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WEEKLY

February 2, 2014



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Feb. 26 - Mar. 2, 2014

GRACE CHURCH VISION

To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God.

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! JAN. 21-26, 2014

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 1

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 60 | Friday - 252 | Total: 312

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 348 | 10:00 - 769 | 11:30 - 453

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 207

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 182 | 11:30 - 54

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 35 | 10:00 - 110 | Wed. - 159

Total Worship Attendance: 2,794 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 165

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 50 | Octane (Wed.) - 29 | Revolution - 36
Surge - 35 | Planet 45 - 15

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General- \$27,061 | Impact- \$4,438 | Missions- \$1,820

This Year: General- \$118,394 | Impact- \$16,339 | Missions- \$6,619

Total Year To Date Giving: \$141,352

Give online! Make a one-time donation,
or set up an automatic monthly donation.

egracechurch.com/donate



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

2014 PET EXPO - The 3rd Annual Forever Friends Pet Expo is scheduled for Saturday, February 22 from 10 AM – 4 PM at the Grace Community Center. There will be pet contests, pet and craft vendors, discounted vaccinations on site, a variety of obedience demonstrations, food, silent auction, bake sale and more. We will also have the first ever Walk in Faith to help bring awareness to the many homeless animals as well as having many dogs and cats on site available for adoption. Contact Carol at 239.574.7161 for more information.

GOLF TOURNAMENT - The 7th Annual GCC Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 12 at Palmetto Pine Country Club. This event provides an opportunity for businesses and individuals in our community to contribute to the good work going on at the GCC. Golfers, sponsors, and auction donations are welcomed. This year, space is also available for folks that would just like to attend the lunch and auction. If you or someone you know would like to support this event, please contact Mike Yost at mikeyost77@yahoo.com.

DARE TO DREAM - If you want to go deeper with the Dare to Dream material, join Pastor Wes and Pastor Kevin for a discussion group that meets tonight at 5 PM in the Connections Cafe (Cape Coral campus). We will explore the "Dare to Dream" sermon series material in depth and help you discover a God-sized mission and purpose for your life. Cost is free - just bring a Bible and a pen. Childcare is not available.

NEW THRIFT STORE HOURS - The Grace Thrift Store is expanding its hours to better serve the community and is in great need of additional volunteers to meet the demand. If you could spare just a few hours per week, please contact Donna or Javier at 239.656.0122 for further info or put your name and number with attention Thrift Store on the Let's Connect card.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Pat Bredehoeft whose husband, Erich, passed away January 19. A memorial service will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2691 Pine Island Road, Cape Coral on February 7 at 1:30 PM.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Kevin and Suzanne Humphries & family in the passing of Suzanne's father, Richard Pinheiro, on January 17.

REACH

*Contact Patti Nemazie
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GED SCHEDULE CHANGE - GED Wednesday night classes have been changed to Thursday night effective last Thursday, January 30.

GRACE PAINTERS recently painted the background scenery for the Railroad Museum at Lakes Park. About 16 painters spent four weeks painting panels that will be mounted on the walls of the museum, behind a set of mini trains. The sidewall panels are only about 14 inches high, but the end panels go up to 5 feet. Check it out at the Rail Museum at Lakes Park!

GARDEN OF GRACE - Join us at the Garden of Grace February 15 at 12 PM for a new class entitled, "How to Grow a Successful Butterfly Garden" presented by Sandra Drake of the Butterfly Estates in Downtown Fort Myers. The Garden of Grace also needs volunteers to help harvest, weed, and plant in our garden every Saturday starting at 8 AM.

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. 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. Volunteer hours are being scheduled at 2-hour increments on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, please contact Cheryl Wilcox 239.671.0087.

CONNECT

*Contact Kevin Griffin
kgriffin@egracechurch.com*

THE GATHERING - The Gathering is a new opportunity at Grace Church for young adults who desire to follow Jesus in a rapidly changing world. We want to live out our faith together in a way that is relevant to our generation. If you are looking for a place to worship, to grow closer to God, and to connect with other people, The Gathering is for you! Saturday, March 15 at 5 PM in the Connections Cafe (Cape Coral campus).

SMALL GROUP LEADERS - We are updating our small group information, and we need to hear from you! If you currently lead or facilitate a small group at Grace Church, or if you previously led a small group that no longer meets, please check in with Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161 or lj Jarvis@egracechurch.com so that we can make sure our information is up to date.

MEALS MINISTRY - The Meals Ministry will care 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 call Amy Rexroat at 229-5417 or send an email to meals@egracechurch.com.

FORM

Contact Kevin Griffin
kgriffin@egracechurch.com

LAST CHANCE FOR 2014 MEN'S RETREAT – Last chance to sign up for the Men's Retreat, February 7-9 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. On Friday, February 7, we will gather at the Retreat Center between 6-6:30 PM. A group will be meeting and leaving from the Cape Coral campus on the church bus at 4 PM, if you would like to leave your car at the church. The retreat will end on Sunday, February 9 around 9 AM, in time for the group to be back for the 10 AM or 11:30 AM worship services at church. If you want to drive yourself to the retreat center instead of riding the bus, the address is 130 Connecticut Street, Ft. Myers Beach, 33931. If you have any questions, call Pastor Kevin at 239.574.7161.

UPCOMING TransFORM CLASSES - It's not too late to get involved. Register today for a class at egracechurch.com/transform or call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161. Books are available to purchase at the church office. Take advantage of the following opportunities that begin meeting in the upcoming months.

- **JOHN WESLEY: A DOCTRINE THAT CREATED A MOVEMENT**- 6:30 – 7:45 PM Wednesdays. Led by Randall Cook. Class starts March 12 and lasts for 4 weeks. All class materials provided at no cost.
- **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**- 1:30 – 3:30 PM Sundays. Led by David and Shannon Hartline. Class starts on February 16 and lasts for 10 weeks.
- **YOUR MONEY COUNTS: BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STUFY BY CROWN FINANCIAL**- 1:30 - 3:30 PM Sundays. Led by David and Shannon Hartline. Class starts May 4 and lasts for 10 weeks.
- **GRIEFSHARE**- 6-8 PM Sundays. Led by Marsha Newton and Debbie Davis. Class starts February 23. Participant workbook is \$15. Childcare not provided.
- **DIVORCE CARE**- 6:30 - 7:45 PM Wednesdays. Led by Keith and Carol Musselman. Class starts February 19. Required book: DivorceCare New Edition (3.0) Participant Workbook.
- **COMPUTER SKILLS CLASS**- 3 PM – 4:30 PM Thursdays at the Grace Community Center. Led by Perri Williamson. Class starts January 30 and lasts 6 weeks.
- **TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY: SLOWING DOWN TO BE WITH GOD**- 6:30 – 7:45 PM Wednesdays. Led by Sherri Wambolt. Class starts February 19 and lasts 4 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. The cost is \$85, which includes lodging, meals, program materials and more. For more details, contact Paulette Jones at 239.896.7370, or visit egracechurch.com/women.

SEND

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SEND GLOBAL - It's that time of year when we get to hear how God is at work in the world through the stories from our world mission partners. Our Global Celebration will begin on Wednesday, February 26, and conclude on Sunday, March 2. Our mission partners will be coming from Nicaragua, Cuba, Mexico, Ghana, India, Costa Rica, and the U.S. They will bring with them the testimonies of transformation - the work of God in the world today. Will you have a heart for the harvest?

HOST A MISSIONARY - We need people to open their homes to host a missionary couple for the six days they will be with us. We need cars with or without drivers for our missionaries to use while they are with us. We invite you to open your home for an evening of fellowship, story-telling and inspiration. Or, you might like to take one of the missionaries to lunch or dinner. Please take the time to note your availability on the back of your Let's Connect card. One of our Send Team will be in contact with you.

FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY is a little over 4 weeks away. It's time to begin asking the Lord how he wants to use you as a channel of blessing to the nations. One of our responses during mission week will be the faith promise - an amount we trust God to provide so we can give it for missionary outreach. The Faith Promise is distributed to our mission partners and mission projects over the course of a year. Since our last Mission Conference, we have given over \$120,000 for mission causes beyond our local community. This does not count the gifts you have given to assist people going on mission trips.

AGE LEVEL

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

DISCOVERY CONFIRMATION CLASS - Confirmation is an opportunity for students to learn the foundations of their faith, learn what it means to be a Christian in today's world, and to become a member of Grace Church. March 2 - May 4, for 7th-8th Graders. There will be a mandatory Parent Meeting on February 16 at 1 PM in Youth Room (Cape Coral campus) for all interested.

SPECIAL NEEDS RESPITE NIGHT! Families of children with special needs are invited to register their children for our first respite night which will take place on Saturday, February 22 from 5-8 PM. For more information or to volunteer to serve, please visit the information kiosk

after the service or contact Heather Evans at 239.573.6890.

WARREN WILLIS INFORMATIONAL MEETING - Grace kids and youth who have finished 3rd grade and up will be attending Warren Willis Summer Camp the week of June 9. If you have never attended, but would like to find out more about this awesome week away, come to an informational meeting in Grace Place on Sunday, February 9 at 1 PM.

PLANET 45 is rocking and rolling in 2014! 4th & 5th graders, join us Monday nights from 6-7:30 PM upstairs in the Youth Room for a great time of games, snacks, worship, movie clip lessons, and lots of fun!

CHILD PROTECTION will be offered on Wednesday, February 12 at 6 PM in Grace Place.

WORSHIP

Contact Jennifer Strobe, jstrobe@egracechurch.com
or Corey Johnson, cjohnson@egracechurch.com

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!

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.

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

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.

RECOVERY

Contact Greg Mulkey
gmulkey@egracechurch.com

THIS WEEK FEBRUARY 7 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and hear a lesson on Hope by Michele J.

STEP STUDY NIGHT AT THE GCC: The next Women's Step Study will start on February 18. Make a note on your Let's Connect card if you would like to join this group. The Step Studies are a 1-year commitment that will change your life.

WOMEN'S FOOD RECOVERY GROUP - The new Women's Food Recovery group using the "Daniel Plan" is now meeting Friday at 5:30 PM in Room 3.

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

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

14006 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
239.574.7161

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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