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WEEKLY

December 15, 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! DEC. 3-8, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 0

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 67 | Friday - 167 | Total: 234

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 261 | 10:00 - 463 | 11:30 - 321

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 174

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 142 | 11:30 - 57

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 31 | 10:00 - 149 | Wed. - 157

Total Worship Attendance: 2,042 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 126

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 53 | Octane (Wed.) - 25 | Revolution - 23
Surge - n/a | Planet 45 - 22

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General- \$31,004 | Building- \$3,014 | Impact- \$58,892 | Missions- 2,283

This Year: General- \$1,514,404 | Building- \$166,897 | Impact- \$172,543 |

Missions- \$112,729

Total Year To Date Giving: \$1,966,575

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*.
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GRACE NEWS

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- Cape Coral Campus - 5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM (Communion offered at 9 PM)
- Fort Myers Shores Campus - 6 PM, 8 PM
- Fort Myers Central Campus - 7 PM
- Grace Community Center - 6 PM (Communion Offered)

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.

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the 6th Annual Arts & Craft Festival that was held at the Grace Community Center. Whether you volunteered at the event, donated to the silent auction or bake sale or came out and supported the vendors, we thank you! The event raised over \$4,000 to support the GCC and its ministries. We look forward to an even better event next year.

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.

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.

REACH

Contact Patti Nemazie
pnemazie@egracechurch.com

EXCITING NEWS - Three of Grace Church's Exceptional Entrepreneurs (aka employees of our Worm Farming Ministry) received their first paychecks last week and were interviewed by Wink News. Be sure to check out the Grace Church Facebook page for all the exciting details. For sale now: Worm Castings (organic fertilizer), & Worm Tea (organic pesticide). Call 574-7161 ext 251 to place your order! Also, help support this ministry by visiting their table outside the Sanctuary today and purchasing eco-friendly garden art and/or Christmas ornaments!

GED CLASSES are on holiday break. They will be resuming January 8.

QUIT SMOKING NOW - Make your New Year's resolution now! This free two hour class will be offered every third Saturday at the GCC from 10 AM - 12 PM. The class is put on by Everglades Area Health Education. You must call to register. December's class was cancelled, the next class is January 18. 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.

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!

COMMERCIAL SEWING MACHINE NEEDED for the Worm Farming Ministry to sew recycled feed bags to be used to make the worm casting bags.

CONNECT

Contact Kevin Griffin
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MEALS MINISTRY - The Meals Ministry cares 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. To sign up or get more information you may call Amy Rexroat at 229-5417 or send an email to meals@egracechurch.com.

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

REGISTER NOW FOR 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.

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 Fort 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.

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 Room 4. Please contact Shannon and David Hartline at 243-3964 for specifics.

SEND

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SERVING IN THE MISSION FIELD THIS WEEK: Serving our Mission Partner, Lawrence Beka in Ghana, Africa (December 5-18): CV Elliott, David Bowling, Sam Bowling, Toni Dattalico, Neil Johnson, Patti Nemazie, and Michael Mozley. Please continue to keep them in prayer as they serve in Africa.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION CENTER: Thanks to the many volunteers that helped at the GCC during collection week Nov. 18-25. 32,602 shoeboxes were collected from the SW Florida area, packed, and sent to Atlanta's processing center. All four campuses of Grace Church collected a total of 6,734 boxes! Please pray for Kelly Fulks and Joanne Morford, who are serving this week in Atlanta Georgia.

AGE LEVEL

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

CHRISTMAS EVE GRACE PLACE - Christmas Eve will be rockin' at Grace Place! Come celebrate Jesus's birth Grace Place style at 5 and 7 PM on Christmas Eve at the Cape Coral campus. It's a birthday party you won't want to miss! All kids ages 3 years through 5th grade are welcome! Nursery care provided for kids under 3.

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 DECEMBER CALENDAR: There will be NO PLANET 45 December 23 & 30.

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.

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

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 DECEMBER 20 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus as we hear a lesson on the 12 Steps.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY FRIDAYS at the Cape Coral Campus:

5:30 - 6:30 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 CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Cape Coral Campus

- Dec. 22 6 PM - Blue Christmas Service
Dec. 24 5 PM, 7 PM - Contemporary Candlelight Service
 9 PM - Traditional Candlelight Service (Communion)

Fort Myers Shores Campus

- Dec. 22 6 PM - Blue Christmas Service
Dec. 24 6 PM - Contemporary Candlelight Service
 8 PM - Contemporary/Traditional Candlelight Service

Fort Myers Central Campus

- Dec. 22 6 PM - Blue Christmas Service
Dec. 24 7 PM - Contemporary/Traditional Candlelight Service
Dec. 25 6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship / 4:30 PM Free Dinner

Grace Community Center

- Dec. 24 6 PM - Contemporary Candlelight Service (Communion)

For everything Christmas at Grace Church,
egracechurch.com/christmas

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
(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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