grace WEEKLY

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

October 26, 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: October 13 - 19, 2014

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 AM - 38 | 10 AM - 144 | Wed - 63 Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 AM - 213 | 10 AM - 551 | 11:30 AM - 372 Online Viewers: 143 Fort Myers Central Campus: 8:30 AM - 25 | 10 AM - 137 | Wed - 160 Grace Community Center: 10 AM - 154 Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 65 | Friday - 264 Total Worship Attendance: 2301 GIVING: Fort Myers Shores Campus General Fund: 10/19/2014 \$3,095.00

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





WHATS HAPPENING AT - Fort Myers Shores

WELCOME GLASS FAMILY! This morning we welcome Gabe and Mary Glass, and their little guy Collin! They come from Indiana, and have family in the Orlando area. We are blessed to have them in worship this morning!

TROOP 80 SPAGHETTI DINNER - on Saturday, November 1, 2014, serving 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Fellowship Hall. The tickets are Adult, \$6.00 and Child (under 10) \$3.50, AYCE with all the trimmings. Rice pasta will be available on request. Take-outs are available. Thank you for your continued support of our Scouting ministry.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - The boxes are here! Get yours today; we will only have 100, so they will go fast. Don't forget these boxes you can write a letter and talk about God, because they are not going to restricted countries. Some items could be, coloring books, story books, small toys, combs, toothbrushes, hygiene items, but nothing liquid. We are looking for people to man the collection area each day, see the OCC table for sign up sheets. Boxes are being collected Nov 17-21 from 10am - noon at the church.

MUCHAS GRACIAS! MERCI! THANK YOU! - To the anonymous donors who gave a generous gift to replace the ice maker in the fellowship hall! Soon we will be able to have Bible study, fellowship, and other activities without getting drowned out by the ROAR of that old beast of a machine! Thank you, and God bless you from all of us!

ORIENTATION FOR 2ND SATURDAY - will be held on Nov 1 from 11am - 12pm so as many people as possible can complete their orientation and background checks in advance. Once 2nd Saturday starts there will be an orientation for new volunteers each month. Thank you all for your enthusiasm as together we plan for this outreach. If you have had a recent background check you will only need to fill out the volunteer paper and note the approximate date on the paper. Ron Visness will be leading our volunteer orientation. Thank you Ron! If you have any questions call Adela at 239.694.8035.

FOOD PANTRY - Thank you to all who have contributed to the food pantry! We are asking for cans of fruit both regular and sugar free for diabetics this month.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA! - Do you serve God at Grace Church in any capacity? Do you greet, usher, serve coffee, herd youngsters, lead a small group, stock pantry shelves, clean..... You get the idea! EVERYONE who serves in any way, shape, or form is heartily invited to let us treat you to a delicious dessert, all made by staff from all the campuses of Grace Church. We want to thank you for your ministry. We'll have a surprise or two coming your way that night, and Pastor Shari is encouraging us to have a huge turnout from the Shores. So please SAVE THE DATE – November 17, from 6:30 – 7:45 at the Grace Community Center.

DAIRY QUEEN SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Dairy Queen Sunday! After church join us in fellowship between 11AM - 2PM at Dairy Queen on Palm Beach Boulevard. Be a part of what they are doing for the Age Level ministries of Grace Church. They will donate a portion of their sales back to us! Thank you Dairy Queen!

REACH

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.

UPWARD SPORTS - Mark your calendar this week Saturday November 1, to come cheer on the kids! Here is the game schedule. 8 - 9AM and 9 -10AM is K - 2 grade, 10 - 11AM and 11AM -12PM is 3rd -6. Upward is in need of referees, if you are feeling called to be a part of this ministry 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 - 8:00 PM? For more info contact Stan Wise at 239-826-5906 or Andrea Yeager at 239-887-0830.

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CONNECT

Contact Tina Glenn at dtina1031@aol.com or visit the CONNECT wall in the Welcome Area.

DINNER FOR 8 - It's almost time to enjoy some fellowship with friends you already know, and get to know some you may not know yet! "Mexican" will be the next dinner theme and it 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

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 October 27, It's time for games week. Then on November 3, it's 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!

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.

FORM

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 or visit the SEND wall in the Welcome Area.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK - Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven." Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me." Isaiah 6:6-8

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER - The India team! Pastor Shari travels along with Patti Nemazie, Pastor Jorge, Charlotte Nesta, Susan Thompson, and Laurie Brown. They will be leave October 31 and return November 11. The team will be sharing the Gospel by storying, which is a way of communicating the Gospel for those who do not read or have access to a Bible. They will also be sharing the impact a Christian 12 step program can have in the church and in an individual. Please keep them lifted up while they are gone and for God to do amazing things thru them, in Jesus' name!

FAITH PROMISE DOLLARS - Mark your calendars for Send Global 2015 Mission Conference February 4 - 8, 2015. "Here, there, and everywhere" ACTS 1:8 Come and find out how our faith promise dollars have been at work.

AGE LEVEL

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.

Contact shoresoffice@egracechurch.com

RECOVERY

CELEBRATE RECOVERY CENTRAL CAMPUS - Kickoff is **next week**, November 3, mark your calendars so you can be a part of it all. Dinner at 5:30 PM, large group at 6:30 PM, small groups at 7:45 PM. Have questions contact Scott Thornton at scotthardythornton@yahoo.com.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY CAPE CAMPUS - This Friday hear a lesson by Arlene J, don't come alone bring a friend! Dinner at 5:30PM, large group 6:45PM, small groups 8:00PM, Solid rock café at 9:00PM.

FITNESS - FAITH - FELLOWSHIP - 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 - 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.

STEPHEN MINISTERS - 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. If you need a caring ear mark your "Let's Connect" card Stephen Minister and someone will contact you.



A NOTE FROM PASTOR SHARI:

Family-

I am coming back today to something I brought up last week. The questions of faith. How do you respond to a world that continually bombards us with skepticism and outright hostility? How do we respond to new beliefs and claims of new revelation?

In a society like ours, with all our scientific discoveries and advances how can anyone hold fast to a particular set of beliefs? And in the end, isn't it all about "Live and let live?" What difference does it make what we believe as long as we are good people and try our best? Friends, we need a sure foundation for what we believe. This foundation is found in Christ, in the Word of God for the people of God, in relationship with wise spiritual followers of Jesus, and in prayer – seeking God to reveal the truth.

This is what Ephesians 4 says: Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

In the next few weeks we will look at what it really means to believe and to be standing on a firm foundation. I will be writing from India, so stay tuned

I Love being your Pastor,

Pastor Shari

Pastor Shari Lacey slacey@egracechurch.com



Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM

LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor	Jorge Acevedo*
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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 6:30 PM (Wed) - Contemporary

FORT MYERS CENTRAL CAMPUS

2415 Grand Avenue Fort Myers, FL 33901 239.334.3160 Worship Times:

8:30 AM - Traditional 10 AM- Contemporary

GRACE COMMUNITY

CENTER

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

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