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WEEKLY

March 9, 2014

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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! FEB. 24-MAR. 2, 2014

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 3

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 76 | Friday - 255 | Total: 331

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 327 | 10:00 - 782 | 11:30 - 451

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 214

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 10:00 - 186 | 11:30 - 64

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 34 | 10:00 - 149 | Wed. - 185

Total Worship Attendance: 2,538 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 160

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 58 | Octane (Wed.) - 23 | Revolution - 30
Surge - 43 | Planet 45 - 20

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General- \$34,957 | Impact- \$6,563 | Missions- \$5,540

This Year: General- \$279,131 | Impact- \$40,935 | Missions- \$20,495

Total Year To Date Giving: \$340,561

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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

CITY SERVE is a week where churches all over our community unite to show God's love by blessing our communities with acts of service. Please review the service opportunities listed and let us know what you'd like to sign up for. Go to egracechurch.com/cityserve to sign up.

- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** 8 AM - 2 PM March 18-22- Working with Habitat for Humanity to rehab a home for a family in need in SWFL! This is a multi-day project, March 18-22. You are not obligated to serve all days by signing up for one day. Team Leader: Mike, 404.202.2190.
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** 1-4 PM Thursday March 18 at the Grace Community Center (Rooms 1 & 2). This project includes working various stations to make crafts to fill shoebox gifts that will go to deserving children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Team Leader: Jessica, 239.340.0377.
- **HAGGAI HOUSE** - 9 AM - 1 PM – March 18, 20, 22. This project includes helping to rehab a home that will be used as an outreach center to do ministry in a community near downtown Fort Myers. Work includes tearing drywall and damaged interior and doing light landscaping work. Team Leader: Mike Gannon, 239.410.8007.
- **BLESS THE CITY ACT OF KINDNESS** - 24/7 March 17-22. If you can't serve on a specific day or at a specific time, why not bless a person or family in our community? Download the blessing letter attached to this project "bless the city act of kindness" on the website, then pay for the food of a car behind you in the drive-thru line, or a family at a restaurant. Ask the cashier/server to deliver the letter to the family to let them know that they've been blessed by God through City Serve!

- **JUNIPER VILLAGE**-“Welcoming Spring” 9 AM - 1 PM, Wednesday, March 19. This project will consist of light landscaping work at Juniper Village Retirement Home in Southeast Cape Coral. Team Leader: Betty Andrews, 239.898.5804.
- **MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:** March 17-22: Check out the website for other opportunities to serve during this week, egracechurch.com/cityserve.

REACH

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GARDEN OF GRACE: We have begun construction on the Biblical Garden of Grace. Please stop by to observe the progress of this new area within the Garden of Grace located in the northeast corner of the Grace Community Center parking lot. Engraved Paver order forms are available in the Narthex. Our monthly garden class will be held at 12 PM on Saturday, March 22 in the garden. You are invited 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.

CHOICE PANTRY: For the month of March, we will be serving homeless veterans and those who are transitioning in to housing. We are collecting gently used backpacks to put food in for these special guests. Please drop off backpack donations in the designated box on Sunday, March 16 and March 23 only.

ADDRESSING POVERTY: Ismael Hernandez, founder of Freedom & Virtue Institute located in Fort Myers, will be the speaker for a thought provoking training on the promotion of human flourishing. It will be Thursday, March 13, 2014, from 6-9 PM at the Grace Community Center, 4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway, North Fort Myers. All are cordially invited. Please RSVP: carmen.salome4@gracemail.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.

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 by the Thrift Store at the Grace Community Center and making an appointment.

CONNECT

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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. 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 TONIGHT, 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.

HEALTHY NUTRITION CLASS – Would you like to gain general nutrition knowledge and discover the correlation between nutrition and health to enable you to make healthier dietary and lifestyle choices? Join personal trainer and fitness expert, Tom Johnson, for three weeks starting on Sunday, March 30, 4 PM – 5 PM at the Cape Coral campus. To register, write “Nutrition Class” on your Let’s Connect card or call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

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

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THE LENT CHALLENGE - The 40 days leading up to Easter are called “Lent,” which began 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 - 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 this Wednesday, 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 this Wednesday, March 12 and lasts 4 weeks.

SEND

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THANK YOU- The Send team extends a huge "Thank You" to those who provided food for the Kick-Off Celebration, who took missionaries to lunch, and who participated in set-up or tear down teams. Send Global was truly a high spiritual event in the life of our church. To God be the glory!

INFORMATION MEETING: There will be an informational meeting for all who are interested in a short term mission experience this year TODAY 1 PM. Applications available at this meeting.

- Costa Rica: May 31-June 7, Youth Mission Team
- Nicaragua: May 25-30, Female bilingual needed
- Cuba: July 19-30, Building & Ministry opportunities
- Mexico: July 20-27, VBS Ministry
- Costa Rica: Aug 23-30, Construction plus Children's Ministry
- Atlanta, GA: Dates TBD, Operation Christmas Child,
- India: Nov 1-10, Teaching & Ministry

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. Join us for a Missionary Candidate Retreat on April 4-6, location TBA. Write on back of your Lets Connect card, "missionary candidate retreat" or contact Patti Nemazie at 239.574.7161 or pnemazie@egracechurch.com.

AGE LEVEL

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

SMALL WONDERS PRESCHOOL, a ministry of Grace Church is now enrolling for the new school year. We have openings for children ages 2 through 5, including the state funded VPK program with wrap around care. Spaces are limited and will fill fast, so contact Heather at the school for more information at 239.573.6890.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING! June 23-27 will be the best week of the summer where kids will learn that Jesus' love is one of a kind! Make a note on your Let's Connect card to be contacted to serve. You don't want to miss the fun!

PLANET 45 - We will not be having Planet 45 on March 17. Enjoy your Spring Break.

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 will be 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 to get plugged in!

RECOVERY

*Contact Greg Mulkey
gmulkey@egracechurch.com*

THIS WEEK MARCH 14 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and we will hear a personal testimony from Tom P. as he shares his story of recovery and what life is like today.

STEP STUDY NIGHT AT THE GCC: The newest women's step study has started! This group will only be open to new attenders for ONE MORE WEEK. 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

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:

NEW 8:30AM - Traditional
10:00AM - Contemporary

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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