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# WEEKLY

March 30, 2014

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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. 17-23, 2014

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 0

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**Celebrate Recovery:** Tuesday - 63 | Friday - 149 | Total: 212

**Cape Coral Campus:** 8:30 - 293 | 10:00 - 576 | 11:30 - 348

**Grace Community Center:** 10:00 - 246

**Ft Myers Shores Campus:** 8:30 - 54 | 10:00 - 192

**Ft Myers Central Campus:** 8:30 - 31 | 10:00 - 187 | Wed. - 132

**Total Worship Attendance:** 2,407 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 132

**Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth:** Octane (Sun.) - 46 | Octane (Wed.) - n/a | Revolution - 38  
Surge - n/a | Planet 45 - 17

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

**This Week:** General- \$29,715 | Impact- \$3,534 | Missions- \$4,123

**This Year:** General- \$366,932 | Impact- \$52,399 | Missions- \$46,437

**Total Year To Date Giving:** \$465,768

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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*.

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## GRACE NEWS

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 82 PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** North Fort Myers Applebee's on Saturday, April 12 from 8 AM – 10 AM. Cost is \$10 per breakfast and includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, and a beverage. Please come help support the boys to pay for summer camp. Contact Jan Stuck for more details, 239.284.6724.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** We need donations of individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19. Please bring them to the church office or the Children's Building!

**THRIFT STORE BOUTIQUE** is looking for a few good volunteers. If you like to work with designer clothes and help people find that perfect outfit, this is for you. We are in need of volunteers to work a 4-hour shift once a week in the boutique. If you would like more information please call Donna at 239.656.0122.

**MISSIONARY CANDIDATE RETREAT:** Are you sensing God calling you to missionary service? Are you uncertain of what your next step should be? Explore your missionary calling. Join us for a Missionary Candidate Retreat on April 4-5, located at a retreat center in Fort Myers. Write on back of your Lets Connect card, "missionary candidate retreat" or contact Patti Nemazie at 239.574.7161 or pnemazie@egracechurch.com.

**CONNECTIONS CAFÉ** – The Connections Café is closed TODAY to give our volunteers a day off. You can still have breakfast by taking advantage of the Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Dawn & Ryan Bemis and Michael Moore, Jr., in the passing of their father/grandfather, Michael Moore, Sr., on March 22.

**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](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!

**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.

**BIBLICAL GARDEN** - The Biblical Garden of Grace is offering an opportunity to purchase an engraved tribute brick to be placed in the walkway surrounding the garden for \$40. Contact Karen Yaeger at 239.898.3605 or see her team in the Narthex today.

# CONNECT

Contact Kevin Griffin  
[kgriffin@egracechurch.com](mailto:kgriffin@egracechurch.com)

**WOMEN OF GRACE SPRING LUNCHEON** - The Women of Grace invite you to join the ladies of Grace Church and to bring ladies from your community to the Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 10 at 10 AM at the Grace Community Center. Come hear from our "own" Grace Church author, Dr. Carol Kennedy, plus other ladies as they tell how God "unlocked" their lives. Tickets are available during the month of April at the four sites of Grace Church or our website, [egracechurch.com](http://egracechurch.com), for \$10 each. For more information please contact Cheryl Acevedo at [cacevedo@comcast.net](mailto:cacevedo@comcast.net) or the church office, 239.574.7161. If you are interested in helping behind the scenes, please attend today's meeting at either the Grace Community Center at 11:15 AM or at the Cape Coral campus at 12:45 PM.

**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 TODAY, March 30, 4 PM - 5 PM at the 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](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).

**THRIVE! THE SINGLE PARENT ADVENTURE** - First Assembly of God (4701 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers) is inviting all single parents to a FREE conference on Friday, April 4, (7 PM-9:30 PM) and Saturday, April 5, (9 AM-1 PM). Don Partridge, author and speaker from Pleasanton, CA will be facilitating a time of Q&A addressing single parent questions/issues and new parenting skills. Contact Colleen Marinello at 239.936.6277 or [cmarinello@famfm.com](mailto:cmarinello@famfm.com) by Wednesday, April 2 to make your reservation to attend the conference and to register for FREE childcare. This will be a great opportunity to meet other single parents in a fun learning environment!

## FORM

Contact Kevin Griffin  
[kgriffin@egracechurch.com](mailto:kgriffin@egracechurch.com)

**WORK IS WORSHIP** - Do you feel as though your job has little meaning or purpose? Does God really care about your work life? Join us this Tuesday, April 1 and the first and third Tuesday of every month at 8 AM - 9 AM in Room 6, Cape Coral campus, for a small group DVD study by Andy Stanley. For more information contact Chris Horseman at 239.280.6208.

**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

Contact Patti Nemazie  
[pnemazie@egracechurch.com](mailto:pnemazie@egracechurch.com)

**MISSION TRIPS** - The summer mission teams application deadline was last Sunday. Scheduled for later in the year are:

- Atlanta, GA: Nov. 26-30 (Operation Christmas Child)
- Hyderabad, India: Nov 1-10

Let God use you to encourage our mission partners!

**FAITH PROMISE UPDATE** People continue to turn in their Faith Promise for missions. The total has reached 689 promises, totaling \$320,750.08. If you have a Faith Promise testimony – your story of how God has provided for you to fulfill your promise – please share it. You may not only brag on God's faithfulness, but you may encourage someone else.

**UPDATE FROM GHANA** - In a recent email, our Ghana mission partner, Lawrence Beka, asked for prayer for one of his colleagues, Pastor Raymond who was in a coma following a motorcycle accident. Lawrence wrote, "Just want you to know that this morning Pastor Raymond responded positively to prayers offered for him. We talked and prayed together!"

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - It's almost April and OCC collections are happening! In April, we are focused on collecting stuffed animals. We LOVE beanie babies and other small creatures! Please continue bringing in any other donations from previous months, as our boxes are NOT full! And remember, if you don't like to shop, you can make a monetary donation and we'll shop (in bulk) for you!

## AGE LEVEL

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

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The annual Grace Kidz Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19 beginning at 10 AM in the sanctuary! Invite your friends, ages 0-5th grade. There will be thousands and thousands of eggs, candy galore, and a visit from the bunny too!

**NO SURGE** on April 4 due to "Set a Fire" Retreat.

**DISCOVERY RETREAT:** Our retreat for our Confirmation students is April 25-26 at the Christian Retreat Center on Ft. Myers Beach. More information will be provided to students in Discovery class today. Parents, if you have any further questions, please contact Taylor Foley.

**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 Strobe, [jstrobe@egracechurch.com](mailto:jstrobe@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 APRIL 4 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and hear a lesson on Moral by Michele J. as we begin step 4.

**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



## 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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