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# WEEKLY

April 20, 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.

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## WE COUNT BECAUSE PEOPLE COUNT! APRIL 14-20, 2014

**Commitments made last week:** Life to Jesus - 0

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**Celebrate Recovery:** Tuesday - 63 | Friday - 242 | Total: 305

**Cape Coral Campus:** 8:30 - 258 | 10:00 - 506 | 11:30 - 363

**Grace Community Center:** 10:00 - 187

**Ft Myers Shores Campus:** 8:30 - 43 | 10:00 - 170

**Ft Myers Central Campus:** 8:30 - 26 | 10:00 - 145 | Wed. - 174

**Total Worship Attendance:** 2,329 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 152

**Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth:** Octane (Sun.) - 43 | Octane (Wed.) - 27 | Revolution - 29  
Surge - 38 | Planet 45 - 18

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

**This Week:** General- \$28,842 | Impact- \$3,118 | Missions- \$3,841

**This Year:** General- \$461,769 | Impact- \$66,311 | Missions- \$59,226

**Total Year To Date Giving:** \$587,306

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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

**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.

**PASTOR PAUL'S RETIREMENT** - After serving faithfully and fruitfully at Grace Church for 20 years, Pastor Paul Dissington is retiring for the second time. Please join us on Sunday, April 27 at 3 PM in the Connections Café at the Cape Coral campus for a retirement celebration!

**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@gracechurch.com](mailto:lj Jarvis@gracechurch.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.

**GCC THRIFT STORE** is in need of your gently used furniture. If you have items you would like to donate please call 239.656.0122 to schedule a pickup. Thank you for your support of the GCC Thrift Store.

**EXTRA TIME ON YOUR HANDS?** The GCC Thrift Store would love to have you come help out for only 1 (4 hr) shift a week. We need help in the Boutique, Backroom, and on the floor organizing items. Please come check us out and see what a blessing you can be to others.

**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.

**CHURCH OFFICE** is closed Monday, April 21 in observance of Easter.

**TODAY** at the 10 AM service at the Grace Community Center, we celebrate the baptism of Kaleb Gene Trathen born March 10, 2014. He is the son of Jessica Wreede.

## REACH

*Contact Patti Nemazie  
pnemazie@egracechurch.com*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CRAFT NIGHT** - May 8 at 6 PM at the Grace Community Center. Join us as we prepare for the September packing party by putting together small crafts that will be put in the shoeboxes. For more information, contact Jessica at 239.340.0377.

**GARDEN OF GRACE** - 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!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - Happy Easter! Help bring the joy of knowing our Savior to children all over the world with your donations each week for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). This is a great week to find stuffed animals marked down after the holiday! We accept new and gently used small stuffed animals for the white boxes. Calling handymen - we need your help to build a cage in the undeveloped side of GCC to store all of the OCC items we are collecting. If you can help on Friday, May 2 from 9 AM – 12 PM, please contact Jessica or write, "OCC cage" on back of your Let's Connect card.

## CONNECT

*Contact Kevin Griffin  
kgriffin@egracechurch.com*

**MUG MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Do you have a passion to welcome first time visitors at Grace Church? As a Mug Ministry volunteer, you have the opportunity to encourage visitors to explore all Grace Church has to offer. Our volunteers receive assignments for mug deliveries in the Fort Myers and Cape Coral areas. If you would like more information, please email Cindi Ryerson at cryerson@embarqmail.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.

**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) the church office, 239.574.7161.

**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).

**MAKING MY CONNECTIONS** - The 3-week "Making My Connections" membership class starts Wednesday, May 7 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](mailto:lj Jarvis@egracechurch.com).

## FORM

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**MEN'S GROUPS** - New men's small groups are currently forming. These groups meet for one hour once a week or every other week in various locations for Bible study, prayer, and friendship. Get connected to a "band of brothers"! For more information, email Mike Wilson at [mike126.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:mike126.wilson@gmail.com) or call 239.574.7161. Save the date for our next "Sons of Grace" Men's Retreat, on September 13-14 at Fort Myers Beach. Registration coming soon.

**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](mailto: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](http://egracechurch.com/transform) call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

## SEND

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

**A WORD FROM** Ray and Lidia Zirkel serving in Costa Rica:

*"We are doing well these days and recovering a bit from the mad rush we had leading up to Thursday's dedication of the second house at the Children's Home. It was quite the event and I believe it is up on You Tube if you do a search for Methodist Children's Home Costa Rica. I'll warn you though it is a bit long! We send our thanks to Grace Church for the increase in support of our ministry. What a wonderful gift! Many blessings!"* Please keep the Costa Rica short-term mission team in prayer as they begin their team meetings preparing to serve in Costa Rica August 23-30.

**A WORD FROM** Nolan & Marie Schockey serving in Mexico:

*"We just returned from a trip to Guachochi and some Tarahumara Indian villages about 12 hours south of Juarez. We invite you to pray that God would raise up people for the needs we identified: a pastor, dorm parents for a boarding school, and a teacher at a Bible college. Pray for fruitfulness in our ministry at the Police Academy where we are teaching leaders of prisons, transit cops, detectives and police using John Maxwell's book, *The Most Powerful 21 Minutes in the Day of a Leader*." Please keep the Mexico short term mission team in prayer as they begin their team meeting and preparing to serve in Mexico July 20-27.*

## AGE LEVEL

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

**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](http://egracechurch.com/cc-vbs).

**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.

# WORSHIP

Contact Jennifer Strode, [jstrode@egracechurch.com](mailto:jstrode@egracechurch.com)  
or Corey Johnson, [cjohnson@egracechurch.com](mailto: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](mailto:gmulkey@egracechurch.com)

**THIS WEEK APRIL 25 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and we will hear a personal Testimony from Bethany R. as she shares her story of life and recovery.

**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



Sunday, May 4 @ 5 PM in the Connections Cafe.

## 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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