week "Making My Connections" membership class starts TODAY at 10 AM in Room 3 at the Cape Coral campus. You will have an opportunity to ask questions in an fun and interactive environment, learn more and meet new friends at Grace Church. Childcare is available.

COUPON BLESSINGS - Learn how to save more and spend less at the grocery store! Using coupons is easy, fun, and smart. 1 PM -3 PM or 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (same workshop offered twice) TOMORROW in Room 6 at the Cape Coral campus. Workshop cost is free.

CHRISTMAS EVE HOSPITALITY TEAM - We are forming a team of volunteers to help welcome all of our guests and answer questions about Grace Church on Christmas Eve. Would you consider volunteering at one of our several worship services on December 24, so that someone else might experience the love of Christ? To sign up, call Leigh Jarvis at 574-7161 or send an email to lj Jarvis@egracechurch.com.

SHUTTLE SERVICE - A team of volunteers is forming to provide rides from the parking lot to the front door and back on Sunday mornings. If you enjoy helping people and driving golf carts, we have a job for you! Call Mike Mills at 872-1533 or email millsmichael95@yahoo.com.

GRIEF SHARE SESSIONS ARE BACK - Sessions available at 6 PM at the Cape Coral campus, Room 2. Heartfelt support in a caring, Christian-based environment; a gathering in a comfortable, casual setting with others who are in a similar situation. For questions or further info, contact Marsha at 839-1164 or Debbie at 560-0659.

DIVORCE CARE - Experience the healing that comes from this weekly support group. You'll learn how to deal with the past, and look forward to rebuilding your life. You will be uplifted and encouraged! A new class starts Wednesday, November 13 at 6 PM in Room 1 at the Cape Coral campus. Childcare is provided. Contact Carol Musselman at 574-7161 for more details.

FORM

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TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP - A group meets Tuesday mornings at the Cape Coral campus to lift up the prayer requests of our congregation. If you love to pray, please consider joining the group! Meet at the front office at 10:30 AM Tuesday.

BIBLE STUDY: ISAIAH AND THE MESSIAH - Just in time for Advent and Christmas, join Pastor Kevin for a 3-week journey through the prophet Isaiah's words about a Savior coming to redeem God's people. No book required, just bring your Bible and a pen. 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Wednesdays

in the Connections Cafe at the Cape Coral campus. Childcare available in Grace Place.

REGISTER NOW FOR MEN'S RETREAT 2014- Join men from every campus of Grace Church on the beach in February for "Sons of Grace: The Character of a Godly Man." Pastor Jorge and Pastor Wes, along with other special guests, will lead the weekend. February 7-9, 2014 at Christian Retreat Center on Ft. Myers Beach. Registration is only \$50, which includes meals. Limited lodging space is available at the retreat center for an additional \$50. Sign up online at egracechurch.com/men or stop by the display table today at the Cape Coral campus.

SEND

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. This day has been set apart by Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) to especially focus on our persecuted family around the world. In many parts of the world children and adults face kidnapping, torture and even death to follow Jesus in their own country. To learn more about the Persecuted Church, visit the information table in the Narthex, or go online to www.persecutionblog.com.

GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE: FEBRUARY 26- MARCH 2: If you are interested in hosting a missionary in your home or helping with any of the planned events for this exciting week, please indicate on the back of your Let's Connect card.

WELCOME HOME: Team Mexico! From Marie and Nolan Schockey, our mission partners in Juarez, Mexico: *"After 14 years of our tools being kept in the living room, kitchen, dining room, back patio, storage shed, rented storage, stolen out of vehicles and donated items all over the house and Nolan having to work on the vehicles in the dirt in the yard, we are getting a garage on the El Paso side. Thank you Grace Church for helping with part of the cost and building the 32x32 shed. We will now have our home back and a place to store ministry supplies!"*

SERVING ON THE MISSION FIELD THIS WEEK IN NEPAL: October 29 - November 9: Susanne McIntosh

REPORT FROM BRI BUTLER who served 6 weeks in Boulder, Colorado with Samaritans Purse International Disaster Relief Ministry in response to the floods. Serving as volunteer coordinator, Bri reported that 295 families were helped through "mud outs" of homes which includes pulling out the sheetrock, pulling up flooring, as well as shoveling loads and loads of mud from basements. Bri says, *"The best thing about all of that is every work order is a Gospel opportunity."* *We had 1,405 volunteers come through our site putting in 22,204 volunteer hours. Out of those 295 families we were able to help and the 1,405 volunteers we were blessed to see, 24 people gave their lives to Jesus for the first time - 2 of them were volunteers who saw Jesus work first hand out in the field!"*

AGE LEVEL

Contact Heather Evans (Children) hevans@egracechurch.com
or Taylor Foley (Youth) tfoley@egracechurch.com

PLANET 45 VOLUNTEER OPENINGS! We would love for you to pray about filling a volunteer opening with our amazing fourth and fifth grade ministry. Planet 45 meets on Monday nights from 6-7:30 PM. If you are interested in being a part of the Planet 45 volunteer team, please contact Jena Curnoles at jcurnoles@egracechurch.com.

5TH QUARTER PARTY - Middle School and High School Youth: Join us November 8, 9:30 PM-midnight at the GCC for a 5th Quarter Party. Bounce Houses, Laser Tag, Video Games, Food, Prizes, Games, Music, and much more. Bring a 2-Liter of soda & invite your friends!

CHAPERONES NEEDED - Youth parents, we are in need of chaperones for our 5th Quarter Party (see above announcement). If you are interested, please contact Taylor Foley at tfoley@egracechurch.com.

WORSHIP

Contact Jennifer Strode, jstrode@egracechurch.com
or Corey Johnson, cjohnson@egracechurch.com

SET DESIGN TEAM MEETING - We are seeking creative ideas and those who can turn those ideas into reality. If you like construction and design, please plan on attending our first Set Design Team meeting on Sunday, November 10 at 1:15 PM at the Cape Coral campus, Room 7.

WORSHIP - We have many opportunities for volunteers in the Worship Arts area: drama, tech team, creative team, worship planning, and our different worship teams. If you would like more information, please call Jen Strode at 574-7161 ext 239.

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. Call Jen Strode if you would like to visit a rehearsal or audition.

RECOVERY

Contact Greg Mulkey
gmulkey@egracechurch.com

THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 8 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and we will hear a lesson on "Give" as we learn about giving back what has been freely given to us.

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
(Wed.) 6:30 PM - 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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