Grace WEEKLY

May 18, 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! May 5-11, 2014 Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 3

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 65 | Friday - 244 | Total: 309 Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 226 | 10:00 - 599 | 11:30 - 381

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 178

Ft Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 - 39 | 10:00 - 165

Ft Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 30 | 10:00 - 188 | Wed. - 165

Total Worship Attendance: 2,408 Weekend Online Viewers: 128

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 46 | Octane (Wed.) - 20 | Revolution - 13

Surge - 40 | Planet 45 - 14

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

This Week: General- \$19,683 | Impact- \$1,988 | Missions- \$1,888 **This Year:** General- \$578,370 | Impact- \$81,961 | Missions- \$75,202

Total Year To Date Giving: \$735,533

Give online! Make a one-time donation, or set up an automatic monthly donation.

egracechurch.com/donate



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*.

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

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT is August 14-15 at the Cape Coral campus. Registration is now open! Cost is \$79 before July 15. Visit egracechurch.com/GLS2014 to register.

KRAZY KARAOKE FAMILY NIGHT - Mission Fundraiser at the Grace Community Center, May 24. Come out for a night of food, fun and entertainment. Contact the church office or mark the back of your "Let's Connect" card to purchase your \$5 dinner ticket or \$30 for a table of 8! Benefiting the Mexico and Costa Rica mission teams.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: It's time to bring in toys for boys this month, such as small balls, party favors, and anything else you'd like to offer! Cash donations are always welcome, as we are able to buy in bulk items such as notebooks, pencils, crayons, etc. We are still searching for gently used or new small stuffed animals! Remember: no liquids, gels, chocolate, war toys, or religious items. Save the religious items for YOUR boxes in Oct. & Nov.! Please remember, OCC donation envelops are available at the Welcome kiosk.

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.

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 Bridget Bauer whose brother passed away May 9.

REACH

Contact Patti Nemazie pnemazie@egracechurch.com

OMA'S HEART 3rd Annual Ladies Tea - June 14, 1-2:30 PM at Grace Community Center. Fashion Show, makeovers, catered lunch, lots of prizes! All proceeds benefit Oma's Heart Toy Store. Tickets are available at omasheart.org or at the table in the Narthex.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS A FEW GOOD DRIVERS! Do you have time on your hands? Do you like to help people? Can you drive a box truck/stick shift? The food pantry is in need of a driver for food pickups from Harry Chapin Food bank in Ft. Myers on Tuesday morning. It's only 1 day a week! If interested in being a wonderful addition to a fun hardworking team, call Criss at 815.450.0706.

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.

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

GARDEN OF GRACE - Last of the harvest - Produce available from the Garden at the Grace Community Center this morning.

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@embargmail.com.

FORM

Contact Kevin Griffin kgriffin@egracechurch.com

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, meeting on Monday evenings. 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 Women of Faith study meets Wednesday evenings 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 in the Connections Café (Cape Coral campus). Childcare available. Contact Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161 or ljarvis@egracechurch.com for more information.

DIVORCECARE - DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. A new series begins at the Fort Myers Shores campus on May 28. Contact 239.694.2797 for more information.

SEND

Contact Patti Nemazie pnemazie@egracechurch.com

FAITH PROMISE REPORT: Faith Promise giving is up 44% compared to the same period last year. In 2014, we have given \$73,313 compared to \$48,668 a year ago. PRAISE THE LORD!! Do you have a testimony about the Faith Promise God is giving through you? Send it to pnemazie@ egracechurch.com.

FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONY - "At my place of work we are allowed to wear jeans on Fridays. But if we wear them, we have to pay a dollar. At the end of each month there is a drawing to determine who gets the money for that month. When my name was drawn I was rejoicing at the \$50 I won. Then the Spirit reminded me, this is Faith Promise money! It was a delight to give!"

GRACE FOR HARARI: This month we are praying for the new Harari believers. Remember, there are about 12 believers, half of them are cut off from their families, the rest are keeping their faith secret out of fear. Please pray for them to be encouraged, protected, and discipled. Pray also for more believers who are heads of households, and for the God's Story DVD to be effective as it is shown.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT - Ray Zirkel, our mission partner in Costa Rica, reports that the first occupants of the second children's home are expected this week. They are 4 month old twins. According to Ray, "This should be a great way to break in the new home."

AGE LEVEL

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

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED - Prepackaged cookies, pretzels, Cheerios, goldfish crackers, and M&M's needed. Please bring items to the church office or the children's building.

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!

REVOLUTION - To kick off the summer, Revolution (our high school ministry) will be held at Sky Zone in Ft. Myers on May 25, 6-7 PM. Bring \$16 and a friend. For more info or any questions, 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.

THIS SUMMER AT PLANET 45! Planet 45 is gearing up for the summer with some fun filled activities that you won't want to miss out on! All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited to join in on the fun starting on June 2 with our Summer Kick Off Party. For more information please contact Taylor Brown.

PLANET 45 HOLIDAY - There will not be Planet 45 Monday, May 26. Enjoy your holiday!

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! Registration forms for children in need are now available 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.

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

SINGERS TIME CHANGE - The vocal workshop has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 29 from 5-7 PM in Room 7. All are welcome! We invite you to come learn singing techniques and more about vocal training, as well as sing some great worship songs! Come join us!

PLAY GUITAR? We are currently seeking acoustic/electric guitar players and bassists at the Cape Coral and GCC campuses. Please call Kevin or Corey at 239.574.7161 x222 to get plugged into our worship ministry today!

TECH/MEDIA - We are looking for a few specialized audio/visual people to add to our team. If this is you, and you are called to serve God with your technical gifts, please call Jen at 239.574.7161 x239.

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.

RECOVERY

Contact Greg Mulkey gmulkey@egracechurch.com

THIS WEEK MAY 23 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus and we will hear a personal testimony by Bonnie Kapla 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. Watch here for dates!

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



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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:

Mon: 9AM - 12PM (Donations) 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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