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WEEKLY

April 6, 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! MAR. 24-30, 2014

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 1

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 68 | Friday - 255 | Total: 323

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 284 | 10:00 - 726 | 11:30 - 440

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 215

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 - 51 | 10:00 - 152

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 26 | 10:00 - 137 | Wed. - 195

Total Worship Attendance: 2,696 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 147

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 54 | Octane (Wed.) - 31 | Revolution - 29
Surge - 44 | Planet 45 - 16

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General- \$30,634 | Impact- \$3,802 | Missions- \$3,990

This Year: General- \$397,566 | Impact- \$56,201 | Missions- \$50,427

Total Year To Date Giving: \$504,194

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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

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FULL TIME FACILITIES STAFF PERSON - Grace Church is seeking a God centered, people focused and team based leader with extensive maintenance experience and exceptional team building skills. Applications available in the church office today through Wednesday, April 9.

GOLF TOURNAMENT CANCELLED - Unfortunately, due to the lack of community sponsors, the 2014 GCC Golf Tournament scheduled for April 12 had been cancelled.

SPRING CLEANING - This Easter, we will see hundreds of guests come through the doors of our church. It's time to clean up around here! Plan on helping us at our Spring Cleaning event next Saturday, April 12 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Cape Coral campus.

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. Contact Donna at 239.656.0122.

TODAY at the 11:30 service, we celebrate the baptism of Dallas Maxwell Smart born April 13, 2012. He is the son of Dallas and Jennifer Smart.

OCC CRAFT NIGHTS - Mark your calendars now for OCC Craft Nights at the Grace Community Center held on the first Thursday of the month from 6 PM – 8 PM; May 8, June 5, July 3, and August 7. Join us to assemble crafts for the shoeboxes! All are welcome.

FITNESS FOR FAITH ministry is looking for individuals willing to donate a small amount of time to help our Grace Church Family get fit in 2014 and stay fit! If you can teach, yoga, pilates, P90X, Zumba or any other fitness class, we need your help to keep our fitness ministry running throughout the spring and summer months! If interested, please mark your Let's Connect Card.

REACH

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pnemazie@egracechurch.com

NO GED sessions on Thursday, April 17, or Saturday, April 19, for the Holy Week/Easter weekend. We come back Thursday, April 24.

GARDEN OF GRACE - Monthly Workshop Series: Summertime Gardening Class presented by Karen Harty, Lee County Master Gardener, at 12 PM on Saturday, April 26 in the Garden. Tribute bricks or benches for the Biblical Garden Project can still be purchased by contacting Karen at 239.898.3605. Bricks start as low as \$40.

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 Grace Church at 239.574.7161 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.

CONNECT

Contact Kevin Griffin
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COED SOFTBALL - Grace Church is now forming teams to play in a Friday night coed church league through Cape Coral Parks & Rec. No experience necessary! Games begin mid-May and run through the summer. New male and female players are needed. Come get some exercise and meet some new friends! For registration information, contact PT Barnum at 239-691-8995 or cc9800@embarqmail.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, for \$10 each. For more information please contact Cheryl Acevedo at cacevedo@comcast.net or the church office, 239.574.7161.

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, TODAY and Sunday, April 13, 4 PM - 5 PM in Room 3 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.

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.

FORM

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FULLY ALIVE - Join us on a journey along a road of heartache and adventure to a place called "the land of the living" and discover what may be missing in our lives. Get a taste of the beautiful urgency of today and begin moving toward a change in your life that draws from the joy and power that can be found only in Christ. Fully Alive, by best-selling author and internationally renowned speaker Ken Davis, explores the idea that God is glorified when we are "fully and eternally alive," using some of Davis's most honest and intimate stories. Led by Sherri Wambolt. 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Wednesdays for 6 weeks beginning April 9 in Room 3 (Cape Coral campus). Childcare available. Required book: Fully Alive "Action Guide" available for purchase at the first class for \$10. Register today by writing "Fully Alive" on your Let's Connect card or call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

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 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.

GOD SPEAKS TO MAN; MAN SPEAKS TO GOD: A STUDY OF THE PSALMS - Led by Randall Cook. 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Wednesdays for 4 weeks beginning May 7 in the Connections Café (Cape Coral campus). Childcare available. Register today by writing "Psalms" on your Let's Connect card or call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

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 or call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

SEND

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SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAM APPLICATIONS for the India mission trip November 1-10 are still available. Contact Patti at pnemazie@egracechurch.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - 8,000 SHOEBOX GOAL FOR 2014! Thank you to the anonymous donor for the bin full of beanie babies! Do you have a collection you could part with? We are collecting stuffed animals this month, and ANY small stuffed animals are appreciated. Remember, if you don't like to shop, you can make a monetary donation to OCC and we'll shop for you!

HOPE FOR TODAY - From Hope for Today, the ministry of Peter & Esther Pereira, our ministry partners in India (please continue to pray for this ministry):

"When Mounika was nine years old, her father was murdered, leaving her behind with her mother and two brothers. As the only breadwinner of the family, his death caused a great hardship as well as emotional distress. Her mother worked hard in the fields, but there was just not enough for a family of four. A daughter in India is sometimes considered a burden because you have to raise them and pay a dowry to give them a good marriage. So instead, Mounika was given away. She was taken into the Hope for Today Alpha Home, where she was raised as a member of the family. She has now received an education and always provided with food, clothing, and health care. She recently completed college and has started working at the HFT office. A child who could have been 'lost' has a great start in life thanks to sponsorship and love from the HFT family. Mounika says, 'I want to be instrumental in helping other children in need so the next generation can also be educated.' Praise God for His providence in helping these children!"

FAITH PROMISE REPORT: *"I made a Faith Promise Commitment to Grace for missions, and this week I received the first income tax refund I have received in at least 13 years....I always end up paying the IRS! I was able to pay the whole Faith Promise Commitment at once....Praise God!"* Share YOUR Faith Promise Testimony. Email it to cve1946@gmail.com.

AGE LEVEL

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

YOUTH CARWASH - The Youth are having a carwash on Saturday, April 12, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Costa Rica mission trip.

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!

EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY NEEDED: 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!

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! Download registration forms for your kids at egracechurch.com/cc-vbs.

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 APRIL 11 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and we will hear a personal testimony from a special guest speaker, Kelly L. as she shares her story of 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

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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