# **Grace** WEEKLY November 17, 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! NOV. 5-10, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 1

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 81 | Friday - 266 | Total: 347 Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 275 | 10:00 - 688 | 11:30 - 413 Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 234 Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 146 | 11:30 - 52 Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 34 | 10:00 - 136 | Wed. - 146 Total Worship Attendance: 2,471 Weekend Online Viewers: 141 Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 57 | Octane (Wed.) - 25 | Revolution - 26 Surge (5th Quarter/GCC) - 106 | Planet 45 - n/a

GIVING Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center This Week: General- \$29,593 | Building- \$2,585 | Impact- \$270 | Missions- 1,763 This Year: General- \$1,400,930 | Building- \$154,485 | Impact- \$26,512 | Missions- \$105,114 Total Year To Date Giving: \$1,687,040

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# **GRACE CHURCH STRATEGY**

REACH	ministries that <i>engage</i> and invite unchurched <i>people</i> in our community to <i>experience</i> the love of <i>Jesus</i> through the body of Christ.
CONNECT	ministries that help people <i>connect</i> to Jesus and the Grace Church <i>family</i> .
FORM	ministries that help <i>people</i> have a <i>growing</i> and transforming <i>relationship</i> with Jesus Christ.
SEND	ministries that <i>release</i> God's <i>people</i> to make the realities of heaven the <i>realities of earth</i> .

# **GRACE NEWS**

**ARTS & CRAFT SHOW** - Nov 22 & 23 at the Grace Community Center. This craft show will have over 50 vendors of various different crafts. Wood carvings, handmade jewelry, yard art, beautiful wreaths, handmade cards, glass ornaments, copper creations, pillows and so much more. There will even be a bake sale so you can buy your holiday pies and cakes. Please come out and support this great fundraising event for the Grace Community Center. The show will be open Friday, Nov 22 from 4 PM to 8 PM and Saturday, Nov 23 from 9 AM to 3 PM.

**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.

**CHARGE CONFERENCE** will be held Sunday, November 24 at 3 PM at the Cape Coral campus. At this meeting, we will consider the annual business of Grace Church. Everyone is invited.

**BUDDIES NEEDED** - Can you lend a hand to a family in need? We have several children in our congregation with special needs that make it difficult for them to attend our Sunday morning and Friday night ministries without assistance. Can you be a buddy to a child for an hour each week allowing their parents the opportunity to worship without worry? Contact Heather Evans for more info!

**BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS** of the Sun Coast has launched the "100 Men in 100 Days" campaign to encourage men to help show the love of Jesus to young boys in need of a positive male role model in their lives. If you have an hour to spare a week and would like to help, please call Big Brothers, Big Sisters at 855-501-BIGS or email info@bbbssun.org.

**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. **LEE MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTER** will be at the Cape Coral campus Sunday, November 24 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM to receive blood donations.

**TODAY** at the 11:30 service we celebrate the immersion baptism of Boston Lynne McFarland. She is the daughter of Bill and Bonnie McFarland.

**THE FAMILY** of Doug Winfield would like to thank the members of Grace Church for their loving support, gifts, and prayers.

# REACH

Contact Patti Nemazie pnemazie@egracechurch.com

**38 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.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Canned food is always welcome at the food pantry. Simply drop off your donation in the shopping cart in Welcome Area. Also, a special donation of paper goods, hygiene items, or household cleaning supplies would be greatly appreciated!

**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.

**GRACE BUSINESS ALLIANCE** will not meet Tuesday, November 19.

# CONNECT

Contact Kevin Griffin kgriffin@egracechurch.com

**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.

**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.

**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 ljarvis@egracechurch.com.

**GRIEFSHARE 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! Class is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 1 at the Cape Coral campus. Childcare is provided. Contact Carol Musselman at 574-7161 for more details.

# FORM

#### Contact Kevin Griffin kgriffin@egracechurch.com

**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.

**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 Welcome Center today at the Cape Coral campus.

## SEND

Contact Patti Nemazie pnemazie@egracechurch.com

**WE NEED YOUR SHOEBOXES!** We will have a very limited amount of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year, so please bring in any empty boxes you will not be using! Collection week is coming fast (Nov. 18-25), so plan on bringing them next week! They will be available to anyone needing boxes to pack for OCC. You may also opt for buying plastic shoe containers

(WalMart \$2-\$5) that the kids can then reuse. Thanks!

**OPERATION CHIRSTMAS CHILD ATLANTA TEAM MEETING TODAY** - Short Term Mission Trip to Atlanta for Operation Christmas Child Processing Center is having an informational meeting TODAY at 6 PM in Room 3. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and see just how all those shoeboxes get to countries around the world! Applications are available at the Welcome Desk and will be available at the meeting (Applications due Nov. 24). Everyone is welcome!

**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:** Pastor Arlene, Pastor Shari, Pastor Kevin, Patti Nemazie, Orlando Garay, Bob Johnson, and Mike Gannon from serving in Nicaragua.

**NEW PROJECT** - Come to Room 4 on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 1 PM to learn how to transform plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats. Bring a willing spirit, lots of shopping bags, scissors or cutting instrument and a size N (9mm) crochet hook. We will conclude by 3 PM. Possible uses - gifts for our homeless guests on Third Saturday. For additional information contact Liz Boggess at 573-7276 or email lizwboggess@yahoo.com.

# AGE LEVEL

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

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** - On Sunday, December 1, Grace Kidz will kick off the holiday season with the sweetest story ever told. Come see "The Christmas Cupcake" musical. The performance begins at 3 PM in GRACE PLACE. You don't want to miss it!

**PLANET 45 FAMILY THANKSGIVING** on Monday, November 25. We will provide the meat if our fourth and fifth graders and their family will bring a Thanksgiving family tradition side dish. Please RSVP with how many from your family will be joining us by November 20.

### WORSHIP

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

**MUSICIANS NEEDED** - We are in need of brass players-especially for the holiday services. Please contact Corey at 574-7161 to find out details.

**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.

**VOCALISTS** - Our contemporary team is preparing our music for the upcoming Advent season. We would love to have you join us to sing at two Christmas Eve services! Our sanctuary choir is seeking sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. They practice Thursday evenings from 7-8:30. Call Jen Strode for more info, 574-7161 x239.

# RECOVERY

#### Contact Greg Mulkey gmulkey@egracechurch.com

**THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 22 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and hear a lesson on "Yes" by Michele J. as she teaches us how to yield ourselves to God and serve others as Christ did.

**STEP STUDY** - We now have both a men's and women's step study group in the early stages. Both groups will be open to new members for TWO more weeks. 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. The Step Study groups are a one-year commitment that will change your life!

#### **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

### Grace Church App



#### 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: 9AM - 4PM Wednesdays: 9AM - 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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