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WEEKLY

May 4, 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! APRIL 21-27, 2014

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 1

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 68 | Good Friday - 230 | Total: 298

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 292 | 10:00 - 597 | 11:30 - 319

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 201

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 - 36 | 10:00 - 187

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 32 | 10:00 - 148 | Wed. - 207

Total Worship Attendance: 2,472 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 155

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 48 | Octane (Wed.) - 26 | Revolution - 38
Surge - 36 | Planet 45 - 23

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General- \$24,802 | Impact- \$2,893 | Missions- \$4,359

This Year: General- \$522,666 | Impact- \$72,784 | Missions- \$68,451

Total Year To Date Giving: \$663,901

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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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - If you have a passion to welcome people to Grace Church and share God's love through a warm smile and handshake, consider serving in one of these areas: Connections Café, greeter, parking lot ministry or usher. For more information, please contact Sherri Wambolt at 239.872.2925 or indicate your interest on your Let's Connect card.

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 TODAY 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.

JEWELRY RE-SALE FOR YOUNG ADULT MISSIONS - Donate your used jewelry for re-sale to help support Pam Carter, wife of our Bishop, hosting a Jewelry Re-sale for Young Adult Missions. She will be selling the jewelry at this year's annual conference. Any and all jewelry is welcome-costume or the real deal. Broken jewelry is also welcome to sell for arts and craft projects. Helpful if it is put in individual small Ziploc bags and separated by piece (unless a set). Please have all donations in before May 25. You may drop them off to Beth in the front office.

THRIFT STORE NEW TIMES - Beginning last week, the back room of the Thrift Store will now be open for donations on Mondays from 9 AM - 12 PM.

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.

THE RED ROSES are to celebrate the births of Brooks Ryan Whitaker and Bennett James

Whitaker on April 28. They are the sons of Craig and Nicole Whitaker and the grandsons of Scott and Karen Whitaker.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the Jeff and Debbie Dukes & family in the passing of Debbie's mother, Zona Faraci, on April 29. A memorial service will be held at the Cape Coral campus of Grace Church on Monday, May 5 at 5:30 PM.

REACH

Contact Patti Nemazie
pnemazie@egracechurch.com

READY TO QUIT SMOKING? FREE "Tools to Quit" class offered every Third Saturday at the Grace Community Center at 10 AM in Room 6. This intensive two-hour group counseling session is designed to provide tobacco users with the necessary tools to develop a plan to quit for life. To register please call 877.848.6696 or go to www.ahectobacco.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. Please bring some yarn and crochet tools. For more information, contact Jessica at 239.340.0377.

NO GED CLASS on Saturday, May 24 for the Memorial Day weekend. Will resume Thursday, May 29.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY FOREVER FLOWER GIFT- ORDER NOW! Mother's day is around the corner. What better gift than to give mom a "forever flower," a unique, one of a kind garden art flower made by one of our very own GCC Exceptional Entrepreneurs (AKA Worm farming ministry)? Flowers are hand made and designed by our exceptional entrepreneurs for only \$15. You can place an order by calling 239.574.7161 ext 251 or stop by the Exceptional Entrepreneurs workshop (next door to GCC) at 4351 Hancock Bridge Pkwy, Tuesday-Thursday 9 AM - 1 PM and choose your own flower.

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.

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 groupteniftyone@gmail.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 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.

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.

FORM

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CULTIVATING CONTENTMENT - Would you like to be able to find satisfaction in daily living that cannot be ruffled by circumstances? Come, and allow God to cultivate a heart of contentment in you through this Women of Faith series starting Monday, May 5. All women are welcome! Contact Paulette Jones for more information at 239.896.7370.

ADVENTUROUS PRAYER - There is One who awaits us, delights in us, and longs for our undivided attention. Learn how to enter the privileged sanctuary of prayer on the adventure of building your relationship with the Savior. This 12 week Women of Faith study will begin Wednesday, May 7 in Room 4 at the Cape Coral campus. 6:30 PM– 7:45 PM. Childcare is available. For more information, contact Paulette Jones at 239.896.7370.

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 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.

SEND

Contact Patti Nemazie
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DISASTER RELIEF: If you are interested in serving with Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief alongside our mission partner Bri Butler in Louisville, Mississippi, where an F4 tornado hit, please mark the back of your Let's Connect card, "disaster relief," and when you would be available to deploy.

A WORD FROM Michael Mozley serving in Africa:

"I've been in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire since April 21. This was a big leadership conference for Catalyst for Africa. We hosted 10 leaders from 7 different French speaking West African countries. Pray for us as we conclude today, April 27. We are going to change the world in Jesus name."

A WORD FROM Bri Butler serving with Samaritan's Purse:

"My most recent deployment was to High Point NC, responding to an ice storm that hit in mid-March. I was there a little over a week, training a young site management team member in 2 roles: one as office manager and the other as a volunteer coordinator. It was an awesome time to be able to help someone learn the ropes and train up an amazing leader." Here are some quick facts for the first 3 months of the year: We assisted 163 families. Total volunteers- 103. Total volunteer hours- 2,036. Total first time salvations- 14. Thank you for your prayers and support!"

FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONY- One of our church members shared recently that he had received an unexpected check in the mail. It turned out to be about a third of his faith promise for the year. The Lord is good!

AGE LEVEL

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

REVOLUTION - Our Senior celebration dinner is tonight at Revolution. Seniors, come for dinner, a small gift, and much more. All high school students are encouraged to attend!

SHOES OF HOPE 2014 - Mark your calendars for this year's event on Saturday, August 2. Be sure to stop by the information kiosk today to sponsor a child and/or sign up to volunteer!

IT'S A SLEEPOVER - We're ending the school year right with a Boys vs. Girls Sleepover for all 4th and 5th graders. Don't miss the fun on Saturday, May 24 at 6:30 PM. Registration forms are in the children's building!

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.

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.

GRACE KIDZ SUMMER CAMP is filling up FAST! Stop by Grace Place for more information or contact Heather Evans.

WORSHIP

*Contact Jennifer Strode, jstrode@egracechurch.com
or Corey Johnson, cjohnson@egracechurch.com*

VOCAL WORKSHOPS - Do you like to sing? Wish you knew more about singing? Does the word audition freak you out? Then join us for the next two months as the worship team hosts vocal workshops and practices that are open to all with a heart for Worship! Our first VOCAL WORKSHOP IS 5 PM-7 PM, Thursday, May 22 in Room 7. Watch the Grace weekly for more info.

WORSHIP & TECH - 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 MAY 9 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and hear a personal Testimony of Jennifer S. as she shares her story.

WOMEN'S FOOD RECOVERY GROUP - We have just started a new group using the 'Daniel Plan' which is only a 7 week workshop. There's still time to join!

NEW STEP STUDY GROUPS - The next 2 Step Study groups for men and women will be starting in July.

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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