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WEEKLY

April 13, 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. 31-APR. 6, 2014

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 1

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 59 | Friday - 198 | Total: 257

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 291 | 10:00 - 572 | 11:30 - 364

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 198

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 - 46 | 10:00 - 119

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 28 | 10:00 - 160 | Wed. - 169

Total Worship Attendance: 2,362 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 136

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 39 | Octane (Wed.) - 32 | Revolution - 19

Surge - n/a | Planet 45 - 20 | Youth Retreat - 61

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General- \$35,361 | Impact- \$6,992 | Missions- \$4,958

This Year: General- \$432,927 | Impact- \$63,193 | Missions- \$55,385

Total Year To Date Giving: \$551,505

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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

EASTER SERVICE TIMES: 6:30 AM - Sunrise Service (Parking Lot); 8:30 AM - Traditional Service; 10 AM - Contemporary Service; 11:30 AM - Contemporary Service; 10 AM - Contemporary Service (Grace Community Center).

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

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, May 4 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.

WHAT'S YOUR "S.T.R.I.D.E."? - Have you ever wondered how God has uniquely gifted you to serve? Are you searching for a way to volunteer and plug in that matches who you are? Join us for a fun and interactive day of discovering more about your Spiritual Gifts, Talents, Resources, Individuality, Dreams, and Experiences (STRIDE)...and how God can use all of these things for His Kingdom. You're invited to join Pastor Kevin, along with other Grace Church staff and leaders, for a one-day event called "Serving from the Heart" in the Connections Café at the Cape Coral campus. 9 AM - 2 PM Saturday, May 3. Registration is only \$10 and includes all materials, your workbook and lunch! Childcare is available. Sign up on Sunday morning at the STRIDE table or contact Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161 or lj Jarvis@egracechurch.com.

THRIFT STORE NEW TIMES - Beginning Monday, April 28, the back room of the Thrift Store will be open for donations from 9 AM - 12 PM.

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.

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.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Jack Connell whose wife, Gwen, passed away April 7.

REACH

*Contact Patti Nemazie
pnemazie@egracechurch.com*

CALLING PRAYER SERVANTS! Easter Sunday is next week! Lots of people will be visiting and many will need prayer! Can you serve as a prayer partner on Easter Sunday for 30 minutes in the Starting Point room? Shifts are 9:15-9:45; 10:45-11:15; 12:15-12:45. If you are interested please indicate on the back of your Let's Connect card, "Easter Starting point!"

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 - 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!

CONNECT

*Contact Kevin Griffin
kgriffin@egracechurch.com*

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.

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, April 13, 4 PM - 5 PM in Room 3 at the Cape Coral campus.

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 the church office, 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.

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 4-week "Making My Connections" membership class starts Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM in Room 7 at the Cape Coral campus. Childcare is provided. 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 "MMC" on your Let's Connect card or contact Leigh Jarvis at 239-574-7161 or lj Jarvis@egracechurch.com.

FORM

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FULLY ALIVE STUDY - 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 7 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 contact Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161 or lj Jarvis@egracechurch.com.

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 call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

SEND

Contact Patti Nemazie
pnemazie@egracechurch.com

A WORD FROM LAWRENCE BEKA - *"It gladdens my heart that people of Grace Church are catching the vision on missions and are committed to the faith promise. We give God the glory for the achievement. Please, continue to pray for my cousin, Pastor Raymond, who had a serious accident as he was returning to Tamale following a Sunday service outside the city. His condition is stable, but he still has memory lapses, and he cannot stand or walk without support. Blessings to all."*

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! We are still behind in our collections, so please consider bringing in gently used or new stuffed animals (we LOVE beanie babies!) for the WHITE shoeboxes. Those are the ones we will pack at the packing party in September that will go to countries where Christianity is frowned upon or even against the law. Please avoid bringing anything with crosses or Christ-centered until you pack your own shoeboxes in October and November.

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

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!

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

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!

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.

RECOVERY

Contact Greg Mulkey
gmulkey@egracechurch.com

THIS WEEK APRIL 18 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and we will hear a personal testimony from Kelly L., a guest speaker from Cape Coral 1st United Methodist's Monday night Celebrate Recovery Program as she shares her story.

WOMEN'S FOOD RECOVERY GROUP - We will start a new Women's Food Group series on Friday April 25 at 5:30 PM in room 3.

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!

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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