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WEEKLY

December 22, 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. 10-15, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 0

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 75 | Friday - 222 | Total: 297

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 291 | 10:00 - 604 | 11:30 - 343

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 177

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 117 | 11:30 - 43

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 30 | 10:00 - 133 | Wed. - 146

Total Worship Attendance: 2,331 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 150

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 41 | Octane (Wed.) - 40 | Revolution - 28
Surge - 33 | Planet 45 - 24

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General- \$24,211 | Building- \$0 | Impact- \$10,810 | Missions- \$1,442

This Year: General- \$1,538,616 | Building- \$166,880 | Impact- \$183,353 |

Missions- \$114,172

Total Year To Date Giving: \$2,003,020

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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*.

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 TONIGHT - 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. Tonight at 6 PM - Cape Coral, Fort Myers Shores, and Fort Myers Central campuses. Childcare available at Cape Coral campus in Grace Place (infant through 5th grade).

FINANCE NEWS - Thank you for giving to God through the ministries of Grace Church! As we prepare to close 2013, please bring your year-end tax-deductible contributions to the church office no later than 4 PM on Tuesday, December 31, or mail your contribution postmarked no later than December 31 for a 2013 tax credit. If you have any questions, you may contact Charlotte Nesta, our Director of Finance, at 239.574.7161. Thank you for your financial generosity!

POCKET MINISTRY - We are in dire need of a few dedicated people who can help refill the pockets of the chairs in the Sanctuary on Monday mornings. If you can help, please contact Elaine at the church office.

TODAY at the 8:30 service, we celebrate the baptism of Noah Matthew Sears born September 30, 2013. He is the son of Mathew and Megan Sears.

FIFTH SUNDAY CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERING will be taken next Sunday.

THE RED AND WHITE ROSES are given by James and Linda Hall, Jaime Cissna, and Marie Colburn in memory of their daughter/sister, Kimberly Leonard, who passed away December 22, 2001.

REACH

Contact Patti Nemazie
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GED CLASSES are on holiday break. They will be resuming Wednesday, January 8.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! A big shout out to the many volunteers who helped serve our community during this holiday season! 3rd Saturday Volunteers and Mobsters- GREAT JOB with the flash mob, it brought smiles and joy to many! Thanks for going above and beyond. We appreciate YOU. Hats off to Oma's Heart Volunteers for serving over 1,200 children in our community with Christmas gifts this year. Adopt-A-Child Volunteers rocked it as foster children in Lee county will receive Christmas gifts this year. Great job to Angel Tree volunteers who collected and delivered gifts and bags of food to children of incarcerated parents. The Body of Christ is alive and well at Grace Church! Way to go teams!

LAST CHANCE to make a donation and purchase a unique Christmas gift while supporting our Worm Farm ministry. Grace Church's Exceptional Entrepreneurs (aka employees of our Worm Farming Ministry) will have some eco-friendly hand-made gifts available for a donation, including Christmas Ornaments and Yard Art at the Grace Community Center before and after the 10 AM service today!

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, the next class is on 3rd Saturday, January 18, from 10 AM-12PM Call 977-819-2357 to register.

ARE YOU AVAILABLE on Tuesday mornings from 9 AM - 11 AM? Do you have a valid drivers license? Can you drive a box truck? Are you able to use a pallet jack? 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. Will train. This is a volunteer position. Contact Criss Hartsell to learn more information, 815-450-0706.

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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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 join us Sunday, January 5 in the Connections Café at 6 PM to meet 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. Please RSVP by writing "All About Grace" on your Let's Connect card.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TRANSFORM - Class schedule and registration for the spring session of Transform will begin Sunday, December 29. There will be lots of opportunities for all ages and no matter where you are in your spiritual journey, there is a class for you! Classes begin Wednesday, January 22, and that's just around the corner! Stay tuned for more information during the coming weeks.

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 239.229.5417 or send an email to meals@egracechurch.com.

MAKING MY CONNECTIONS - The next 4-week "Making My Connections" membership class starts Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 – 7:30 PM 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. Childcare is available.

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 239.574.7161 for more details.

FORM

*Contact Kevin Griffin
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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. For more details, contact Paulette Jones at 239.896.7370, or visitegracechurch.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 ategracechurch.com/men or stop by the Welcome Center today at the Cape Coral campus.

SEND

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GHANA REPORT: On behalf of Team Ghana, thank you for your prayers these past weeks! Warm greetings from our mission partners Lawrence Beka and Michael Mozley. The team had an amazing 10 days of ministry in Ghana. 50 people made first time decisions to give their lives to Jesus! We give thanks to God for each of YOU that supported this mission through your finances and prayers. YOU made an eternal difference in the Kingdom of God. Your contribution to this team was more important than you might ever realize. Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ATLANTA PROCESSING CENTER REPORT - During the time the team was serving at Atlanta, Georgia at the processing center, they passed the 1-million mark in shoeboxes collected. These shoeboxes filled with gifts and the good news of Jesus are on their way out around the world! Also, praise the Lord that it just so happened the shoeboxes that were being prepared by our team were being shipped to GHANA, Africa!

AGE LEVEL

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

GRACE KIDZ GIVING TREE - We are accepting new socks of all sizes and school supplies to support Shoes of Hope 2014. Donations can be put under any Christmas tree in Grace Place until Christmas Eve.

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 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

BUILDERS NEEDED - Our set design team has formed and WE NEED BUILDERS to put together set elements. If you enjoy working with wood, painting, hammering, drilling, cutting, wiring, lighting, holding, or helping in any way, please contact Jen Strode, jstrode@egracechurch.com.

MUSICIANS NEEDED - We are in need of brass players-especially for the holiday services. Please contact Corey at 239.574.7161 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 239.574.7161 ext 239.

GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER BAND is looking for EXPERIENCED musicians. Primarily Keyboard, Lead Guitar and Bass. If interested, please contact Scott at 239.851.3842.

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. Practice is held Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 PM. Call Jen Strode for more info, 239.574.7161 x239.

RECOVERY

Contact Greg Mulkey
gmulkey@egracechurch.com

THIS WEEK DECEMBER 27 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us this Friday for our "12 Step Fashion Show" complete with music and custom attire.

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



Blue Christmas Service - TONIGHT at 6 PM
Cape Coral, Fort Myers Shores, Fort Myers Central Campuses

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

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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