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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 28, 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 15 - 21, 2014

**Fort Myers Shores Campus:** 8:30 AM - 29 | 10:00 AM - 147 | Wed - 66

**Cape Coral Campus:** 8:30 AM - 187 | 10 AM - 552 | 11:30 AM - 440

**Online Viewers:** 95

**Fort Myers Central Campus:** 8:30 AM - 37 | 10 AM - 149 | Wed - 157

**Grace Community Center:** 10 AM - 171

**Celebrate Recovery:** Tuesday - 70 | Friday - 227

**Total Worship Attendance:** 2327

**GIVING:** *Fort Myers Shores Campus*

**General Fund:** 09/14/2014 \$2,727.00

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or set up an automatic monthly donation.

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# WHATS HAPPENING AT - Fort Myers Shores

**TODAY** **PACKING PARTY!! - TODAY** for Operation Christmas Child, 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.

★ **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.

**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

**Update!** **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. If you want to be part of the planning team, just want to help, or reserve a spot on the field with your decorated vehicle, then mark your "let's Connect Cards" Trunk or Treat. Remember there are only 20 spots available on the field! Call Michele Jarke with your theme no later than Monday October 6, at 239-694-2797 or email to [mjarke@egracechurch.com](mailto:mjarke@egracechurch.com).

**NEW** **DAIRY QUEEN SUNDAY** - Every first Sunday after church from 11AM - 2PM Dairy Queen on Palm Beach Boulevard is donating a portion of their sales to the Age Level ministries of Grace Church. This is a great fellowship opportunity, next week as you have lunch at Dairy Queen!

**REMINDER** **LAST CHANCE FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASS** - Stephen Ministry provides personal, Christ centered care to people experiencing grief, illness, stress and other difficulties. For more information, contact C.J. Hartsell at [soule56@hotmail.com](mailto:soule56@hotmail.com).

★ ★ **RIVER BAPTISM AND POTLUCK** - Join us at the Franklin Locks, October 5 for fun, food, fellowship, and baptism 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



# 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 9/30 or 10/2. 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.

**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.

**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.

*Contact Robin Morrison at [rmorrison@egracechurch.com](mailto:rmorrison@egracechurch.com)  
or visit the CONNECT wall in the Welcome Area.*

# CONNECT

★ **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK** - Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

**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 29, it's all about games, come and play! Then on October 6, Music week with Jan Neff. 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** - 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.

## FORM

Contact the Church Office [shoresoffice@egracechurch.com](mailto: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.

## SEND

Contact Neil Johnson [njohnson@Gods\\_grace1@msn.com](mailto:njohnson@Gods_grace1@msn.com)  
or visit the SEND wall in the Welcome Area.



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**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.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE** - Grace church has been partnering with Samaritan's Purse in the efforts to bring relief to victims of natural disasters. In the last year we have sent teams to Tuscaloosa, Al, Henryville, IN and Arlington, TX for tornado clean up, and New Bern, NC to do hurricane Irene clean up. Volunteers are the most important part of this ministry. Samaritan's Purse provides all the tools and equipment, but the tools don't work by themselves. It is so important for us to have volunteers with a servant's heart like you who can come be the hands and feet of Christ. If you don't have specific construction skills that's okay, there is always something for everyone to do.



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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

## AGE LEVEL

Contact Beverly Cox at [bcox@egracechurch.com](mailto: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](mailto:bcox@egracechurch.com)

## RECOVERY

Contact shoresoffice@egracechurch.com

Update!

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY CENTRAL CAMPUS** - Kickoff is only a week away! Come check it out and be a part of Celebrate Recovery on October 6. Dinner at 5:30 PM, Large Group at 6:30 PM, Small groups at 7:45 PM. More info contact Scott Thornton at [scotthandythornton@yahoo.com](mailto:scotthandythornton@yahoo.com)

**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.

REMINDER

**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](mailto:soule56@hotmail.com).

# A NOTE FROM PASTOR SHARI:

Friends-

We have been blessed in the past few months to have several new families join Grace Church! Before they got up to recite the vows of membership they spent a Sunday afternoon sharing their story of God's faithfulness in their lives and learning about the God's Vision and strategy for Grace Church and how they can be a part of it.

Do you know God's Vision for Grace Church? It is on the front of this Grace Weekly. We consider the Vision our "true north." It is what we are about! What that means is that everything we do – from Sunday morning worship, to Wednesday evening dinner and classes, to Saturday morning football and cheer, is all dedicated to the Vision - "To partner with God in transforming unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ to the glory of God."

How we fulfill God's vision is known as our strategy. Every time you enter the Welcome Center you see the strategy on the walls. If you look closely at this publication, you'll see headers for the sections of information that match those words too. I'll tell you the first letters. R,C,F,S. Can you figure it out? All of our 42 ministries fall under these categories! Need help getting connected with a place to serve Jesus?

Contact the office, and we will help you find your spot!



Pastor Shari Lacey  
slacey@egracechurch.com



## Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM

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## LEADERSHIP

<b>Lead Pastor</b>	<b>Jorge Acevedo*</b>
<b>Campus Pastor</b>	<b>Shari Lacey*</b>
<b>Director of Worship and Youth Ministries</b>	<b>Keep Praying!</b>
<b>Director of Children's Ministries</b>	<b>Beverly Cox*</b>
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>Michele Jarke*</b>
<b>Care Team</b>	<b>Judy Edwards</b>
<b>Connect Team</b>	<b>Robin Morrison*</b>
<b>Send Team</b>	<b>Neil Johnson</b>
<b>Reach Team</b>	<b>Your passion?</b>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Chris Fraley</b>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Charlotte Nesta*</b>
<b>Organist/Traditional Choir</b>	<b>Millicent Callobre</b>

\*You can easily send an email to these staff members by using their first initial and last name @egracechurch.com EXAM-  
PLE: 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  
239.244.5712

#### Hours:

Saturday - Monday  
10 AM - 3 PM



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