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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 21, 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: September 08 - 14, 2014

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 AM - 34 | 10:00 AM - 178 | Wed - 74

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 AM - 203 | 10 AM - 556 | 11:30 AM - 435

Online Viewers: 86

Fort Myers Central Campus: 8:30 AM - 38 | 10 AM - 167 | Wed - 145

Grace Community Center: 10 AM - 162

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 67 | Friday - 267

Total Worship Attendance: 2412

GIVING: *Fort Myers Shores Campus*

General Fund: 09/14/2014 \$5,870.24

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WHATS HAPPENING AT - Fort Myers Shores

NEW **PACKING PARTY!!** - For Operation Christmas Child next Sunday September 28, we will begin sorting at 11:30 and Packing at 1:00. Join us in the large Fellowship Hall as we pack 500 shoe boxes and reach children for Jesus. Come and be part of the party, and If you are a student in high school and would like to earn some community service hours needed for graduation come and join us. Nursery will be open for ages 4 and under and lunch will be provided.

PART TIME JOBS - Our nursery still 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 at mjarke@egracechurch.com.

Update! **FOOD PANTRY** - This month we would like to make up some back packs for the homeless. We specifically want small cans of meat, tuna, and fruit with the pop tops only. We also can use any hygiene items, and any rolling backpacks that are still in working order would be greatly appreciated. Questions, call Adela at 239-694-8035.

LIKE TO RIDE? – This Motorcycle Ministry meets the 1st Saturday of every month at Dunkin Donuts; kickstands up by 8:30. We will go to some interesting places, and enjoy the great outdoors, and always find a great place to eat.

NEW **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!** - Dinner for 8! The next one will be Saturday November 15, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Due to growing interest we are happy to report that we need more hostesses. Do you have the gift of hospitality? Call Kathy Johnson at 239-850-5557

RIVER BAPTISM AND POTLUCK - at the Franklin Locks, October 5 at 4:00 PM. Bring your best dish, a chair, and join the celebration! Are you interested in immersion baptism or in renewing your baptism? Contact Pastor Shari at 694-2797

NEW **TRUNK OR TREAT** - Why do we do Trunk or Treat? It's to embrace our neighbors with radical hospitality, and to invite them to be a part of our church family. Be a part of it all in October 31, **register today** to reserve your spot on the field with your decorated vehicle. Only 20 spots are available! Contact Michele Jarke at 694-2797 or email mjarke@egracechurch.com.

NEW **TROOP 80** - Did you know Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts meet here Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 PM? For more info contact Stan Wise at 239-826-5906 or Andrea Yeager at 239-887-0830.

NEW **GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 128** - Daisies thru Ambassadors meet the 2 and 4 Mondays from 6:15 - 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Need more info contact Becky Alexander at 239-823-3391.

REACH

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 registrations are complete, and this week practices are 9/23 or 9/25. Upward is still in need of volunteers to assist, if you are feeling called to be a part of this team please contact Ryan Pitts 239.980.0511, Brian Stevenson 239.745.0457, Michele Stevenson 469.952.1192, or Jessica Llado 239.980.1736 for more information or questions.

CONNECT

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

★ **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK** - *“Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.”* Luke 10:34 (NLT)

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 is now meeting each week on Wednesday 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. If you need 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. Come and join us on September 22 at 12 Noon, it's off to have lunch at Pine Ridge and Movie Day! Then on September 29, it's all about games, come and play! You don't want to miss a single week - there's always interesting speakers and enjoyable activities. Do you need a ride? Call Adela at 239.694.8035 or Alberta at 239.694.8139. All are welcome – spread the word!

WOMEN OF FAITH - Super line up! Patsy Clairmont AND Sheila Walsh AND Anita Renfro! If you have never heard of these women, come to the event and they will feel like friends by the time you leave. If you are a veteran WOF'er, consider inviting someone new. Girlfriends, if this sounds like something you want to be part of, call 1.888.49.FAITH (888.493.2484) to order your tickets. There are still some good seats available. Carpooling and room sharing available, contact Robin Morrison for more details 239.340.8267.


women of faith™ TOUR
FROM SURVIVAL TO REVIVAL 2014

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. Have questions, then call Lesley at 239.693.5431.

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.

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

SEND

WHAT IS A SEND MINISTRY? - Send ministries are those ministries of Grace Church that release God's people to make the realities of heaven the realities of earth. These ministries move followers of Jesus who call Grace Church their spiritual home from the seats to the streets to declare and display the amazing grace of God.

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 AT 11:30 AM, we have the goal of filling 500 boxes.

For the month of September we are collecting:

Toys such as cars, dolls, games, coloring books, ect.

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ECHO - "Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization." This is a Christian organization located in North Fort Myers that teaches missionaries and natives how to grow food in their own countries, and provides literature and seeds. They appreciate help in many ways. ECHO exists to reduce hunger and improve the lives of small-scale farmers worldwide.

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** - Starting soon, Celebrate Recovery Program on Monday nights! Come and check it out on 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? - Last chance for Stephen Ministry class. 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. For more information, contact C.J. Hartsell at soule56@hotmail.com.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR SHARI:

Welcome Randy Fry, an old friend to the Shores Campus! Randy came and led worship here for a time about ten years ago, and we are very happy he has come back to lead our Contemporary worship team as we search for the person God wants us to hire as our next Director of Worship and Youth. Thank you, Randy!

On behalf of our 8 member Search Team can I ask you to participate in the process?

Here are three ways to help: 1. Pray! God knows who that person is. We have carefully decided that we will evaluate candidates based on call, character, competency, and chemistry. Of course our scope of inquiry will be wider than these areas, but these four are critical. We are searching for someone who reflects the character of Christ! 2. Be Patient! God knows when the time is right, both for us and for that person! For a person to find out about the opportunity, seek the Lord's guidance, and then "pick up stakes" and move themselves and their family takes time. 3. Show Support! The Search Team has sifted through countless applications, made innumerable phone calls, and spent hours in meetings and on the phone. It is like a part time job for these folks, and I am so thankful for their efforts.

God bless us as we continue to live into our call to make fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God!

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*
Director of Worship and Youth Ministries		Keep Praying!
Director of Children's Ministries		Beverly Cox*
Administrative Assistant		Michele Jarke*
Care Team		Judy Edwards
Connect Team		Robin Morrison*
Send Team		Neil Johnson
Facilities		Chris Fraley
Finance		Charlotte Nesta*
Nursery Coordinator		Gail Leindecker
Organist/Traditional Choir		Millicent Callobre

*You can easily send an email to these staff members by using their first initial and last name @egracechurch.com

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

FORT MYERS CENTRAL THRIFT STORE

2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
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Hours:

Saturday - Monday
10 AM - 3 PM



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