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WEEKLY

To PARTNER *with* GOD in TRANSFORMING
people from unbelievers to *fully devoted*
DISCIPLES of Jesus to the
GLORY OF GOD.

September 07, 2014

NEW TO GRACE CHURCH?

IF YOU ARE A FIRST TIME VISITOR, WELCOME! - We don't want to embarrass you by asking you to stand up or raise your hand, but we do want to give you a very warm welcome! We want you to know we are glad you're here, so would you please take a moment to fill out a Let's Connect Card? You will find it in the back of the pew right in front of you. Make sure you grab some sweets and a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall, which is located on the east side of the Worship Center. If you have questions, or want to speak to one of our ministry leaders, please feel free to call our church office at 239.694.2797.

WE LOVE KIDS! - During the 10 AM Sunday service, we offer a full **Children's Worship** time. Children are invited to go to Grace Place, which is located in the Fellowship Hall. We also have a **Nursery** available during all Sunday worship services to provide a safe and welcoming place for children, newborn to three years of age. The nursery has responsible loving people, toys, and books to provide for the needs of your child. We also have a beeper system in place to contact you, if your child needs you.

We have two worship services each week and various programs throughout the week:

Sunday 8:30 AM Traditional Sunday 10:00 AM Contemporary

Please join us for a **free** continental breakfast on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday 6 - 8 PM Youth program - E-Team and Revolution

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: August 25 - 31, 2014

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 AM - 32 | 10:00 AM - 134 | Wed - 68

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 AM - 176 | 10 AM - 571 | 11:30 AM - 371

Online Viewers: 95

Fort Myers Central Campus: 8:30 AM - 33 | 10 AM - 145 | Wed - 152

Grace Community Center: 10 AM - 165

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 71 | Friday - 247

Total Worship Attendance: 2270

GIVING: *Fort Myers Shores Campus*

General Fund: 08/31/2014 Not available due to holiday

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or set up an automatic monthly donation.

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WHATS HAPPENING AT - Fort Myers Shores

TODAY

DAIRY QUEEN SUNDAY - Grab something to eat after church and come back for class. **Today** from 11AM - 2PM. Dairy Queen on Palm Beach Boulevard is donating a portion of their sales to the Age Level ministries of Grace Church. Come and enjoy a delicious lunch and help benefit our kids!

TODAY

THIS WILL CHANGE EVERYTHING! - Class starts **Today** for Financial Peace University, this is a practical, biblical, and fun time of gaining freedom for our finances. Membership in FPU comes with a lifelong support team and a ton of useful tools. It will be taught by a grad of FPU who turned his finances around. The materials cost are \$75 per family! One family whose finances were transformed has also offered us 4 partial scholarships for those who complete the class! Don't miss out on this life changing adventure. Today at 11:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.



PART TIME JOBS! - Our nursery has openings for individuals who love little ones and want to care for them while their parents are in worship or classes. We have both lead and assistant openings. Because nothing is more important than the safety of our children, lead candidates must be over 18, and both background checks and child protection classes are required. This is your opportunity to make a lifelong impact in the life of a child! Applications are available at the office between 9-1 Monday through Thursday or you may request one from Michele Jarke at mjarke@egracechurch.com.

DO YOU LIKE TO LAUGH OUT LOUD? - Attend this hilarious, no-holds-barred marriage experience--and you may finally understand the difference between men and women! With humor and entertaining illustrations, Mark Gungor makes learning the dynamics of male/female relationships biblical, enjoyable, effective, and memorable. Sessions include "The Tale of Two Brains," "How to Stay Married and Not Kill Anybody," and more. Classes begin **next Sunday**, September 14 at 8:30AM. There is no fee for the class, but registration is required. You need not be married to attend! Mark your "Let's Connect" card "Marriage" and someone will contact you.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY – This life enriching experience will give greater meaning to your life as you learn the overarching Biblical themes that tie the Old and New Testaments together. Even those who've followed Jesus for years will experience a deepening of faith. You will participate in a small group that will meet weekly to study, reflect, pray, and grow together. Materials for the course are \$45 dollars, but are FREE to the first 6 people who fully invest themselves in this class. DISCIPLE will meet starting **next Sunday** morning September 14, at 8:30AM. Write "Disciple" on your "Let's Connect" card today!

TODAY

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF GRACE CHURCH? - Our Sunday afternoon "Making My Connections" class will introduce you to the vision, mission, values, and strategy of Grace Church. Class will be **Today**, Sept. 7 at 11:30 AM at the church office.

REACH

Contact Ellen Donald
edonald@egracechurch.com or visit the REACH wall in the Welcome Area.

KICKING IT WITH JC - Martial Arts/self-defense classes are available on Monday evenings at 8PM for adults, and on Thursday evenings at 7PM for anyone 8 years old or older. This takes place in the Fellowship Hall, and there is no charge! If you wish to be a part of this or need more info call Bryan and Tricia Carpenter at 239.826.2032 .

Update!

UPWARD SPORTS - Football and cheerleading sign ups have started, and practices are starting soon! Upward is a sports league which promotes fun and fellowship while learning a sport. It focuses on character development as well as skills. If your child is K thru 6 grade, have them join us for a great season! Every child gets to play equal time. Contact Ellen at edonald101212@gmail.com for more info, or church office 239.694.2797.

CONNECT

Contact Robin Morrison
rmorrison@egracechurch.com or visit the CONNECT wall in the Welcome Area.

SEWING GROUP - Love to sew? Bring your sewing machine and join with other talented people on the second and fourth Wed. of each month. The group will be starting back on Sept. 10 from 9 -11 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Come and experience fun and fellowship as we create lap blankets for some very deserving children, many of whom do not have a blanket of their own. More info call Glenda Johnson at 239.694.8662.

JOY GROUP – Calling all seniors, from 50 to 100+! Join the Joy Group each Monday at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fun, friendship and fellowship. September 8, music week with Jan Neff. September 15, is Games week! You don't want to miss a single week - there's always interesting speakers and enjoyable activities. Need a ride? Call Adela at 239.694.8035 or Alberta at 239.694.8139. All are welcome – spread the word!

WOMEN OF FAITH – This event will be held October 10 -11 in Orlando. Lots of great seats still available; Tickets are \$111.00 , room sharing and car pooling available. Call Robin Morrison for more information 239.340.8267. Bring a friend!

MEN ON TARGET - Do you enjoy spending time outdoors, and up for having some fun and fellowship with other men? Then this is for you! Join this group of men for a sporting clay shoot. They meet monthly and you can be a part of it. For more information call Ron Joray at 239.209.6006 or email him at flylta@gmail.com

REMINDER

MEN'S RETREAT- Next weekend September 13-14 the Men's Ministry of Grace Church is headed to Ft. Myers Beach for two days of worship, encouragement, and spiritual growth. And we'll have tons of fun while we are there! Just \$55 covers meals, lodging, and materials. We'll begin at 9AM on Saturday and end at 10AM on Sunday. Sign up at egracechurch.com/men or phone Leigh Jarvis at 574-7161.

FORM

Contact the Church Office
shoresoffice@egracechurch.com or visit the FORM wall in the Welcome Area.

JOY PRAYER BIBLE STUDY - If you are 55 or older then bring your Bible and prayer requests and enjoy this opportunity of study in the Word. We meet in the small Fellowship Hall enjoy coffee and donuts on Thursdays 9:30 - 12 PM. Questions, call Lesley at 693.5431.

MEN'S SMALL GROUP - Men, you are invited to Dunkin Donuts at 6 AM on Friday mornings for what may be some of the best time you will spend each week! The Holy Spirit does something in the lives of people involved in small groups that is profound, powerful and important. Just show up with a ready heart, there is space for you!

WOMEN OF GRACE BIBLE STUDY - Come join us each Wednesday from 10-11:30 AM in Classroom 2 at the church where we read and study scripture, enjoy field trips, movies and other exciting events. Please contact Denny Pendarvis with any questions at 239.303.2054.

WHY JESUS? WHY AM I HERE? IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS? - This **Wednesday** evening starts ALPHA, a 9 session class for anyone and everyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith. Whether you are an unbeliever, a new believer or a longtime Christian, we all can brush up on the basics of the faith together! We will eat, laugh, talk and learn in this class facilitated by Pastor Shari. Free dinner will be served at 6:15. There is no cost for this class, and we will feed and care for your children too, so no excuses! Register by writing "ALPHA" on your Let's Connect card.

SEND

Contact Neil Johnson
njohnson@Gods_grace1@msn.com or visit the SEND wall in the Welcome Area.

★ **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK** - *Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.* Proverbs 21:5 (NLT)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - God has given Grace Church, all four sites, the awesome goal of filling 8,000 shoe boxes this year for distribution to children in need all around the world. These boxes have been instrumental in showing the love of Jesus and changing lives. On September 28, 2014 we have the goal of filling 500 boxes, sign up sheets coming soon. For the month of September we are collecting;
Toys such as cars, dolls, games, coloring books, ect.

★ **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY** - Are you being called to be a part of this team? Kairos is widely recognized as a highly effective program, which helps to change the lives of incarcerated people. The word Kairos means "God's Special Time." Kairos Prison Ministry is involved with men, women and youthful offenders. Kairos is widely recognized as a highly effective program, which helps to change the lives of incarcerated people. We do two weekends a year; and there are a number of ways you can get involved. You can be a prayer partner, a support volunteer, or a ministry financial booster. Teams are forming now; call John Garvey for more info at 239.243.6882 or email sarge1cav@aol.com.

AGE LEVEL

Contact Beverly Cox at bcox@egracechurch.com
Contact shoresoffice@egracechurch.com

GRACE PLACE - On **Sunday mornings from 10 - 11 AM**, Grace Place is where kids want to be! Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade students have fun with musical worship, activities, and a Bible lesson that goes along with the sermon their parents are hearing. Come to the Fellowship Hall and join friends you know and those you still have yet to meet as we praise God together!

E-TEAM - Pre-K through 5th grade students are in for an *awesome* time **Wednesday evenings from 6 - 8 PM**. We start with a free dinner and then enjoy learning about Jesus through music, Bible stories, crafts and games! Come hang with us! You'll be glad you did!

STUDENT MINISTRY - Students grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Wednesday night for a fun time of hanging out, playing games, worship, and a message about how God wants to relate to us! We begin with a free dinner at 6 PM and programming ends at 8 PM .

★ ★ **DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH KIDS?** - We are still looking for Shepherds for E- Team! We need people on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 until 8:00 to escort and assist groups of children as they rotate through activities. The planning and teaching are done for you. You just get to enjoy the kids! Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to shine your light for Jesus. More info, contact Beverly at bcox@egracechurch.com

RECOVERY

Contact shoresoffice@egracechurch.com

GRACE CHURCH CENTRAL CAMPUS - will be launching a Celebrate Recovery Program on Monday nights starting October 6. Dinner at 5:30, Large Group at 6:30, Small groups at 7:45.

GET FIT - Join us for a Yoga workout on Monday and walk away the pounds on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Choir Room. You can do the **FREE** program, regardless of your age or fitness level, you will leave feeling better! Call Jacque Rippe for more info at 694-0451.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - If you have a drinking problem, you are not alone. You will find a warm welcome from people who have been where you are. "*Anonymity and confidentiality*" are the core of this group. Join us Thursday evenings at 8 PM in Room 2.

ARE YOU A GOOD LISTENER? - Sometimes that's all a person needs. Stephen Ministry provides personal, Christ centered care to people experiencing grief, illness, stress and other difficulties. Stephen Ministers serve as caring friends who listen, pray, and encourage. You are invited to consider this ministry! Applications are available on the "Connect" wall, and training will begin Tuesday, Sept 9. For more information, contact C.J. Hartsell at soule56@hotmail.com.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR SHARI:

This week, with Randy Southern's help, I am going to ask the questions! How much do you know about prayer?

Which of the following is a good reason to pray?

- a. To convince God to forgive you, despite his better judgment
- b. To keep God from getting mad at you because you keep ignoring him
- c. To get the stuff you want
- d. To become a part of God's will and plan

2. Which of the following is not a good reason to keep a prayer journal?

- a. To chart your spiritual growth
- b. To organize your thoughts as you pray
- c. To show your friends what a good Christian you are
- d. To record God's work in your life

Prayer does work. You can talk to the Creator of the universe anytime you want to! God will listen carefully to everything you have to say.

Be yourself, be persistent and God will work in your life. Amen to that.

I Love Being Your Pastor and I Love You!

Pastor Shari

Pastor Shari Lacey
slacey@egracechurch.com



Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM

LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor	Jorge Acevedo*
Campus Pastor	Shari Lacey*
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Director of Children's Ministries	Beverly Cox*
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Reach Team	Ellen Donald*
Connect Team	Robin Morrison*
Send Team	Neil Johnson
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EXAMPLE: Doe, John= jdoe@egracechurch.com

Other inquiries can be sent to shoresoffice@egracechurch.com

GRACE CHURCH...*one church in many locations!*

GOD'S VISION FOR GRACE CHURCH IS:

To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God.

FORT MYERS SHORES CAMPUS

14036 Matanzas Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33905
239.694.2797

Worship Times:

8:30 AM - Traditional
10:00 AM Contemporary

CAPE CORAL CAMPUS

13 SE 21st Place
Cape Coral, FL 33990
239.574.7161

Worship Times:

8:30AM - Traditional
10 & 11:30 AM - Contemporary

FORT MYERS CENTRAL CAMPUS

2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
239.334.3160

Worship Times:

8:30 AM - Traditional
10 AM- Contemporary
6:30 PM (Wed) - Contemporary

GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER

4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
239.656.1320

Worship Times:

10 AM - Contemporary

GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER THRIFT STORE

4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
239.656.0122

Hours:

Tues-Sat: 10 AM - 4 PM
Wed: 10 AM - 5:30 PM

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