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# WEEKLY

March 23, 2014

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**people** from unbelievers to *fully devoted*  
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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.

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## WE COUNT BECAUSE PEOPLE COUNT! MAR. 10-16, 2014

**Commitments made last week:** Life to Jesus - 4

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**Celebrate Recovery:** Tuesday - 82 | Friday - 227 | Total: 309

**Cape Coral Campus:** 8:30 - 291 | 10:00 - 721 | 11:30 - 399

**Grace Community Center:** 10:00 - 164

**Ft Myers Shores Campus:** 8:30 - 52 | 10:00 - 164

**Ft Myers Central Campus:** 8:30 - 33 | 10:00 - 143 | Wed. - 164

**Total Worship Attendance:** 2,563 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 123

**Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth:** Octane (Sun.) - 36 | Octane (Wed.) - 25 | Revolution - 28  
Surge - 43 | Planet 45 - n/a

### GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

**This Week:** General- \$31,331 | Impact- \$3,388 | Missions- \$3,186

**This Year:** General- \$337,217 | Impact- \$48,866 | Missions- \$42,314

**Total Year To Date Giving:** \$428,397

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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*.

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## GRACE NEWS

**ATTENTION THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS!** - Please join us for a thrift store team meeting at the GCC on Tuesday, March 25 at 5 PM to discuss future plans for the store. See you there!

**CONNECTIONS CAFÉ** – The Connections Café will be closed next Sunday, March 30 to give our volunteers a day off. However, you can still have breakfast by taking advantage of the Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.

**WOMEN'S LUNCHEON** - The annual Women of Grace May Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 10 from 10 AM to 2 PM at Grace Community Center. Tickets will be available beginning in April. If you would like to serve as a table hostess, please plan on attending a meeting next Sunday, March 30, at the Cape Coral campus.

**IN MEMORY OF ERICH BREDEHOEFT**, the Sanctuary Choir donated money to sponsor a child to attend Warren Willis Summer Camp this year.

## REACH

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[pnemazie@egracechurch.com](mailto:pnemazie@egracechurch.com)

**NEW MINISTRY NOW FORMING: JOBS FOR LIFE** is a Christian based work-readiness program that empowers churches, members, businesses and community leaders to make a positive difference in the lives of others while building deeper and stronger relationships with each other, their community and with Christ. Through the dignity of work, Jobs for Life provides the platform for positive change and opens the door to new, unique ways to serve God. For more information about being a part of this new ministry team please contact Tim Green at 239.628.7878 or write JFL on the back of your Let's Connect card!

**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

*Contact Kevin Griffin  
kgiffin@egracechurch.com*

**MEN'S RETREAT FOLLOW-UP GATHERING** - The men that attended the retreat are invited to bring their spouses and children to gather at 5 PM on Sunday, March 23 in the Connections Café (Cape Coral campus) to meet each other's families, share a meal, hear a testimony and worship together. Bring a dish to share; we will provide the meat.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:grouptenfiftyone@gmail.com).

# 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](http://egracechurch.com/lent).

**YOUR MONEY COUNTS: BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STUDY BY CROWN FINANCIAL**- 1:30 - 3:30 PM Sundays. Led by David and Shannon Hartline. Class starts Sunday, May 4 and lasts for 10 weeks. Register today at [egracechurch.com/transform](http://egracechurch.com/transform) or call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

# SEND

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**APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE** for the following short-term mission teams:

- 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

For more information, contact Patti at 239.574.7161 or [pnemazie@egracechurch.com](mailto:pnemazie@egracechurch.com). Application Deadline for Cuba, Mexico and Costa Rica is TODAY.

**FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONY:** *"We'd had a lot of unanticipated medical bills in January and somewhat worried about how we could fulfill our pledge to the impact building fund and so as we approached Faith Promise Sunday, I wasn't sure what we could trust God to do. But still there was this feeling that we should do something. When my wife and I compared thoughts, we both had the same figure in mind. We took that as God's leading and made our Faith Promise. Imagine my surprise when the day following Faith Promise Sunday we received a refund check from the doctor. And, you guessed it; the amount of the check exceeded the amount of our Faith Promise!"*

**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](mailto:pnemazie@egracechurch.com).

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - We continue to collect items for the shoeboxes for our Operation Christmas Child (OCC) packing party! Remember, no toothpaste please. Watch for the after-Easter bargains – craft kits, eggs (fill them with hair ribbons, toys, candy in the fall, etc), coloring books, stuffed animals, and anything else that will fit a box! Also, remember to save YOUR shoeboxes to pack your own “GO boxes” for November pick-up! Thanks for all you do!

## AGE LEVEL

Contact Heather Evans (Children) [hevans@egracechurch.com](mailto:hevans@egracechurch.com)  
or Taylor Foley (Youth) [tfoley@egracechurch.com](mailto: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!

**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](mailto:jstrode@egracechurch.com)  
or Corey Johnson, [cjohnson@egracechurch.com](mailto: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 28 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and hear a personal testimony by Marilyn H. as she shares her story of life and recovery.

**STEP STUDY NIGHT AT THE GCC:** All Step Study groups are closed to new attenders at this point. Watch here for the newest groups starting soon so you can join in on the road to freedom!

**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.

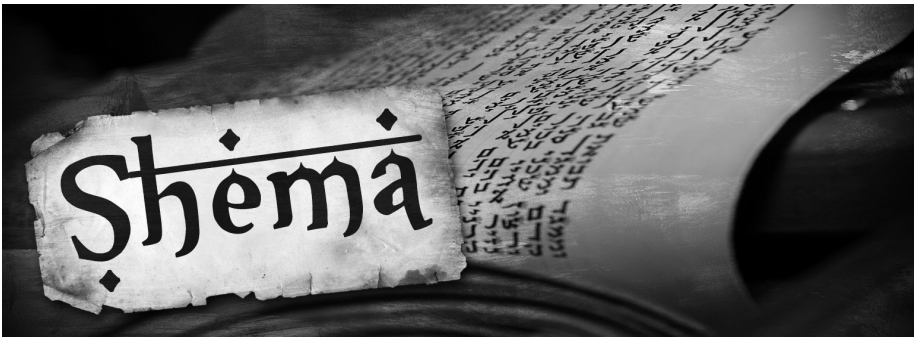
**CELEBRATE RECOVERY FRIDAYS** *at the Cape Coral Campus:*

**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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*NEW series starting next week!*

During this season of Lent, we are asking the question: What does it mean to love God with my whole self; heart, head and hands? This series will look at three areas of our life to cultivate our love for God.

## 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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