# grace WEEKLY

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

November 09, 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 27 - November 2, 2014

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 AM - 40 | 10 AM - 164 | Wed - 62 Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 AM - 235 | 10 AM - 650 | 11:30 AM - 393 Online Viewers: 88 Fort Myers Central Campus: 8:30 AM - 27 | 10 AM - 159 | Wed - 134 Grace Community Center: 10 AM - 173 Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 54 | Friday - 106 Total Worship Attendance: 2285 GIVING: Fort Myers Shores Campus General Fund: 11/02/2014 Not available

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## WHATS HAPPENING AT - Fort Myers Shores

IT'S CHOCOLATE TIME! - Save the date for this year's TASTE OF CHOCOLATE Women's luncheon: When: Saturday Jan 24, 10-1:00 Where: Our Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$8.00 Tickets go on Sale in December. If you have questions, ask Carol Kennedy or email at drckennedy@comcast.net

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD -** Here's a reminder that the boxes are here! There is a table set up in the Welcome Center so you can get yours today. We are also looking for people to man the collection area each day, Nov 17-21 from 10am - noon. Collection area is at the church, and the sign up sheets are at the OCC table. Don't forget in these boxes you can write letters 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.

**FOOD PANTRY -** Thank you to all who have contributed to the food pantry! Lets fill the shopping cart with peanut butter and jelly this month!

**CIRCLE MAKER STUDY NOTES AND VIDEOS -** For the next four weeks you are encouraged to actively participate in the Circle Maker experience by downloading study notes from our website and watching the video teaching of Pastor Jorge from our Cape Coral campus. Invite a friend or neighbor to do the study with you – all the tools are on the site at egracechurch.com. Not computer savvy? There are a limited number of DVDs available in the Welcome Area on the FORM wall.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY -** Materials are needed for the prayer shawl ministry! This is a great time of year to rid yourself of yarn and fabric you no longer need. We will use it to make lap robes, baby blankets, and prayer shawls! Simply bring it by the office or drop it in the basket in the welcome area and we will put it to good use. Thank you!

**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

**HELPING HANDS -** Do you know a person who could benefit from the Ministry of the helping hands? Could be a neighbor could be a friend it just needs to be somebody who does not have the means to get a much-needed project done. You could just have them contact the church office at 239-694-2797 and we can take it from there.

**ARE YOU ALONE AT THANKSGIVING?** - You don't have to be alone; you can join us and share Thanksgiving with others in fellowship at Church. Please contact either Adela 239.694.8035 or Bernadette 239.694.4998 or mark your "Let's Connect card".

## REACH

**2ND SATURDAY COMING SOON -** Is an outreach to seniors in need; offering prayer, medical counselling, budgeting help, lunch, choice food pantry and more. Please mark your calendars; the trial run is set for January and the official start in February. Won't you please bring an item each week for the food basket and continue to stock our pantry? We are also asking you to please collect coupons for us without expiration dates or those with dates after February 2014. It's not to late to volunteer; contact Adela at phll584@comcast.net or 694-8035.

**UPWARD SPORTS -** Mark your calendar this week Saturday November 15, 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.

**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.

**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.

## CONNECT

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

**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 November 10, It's games week with!. Then on November 17, it's a double games week! 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!

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SAVE THE DATE - December 7th at 5pm for the Women's Christmas Party!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME FRESH IDEAS - Do you have some fresh new ideas? Would you like to be a part of this Connect team as we create them? Then mark your "Let's Connect" card "Connect" and we will contact you!

## 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.

★ NEW MEN'S GROUP NOW FORMING! - This new group will meet Tuesday evenings from 6:30PM till 8PM. It is open to any man who is interested in enriching his walk with Christ and growing into the man God has called him to be. Does that sound like you? Contact Neil Johnson at 239.265.3117. Join us on the journey.

**WOMEN OF GRACE BIBLE STUDY** - We will be taking a break and will let you know when we will resume. Stay tuned for updates!

## SEND

Contact Neil Johnson njohnson@Gods\_grace1@msn.com or visit the SEND wall in the Welcome Area.

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK -** Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray..." Luke 11:1

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.

## RECOVERY

Contact shoresoffice@egracechurch.com

CELEBRATE RECOVERY CENTRAL CAMPUS - This Monday hear a lesson by Scott T. on Denial; don't come alone bring a friend! Dinner at 6:00 PM, large group at 6:45 PM, small groups at 8:00 PM. Have questions contact Scott Thornton at scotthardythornton@yahoo.com or call the office 239-334.3160.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY CAPE CAMPUS -** This Friday hear a lesson by Jorge, on gratitude. 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:

Greetings! I am flooded with gratitude as I write this! God has been moving this week in India. I cannot wait to show you pictures and tell you stories about our trip and all the glory sightings that show God at work. I will be home in just a few days, and am forever changed because of this experience. Thank you for all your support – your prayers, encouragement and Faith Offering gifts for my trip. I am humbled by the outpouring from you, my family. I can't wait to be back in the pulpit but I am so grateful to my colleague Cindy for preaching the messages these past 2 Sundays!

I have been writing the past few weeks about faith, where it begins and how it grows. I believe faith is a three step progression, starting with knowledge. "Knowing" simply means being informed about something. The Bible says in Romans 10:17 that "faith comes by hearing, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." This message can come in a variety of ways – the Holy Spirit is unlimited! But you and I can hear the word about Christ as we read the Bible, listen to Christian radio, talk with faithful friends and more. Quite frankly, in our culture, there is no plausible excuse for not reading or listening to Scripture, sermons, or music that has good theology. There are countless apps that will read the Bible to you. There are countless podcasts available for free download that can keep good stuff going between your ears!

Faith comes by hearing. What are you listening to?

I Love being your Pastor,

Pastor Shari

Pastor Shari Lacey slacey@egracechurch.com



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

## LEADERSHIP

Jorge Acevedo*
Shari Lacey*
Keep Praying!
Beverly Cox*
Michele Jarke*
Judy Edwards
Tina Glenn
Neil Johnson
Is this your passion?
Chris Fraley
Charlotte Nesta*
Millicent Callobre

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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

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

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10 AM - 3 PM







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