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# WEEKLY

November 24, 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.

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## WE COUNT BECAUSE PEOPLE COUNT! NOV. 12-17, 2013

**Commitments made last week:** Life to Jesus - 0

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**Celebrate Recovery:** Tuesday - 77 | Friday - 195 | Total: 272

**Cape Coral Campus:** 8:30 - 298 | 10:00 - 636 | 11:30 - 421

**Grace Community Center:** 10:00 - 204

**Ft Myers Shores Campus:** 10:00 - 143 | 11:30 - 57

**Ft Myers Central Campus:** 8:30 - 41 | 10:00 - 115 | Wed. - 147

**Total Worship Attendance:** 2,334 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 131

**Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth:** Octane (Sun.) - 60 | Octane (Wed.) - 30 | Revolution - 26  
Surge - 50 | Planet 45 - 17

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

**This Week:** General- \$25,299 | Building- \$2,815 | Impact- \$270 | Missions- 1,482

**This Year:** General- \$1,426,229 | Building- \$157,300 | Impact- \$26,782 | Missions- \$106,595

**Total Year To Date Giving:** \$1,716,906

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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*.

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## GRACE NEWS

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- Cape Coral Campus - 5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM
- Fort Myers Shores Campus - 6 PM, 8 PM
- Fort Myers Central Campus - 7 PM
- Grace Community Center - 6 PM

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** - If you have experienced a loss and this is a hard Christmas for you, you are invited to this special service for encouragement, comfort, hope and peace. Sunday, December 22 at 6 PM - Cape Coral, Fort Myers Shores, and Fort Myers Central campuses.

**TOMORROW** is the last day to drop off Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at the GCC. Collection Center is open from 10 AM - 6 PM. Use regular or plastic shoeboxes since we have a shortage of the red and green boxes. Thank you!

**GARDEN OF GRACE CHRISTMAS:** Plan on joining us on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 PM in the garden located in the GCC parking lot behind the Mobil station for Christmas Open House and Carol Singing. Please bring 1 dozen Christmas cookies to share. Come and check out the garden and the Christmas decorations and join in the signing.

**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!

**TODAY** at the 11:30 service we celebrate the immersion baptism of Juan Chica.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:millsmichael95@yahoo.com).

**CHARGE CONFERENCE** will be today at 3 PM at the Cape Coral campus. At this meeting, we will consider the annual business of Grace Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Betty Keil who passed away November 18.

## REACH

*Contact Patti Nemazie  
[pnemazie@egracechurch.com](mailto:pnemazie@egracechurch.com)*

**NO GED THIS WEEK** - There will be no GED session on Wednesday, November 27 or Saturday, November 30. We will return on Wednesday December 4 at 6 PM.

**QUIT SMOKING NOW** - Have you tried and tried but STILL can't QUIT SMOKING. We can help! Come and attend a free quit smoking class at the December 21 GCC 3rd Saturday Event. The 2 hour class is put on by Everglades Area Health Education, call 977-819-2357 to learn more.

**FOOD PICKUP DRIVERS** - We are looking for a few volunteers willing to spend a couple hours a week driving our small box truck to pickup food from Harry Chapin to stock our Food Pantry. We could really use your help! Contact Criss Hartsell to learn more information, 815-450-0706.

**31 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](mailto:pnemazie@egracechurch.com).

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

# CONNECT

Contact Kevin Griffin  
kggriffin@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](http://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 [lj Jarvis@egracechurch.com](mailto:lj Jarvis@egracechurch.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! 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.

**COUPON BLESSINGS** - Learn how to save more and spend less at the grocery store! Using coupons is easy, fun, and smart. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM on Monday, December 2 or 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM on Monday, December 9 (same workshop offered twice) in Room 6 at the Cape Coral campus. Workshop cost is free. For more information, call Tina Sanchez at 823-0569.

# FORM

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kggriffin@egracechurch.com

**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](http://egracechurch.com/men) or stop by the Welcome Center today at the Cape Coral campus.

**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.

**5 LOVE LANGUAGES** - Learn how to identify and understand your spouse's primary love language to strengthen your relationship through the 5 Love Languages class offered at the Cape Coral campus starting Sunday, December 8 at 10 AM in Room 4. Please contact Shannon and David Hartline at 243-3964 for specifics.

**2014 WOMEN'S RETREAT**- Men, you don't want to miss the opportunity to get the "Perfect gift for the Perfect Women in your life!" Ladies, join women from every campus of Grace Church at the DaySpring Spiritual Retreat Center for a relaxing spiritual retreat April 12-13. Pre-registration is available beginning December 8 through December 31 at a reduced price of \$80, which includes lodging, meals, program materials and more. Beginning January 1, 2014 the cost is \$85. Look for the display table on December 8 and December 15. For more details, contact Paulette Jones at 896-7370, or visit [egracechurch.com/women](http://egracechurch.com/women).

## SEND

*Contact Patti Nemazie  
pnemazie@egracechurch.com*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TRIP TO ATLANTA** - Openings are still available! Go ahead and get an application at the Welcome Center and turn it in TODAY. Call Kelley Fulks for more information at 246-6997 and decide if it's for you.

**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.

**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](mailto:lizwboggess@yahoo.com).

## AGE LEVEL

*Contact Heather Evans (Children) [hevans@egracechurch.com](mailto:hevans@egracechurch.com)  
or Taylor Foley (Youth) [tfoley@egracechurch.com](mailto:tfoley@egracechurch.com)*

**SUMMER 2014 SAVE THE DATES:** June 1-6: High School Mission trip to Costa Rica; June 9-13: Warren Willis Camp for grades 3-12; June 23-27: Vacation Bible Camp for Preschool-5th grade July 7-10: Surge Week for middle and high school; July 26: Shoes of Hope.

**PLANET 45 FAMILY THANKSGIVING** is tomorrow, November 25. We will provide the meat if our fourth and fifth graders and their family will bring a Thanksgiving family tradition side dish.

**PLANET 45 DECEMBER CALENDAR:** Dec. 2: Regular Planet 45. Dec. 9: Christmas Shopping at Target off Pine Island Road. Please send your child with money for shopping. If you can drive some students, please let Jena Curnoles know. We will meet at church at 6 PM and be back at 7:30 PM. Dec. 16: Christmas Party from 6 PM - 7:30 PM. There will be NO PLANET 45 December 23 & 30.

**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!

## WORSHIP

*Contact Jennifer Strode, [jstrode@egracechurch.com](mailto:jstrode@egracechurch.com)  
or Corey Johnson, [cjohnson@egracechurch.com](mailto:cjohnson@egracechurch.com)*

**GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER BAND** is looking for EXPERIENCED musicians. Primarily Keyboard, Lead Guitar and Bass. If interested, please contact Scott at 851-3842.

**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](mailto:gmulkey@egracechurch.com)*

**THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 29 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and hear a personal testimony by Eugene J. as he shares his story. (GO GOD!!!)

**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 ONE more week. 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). 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

## 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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