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WEEKLY

December 29, 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. 17-22, 2013

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 2

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 73 | Friday - 204 | Total: 277

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 322 | 10:00 - 723 | 11:30 - 368

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 224

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 154 | 11:30 - 42

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 35 | 10:00 - 140 | Wed. - 167

Total Worship Attendance: 2,563 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 111

Blue Christmas: Cape Coral - 350 | Central - 70 | Shores - 65

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 55 | Octane (Wed.) - 41 | Revolution - 34
Surge - 39 | Planet 45 - n/a

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General- \$35,416 | Building- \$0 | Impact- \$5,891 | Missions- \$2,463

This Year: General- \$1,574,032 | Building- \$166,880 | Impact- \$189,244 |

Missions- \$116,635

Total Year To Date Giving: \$2,046,791

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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

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.

CONNECTIONS CAFE - The Connections Cafe is closed today. We will reopen Sunday, Jan. 5.

FIFTH SUNDAY CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERING will be taken today. Please use the envelopes in the chairs/baskets.

REACH

Contact Patti Nemazie
pnemazie@egracechurch.com

2013 THRID SATURDAY RECAP: Our Third Saturday Outreach Ministries served over 5,000 households this past year with more than 830 volunteers. We gave out over 250,000 pounds of food and more than 10,000 pounds of pet food. The medical team performed over 400 medical assessments. Over 400 haircuts were given. Thousands of food samples were given away by Pantry Possibilities. The prayer team prayed with 2,217 people with 89 first-time commitments to Jesus and 35 recommitments. ACCESS served over 100 guests and our translations team

served over 500 guests. Our Choice Pantry Pilot Program served 54 guests with 43 volunteers. We give God all the glory!

OMA'S HEART CHRISTMAS MINISTRY provided gifts for more than 1,198 children in our community this year. They gave away more than 100 bibles, and over 100 volunteers served. One small testimony of joy this ministry has brought from Audrey McFalls: "I spoke to a Mom on Saturday that shared that her husband is sick and had to leave his job. She was a stay at home mom with 4 children. She and her husband had absolutely no idea how they were going to stretch their budget to pay bills and get Christmas gifts. The following day her son came home from school with a note in his backpack about Oma's Heart. She fell to her knees because she knew without a doubt that the note was a gift from God."

GED MINISTRY is on holiday break. Sessions are back Wednesday, January 8. This year the GED Ministry served over 350 students; 65+ new students and more than 10 graduates. Volunteers served more than 500 hours.

GED MINISTRY NEEDS: a business or Rotary club interested in sponsoring the new special calculators that will be needed for the new curriculum. Also needed are one dozen small white boards. Students will no longer be using paper. All work will be done on the personal size whiteboards.

DO YOU KNOW ALGEBRA? The GED Ministry needs 3 volunteers with the gift to work one on one with adult students in Algebra! Sessions are Wednesday evenings from 6 PM to 8 PM or Saturday mornings from 9 to noon. Volunteers will work with 1 to 3 students at different learning levels. If you have a passion for adult learners and Algebra and can donate a couple hours per month, please contact Carmen Salomé at 239.745.5127.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 2 volunteers with computer/admin gifts needed to be trained on how to give the TABE online test. This test is given three Saturdays (8:30 AM until noon) per month during the GED sessions to all new students registering (four students per Saturday). Contact Carmen Salomé at 239.745.5127.

AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS - AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service is seeking volunteers. We have been preparing taxes at the Grace Community Center for 3 years serving an average of 400 clients a year with limited volunteers. We need your help! Volunteers participate in several ways such as greeting tax payers, data organization, administrative duties, as well as the preparation of the individual tax returns. Volunteers directly involved with the tax return receive free tax preparation training. For more information, please contact Cheryl Wilcox 239.671.0087

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 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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TRANSFORM - Class schedule and registration for the spring session of Transform will begin soon. 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.

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 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.

SEND

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YEAR END WRAP UP - This year, we have sent seven short-term mission teams with a total of 30 team members internationally to serve our mission partners. Our own missionary, Bri Butler, was deployed six times for disasters with Samaritan's Purse and was able to help over 1,600 families. We had 21 volunteers serve with our Kairos ministries.

YOUR FAITH PROMISE - As we draw near the end of 2013, let's celebrate our worldwide testimony to the goodness of our Savior and Lord. God faithfully provided funds that you made available for missions through your Faith Promise gifts. Our witness went out to Costa Rica (Ray & Lydia Zirkel), Nicaragua, Mexico (Nolan & Marie Schockey), Ghana (Lawrence Beka), Catalyst for Africa (Michael & Claire Mozley), India (Peter & Esther Pereira), and Cuba (Pastor Biosleidis Rodrigues de los Reyes). Praise the Lord!

AGE LEVEL

Contact Heather Evans (Children) hevans@egracechurch.com
or Taylor Foley (Youth) 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 26: Shoes of Hope.

PLANET 45 DECEMBER CALENDAR: There will be NO PLANET 45 tomorrow.

WORSHIP

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

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

SET TEAM - The Grace Set Team has begun work on set designs for 2014. If you are interested in painting, building, and helping with creative designs, we need you! Please contact Jen strode at 239.574.7161.

SINGERS - We currently have opportunities for experienced singers on our worship teams and to help with special music. Please contact Jen at 239.574.7161 to schedule an audition.

MUSICIANS NEEDED - We have opportunities to include more brass, string, & woodwind instruments. Please contact Corey Johnson if you are interested at 239.574.7161

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Our Celebrate Recovery program is currently seeking experienced musicians to help lead worship on Friday nights. Please contact Jen strode or Scott McDonald at 239.574.7161.

RECOVERY

Contact Greg Mulkey
gmulkey@egracechurch.com

THIS WEEK JANUARY 3 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral Campus and hear a lesson on the 3 doors to Celebrate Recovery and Choices.

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

Happy New Year
from
GRACE CHURCH!



New Message Series starting next week!
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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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