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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! FEB. 17-23, 2014 Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 0

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 65 | Friday - 236 | Total: 301 Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 344 | 10:00 - 801 | 11:30 - 442 Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 193 Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 139 | 11:30 - 59 Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 38 | 10:00 - 148 | Wed. - 154 Total Worship Attendance: 2,747 Weekend Online Viewers: 128 Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 20 | Octane (Wed.) - 26 | Revolution - 20 Surge - 37 | Planet 45 - n/a

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center* **This Week:** General- \$28,840 | Impact- \$3,965 | Missions- \$2,794 **This Year:** General- \$244,174 | Impact- \$34,373 | Missions- \$14,954 **Total Year To Date Giving:** \$293,501

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GRACE CHURCH STRATEGY

REACH	ministries that <i>engage</i> and invite unchurched <i>people</i> in our community to <i>experience</i> the love of <i>Jesus</i> through the body of Christ.
CONNECT	ministries that help people <i>connect</i> to Jesus and the Grace Church <i>family</i> .
FORM	ministries that help <i>people</i> have a <i>growing</i> and transforming <i>relationship</i> with Jesus Christ.
SEND	ministries that <i>release</i> God's <i>people</i> to make the realities of heaven the <i>realities of earth</i> .

GRACE NEWS

MISSIONARY CANDIDATE RETREAT: Are you thinking God may be calling you to be a missionary, but not sure? This is for you! Explore your missionary calling TONIGHT, 5-6:30 PM at the Cape Coral campus. Is God calling you? Still not sure? Join us for a Missionary Candidate Retreat on April 4-6, Location TBA. Sign up at SEND table or write on back of your Let's Connect card, "missionary candidate retreat."

FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY is about making a commitment to God (not a pledge to the church) to give to the mission outreach ministries of Grace Church. We simply ask you to pray and ask the Lord, "What do you want to do through me? How do you want to use me as a vessel to provide an amount of money per month for the next 12 months?" As the Lord provides the money, you promise to give it for the Mission Outreach of Grace Church. This Faith Promise giving will be according to God's blessing and in addition to your regular church giving. **MY FAITH PROMISE GIFT IS:**

1. To support the effective proclamation of Christ's Gospel at home and around the world.

- 2. According to God's provision in my life.
- 3. Between me and God (not a pledge to the church).
- He guides me to the amount.
- I look to God to provide it.
- I am faithful to Him in giving it.
- 4. Over and above my tithe/regular gifts for the church.
- 5. A faith offering (beyond what I can foresee).

HANDY PEOPLE NEEDED! We are preparing to give our large group kids rooms a facelift at both the Cape Coral campus and the Grace Community Center. We need painters, carpenters, and set designers to help get the job done. If you are available, please make a note on your Let's Connect card or contact Carol or Heather at the church.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GOING TO COSTA RICA! Plan on purchasing a BBQ meal for take-out TODAY. Tickets available in the Narthex for \$8 donation.

Contact Patti Nemazie pnemazie@egracechurch.com

NEW COVERED IN GRACE DIAPER MINISTRY! There is a need in our community for help by providing an emergency supply of diapers to single moms or one-income families, as these cannot be bought with food stamps. As a team prepares to launch this new ministry, any donation of diapers would be greatly appreciated to help build up the diaper pantry. Simply drop them off at any campus or contact Shannon for more information or to be a part of this team at 239.218.7525.

GARDEN OF GRACE - The Garden of Grace team invites you to come out and help harvest, weed, and plant in the garden every Saturday starting at 8 AM. Call Scott for more information at 239.851.0613.

WHAT IS POVERTY? How do we help without hurting? Join us for a thought provoking training on human flourishing on Thursday, March 13, 6-9 PM at the Grace Community Center. All volunteers are encouraged to attend, especially Third Saturday volunteers. To sign up or for more information simply write, "what is poverty" on the back of your Let's Connect card.

AARP TAX SERVICE is available at the Grace Community Center Wednesdays 10 AM - 5:30 PM and Thursdays 10 AM - 4 PM. You can sign up for free tax preparation by stopping into the Thrift Store at the GCC and making an appointment.

CONNECT

REACH

Contact Kevin Griffin kgriffin@egracechurch.com

GRACE CHURCH PICNIC - Everyone is invited to a picnic at beautiful Four Freedoms Park by the Caloosahatchee River from 11 AM - 2 PM on Saturday, March 29. We'll provide the hot dogs, and you provide the fun! Please bring a side dish to share and invite your friends. Cornhole tournament, door prizes, games for kids, and more! Four Freedoms Park is located off of Cape Coral Parkway at 4818 Tarpon Court.

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, March 9 at 5 PM in the Connections Café 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.

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).

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

Group 10-51 - All public servants (police, firefighters, EMS, etc.) are invited to join this small group for a time of fellowship and bible study. For more information, please contact Dan Trapheagen at grouptenfiftyone@gmail.com.

MAKING MY CONNECTIONS - The next 4-week "Making My Connections" membership class starts Sunday, March 16 at 11:30 AM 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. To register, write "Making My Connections" on your Let's Connect card or call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

FORM

Contact Kevin Griffin kgriffin@egracechurch.com

THE LENT CHALLENGE - The 40 days leading up to Easter are called "Lent," which begins this week on Ash Wednesday. We are encouraging everyone who calls Grace Church their spiritual home to journey through Lent this year by reading the entire New Testament. We're calling it the "Lent Challenge." By reading about 7 chapters of scripture a day, which only requires about 30 minutes of reading or listening to an audio version, you can do it! Pick up a Lent Challenge handout at worship today or download one for free at egracechurch.com/lent.

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.
- YOUR MONEY COUNTS: BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STUDY BY CROWN FINANCIAL- 1:30 3:30 PM Sundays. Led by David and Shannon Hartline. Class starts May 4 and lasts for 10 weeks.
- **TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY: SLOWING DOWN TO BE WITH GOD** 6:30 7:45 PM Wednesdays. Led by Sherri Wambolt. Class starts March 12 and lasts 4 weeks.

SEND

SEND GLOBAL - Please continue to pray for our Grace Church Mission Partners as we conclude our time together as they head back into the fields and share their hearts for the harvest in the places God has called them to serve:

Ghana- Lawrence Beka; Cuba- Bo Rodriquez; U.S Samaritans Purse- Bri Butler; Gobal- CV Elliott; Global- Joyce Hearl; Africa- Michael Mozley; India- Peter & Ester Pereira; Nicaragua- Freddy & Mirna Sanchez; Mexico- Marie & Nolan Schockey; Costa Rica- Ray Zirkel.

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS! Interested in being a part of a short-term mission team that GOES to support our missionaries on the field? An "everything you need to know before you decide to go" informational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9, 1 PM at the Cape Coral campus. Short-term mission team application will be available at this meeting. Come join! The following are upcoming mission trips:

- May 31 June 7: Youth Mission Trip to Costa Rica
- May 25-30: Nicaragua- Female bilingual needed
- July 19-30: Cuba Mission Trip
- July 20-27: Mexico Mission Trip
- TBD Atlanta, Georgia: Operation Christmas Child Processing Center
- November 2014: India Mission Trip

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TEAM MEETING - TODAY at 1 PM at the Cape Coral campus. Join us as we celebrate what God has done in and through this ministry in 2013 and to plan for 2014 and build our team. Also, mark your calendar for Thursday, March 18 from 1-4 PM, as we will be hosting a City Serve opportunity at the Grace Community Center (rooms 1-2) making crafts to go into the shoeboxes. For more info contact Jessica at 239.340.0377.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Here's another opportunity to serve locally March 18-22 from 10 AM - 2 PM on a Habitat for Humanity remodel project right here in our community. Can't do physical labor, but still want to help? How about providing lunch for the laborers? For more information, write "Habitat" on back of your Let's Connect card or call Mike at 404.202.2190.

AGE LEVEL

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

OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT will be Saturday, March 8 at 6:30PM! Admission is 2 canned goods. Feature Presentation will be "DESPICABLE ME 2!" Take part in our "Dress Like a Minion" costume contest! Bring your family, friends, and lawn chairs to this fun evening! Popcorn, pizza, nachos and other concessions will be available and all proceeds support the Youth Costa Rica Mission Trip.

SPECIAL NEEDS RESPITE NIGHT: Our first event was a smashing success, and we are excited to do it again! Our Easter themed respite night will be held on Saturday, April 5, and we would love to have you join our team! Please contact Heather Evans at the church make a note on your Let's Connect card to join the fun!

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. We are also seeking sound and visual techs. Come join our growing team of committed servants who love doing 'behind the scenes' service. If interested, please contact Scott at 239.851.3842.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Our Celebrate Recovery program has some amazing worship every Friday night! We are auditioning new musicians very soon. Please contact Jen strode or Scott McDonald at 239.574.7161 x239 to make an appointment.

WORSHIP MUSICIANS AND SINGERS- Please contact Jen Strode if you would like to audition to join any of the teams who lead worship. We are currently looking for people interested in furthering their musical gifts to serve the Kingdom through worship. Other teams involved in Worship arts include: DRAMA TEAM, SET TEAM, TECH TEAM, and the STAGING TEAM. Please contact Jen at 239.574.7161 x239 to get plugged in!

RECOVERY

Contact Greg Mulkey gmulkey@egracechurch.com

THIS WEEK MARCH 7 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and we will hear a lesson on "turn" by Greg M. as we move into step 3.

STEP STUDY NIGHT AT THE GCC: The newest women's step study has started! This group will only be open to new attenders for a few weeks. If you want to join this group, just be at the GCC on Tuesday night at 6 PM. This is a one-year commitment that will change the way you look at 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

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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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