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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.

November 30, 2014

**HELLO, AND GOOD MORNING!
IF YOU ARE A FIRST TIME VISITOR,
WE WANT TO EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU!**

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: November 10 - November 16, 2014

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 AM - 45 | 10 AM - 167 | Wed - 70

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 AM - 244 | 10 AM - 632 | 11:30 AM - 345

Online Viewers: 143

Fort Myers Central Campus: 8:30 AM - 33 | 10 AM - 157 | Wed - 167

Grace Community Center: 10 AM - 171

Celebrate Recovery: Monday - 109 | Tuesday - 51 | Friday - 178

Total Worship Attendance: 2512

GIVING: *Fort Myers Shores Campus*

General Fund: 11/23/2014 \$2,794.25

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or set up an automatic monthly donation.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT - Fort Myers Shores

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Thank you Grace Church for making this event a huge success! Our drop off area collected 356 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Fort Myers Shores Campus gave 125 of those collected.

CHILD PROTECTION CLASS - On December 7 at 11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a 45 minute Child Protection training class. The class is mandatory for anyone working with our children and youth. We will be going to Dairy Queen for lunch after the class, as they donate a portion of their proceeds to our Age Level ministries from 11 AM – 2 PM every first Sunday!

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Will be held on December 7th at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a finger food to share and a wrapped ornament for our fun gift exchange! This year we would like to ask you bring a can of food to help stock our new food pantry. This is also a great opportunity to invite a friend. For questions call Adela 694 8035

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

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!

CHRISTMAS GALA - The Cultural Park Theatre and Grace Community Center are partnering for a joint fundraiser on Friday, December 12 at 6 PM at the Grace Community Center. Join us for a Christmas concert, dinner and silent auction. Tickets are \$20 per person, available at the Cultural Park Box Office or email Carol at cmusselman@egracechurch.com.

ANGEL TREE - This is a Prison Ministry that helps keep the parents in prison connected to their children, as well as an opportunity to share the love of Christ to the entire family. Here are some ways you can participate in Angel Tree. First, take an angel tag and buy a gift from the tag. Second, help deliver the gifts to a family and share the Gospel with them. If you wish to do something extra, you can purchase a gift card from a grocery to help provide a meal. Please drop off your gifts starting Sunday December 7, in the Welcome Center or at the office during the week. Please have everything dropped off no later than December 14!

At Grace Church, we seek to REACH people who are far from God, CONNECT them to God and other Christ-followers, FORM them to be more and more like Jesus, and SEND them into the world to serve God

REACH

visit the REACH wall in the Welcome Area.

2ND SATURDAY COMING SOON! - S.S. 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 too late to volunteer; contact Adela at phl1584@comcast.net or 694-8035.

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 .

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. Just have them contact the church office at 239-694-2797 and we can take it from there!

CONNECT

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK - *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.* Colossians 2:6-7 NIV

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 December 1; as Pastor Shari will tell us all about her mission trip to India! Then on December 8; join us for Christmas Craft Day. 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.

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. 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!

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.

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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.

NEW MEN'S GROUP! - This new group is meeting 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.

WHAT IS A FORM MINISTRY? Form ministries are those ministries of Grace Church that seek to help Christ-followers who call Grace Church their spiritual home have a growing and transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. Following Jesus is a lifelong adventure in which one needs mentoring and instruction. Form ministries are spiritual retreats, classes, relationships and experiences that foster spiritual growth.

WALK TO EMMAUS - This once-in-a-lifetime spiritual retreat weekend, sponsored by the Gulf Coast Emmaus Community, will inspire, challenge, and equip you to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus. People who have attended the Walk to Emmaus describe it as a life-changing and unforgettable experience. The next weekends will meet at a Christian retreat center in Lee County and are scheduled for January 15-18, 2015 (men) and January 22-25, 2015 (women). For more information, write "Walk to Emmaus" on your Let's Connect card or go to www.gulfcoastemmaus.com.

SEND

Contact Neil Johnson 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Send Global 2015 Mission Conference - Will be February 4 -8, 2015. "HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE" ACTS 1:8. This is an exciting time of year when we fly in our Grace Church Mission Partners from around the world, to share with us how our Faith Promise dollars have been at work in the lives of people all around the world.

AGE LEVEL

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

REVOLUTION - 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 .

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!

RECOVERY

Contact shoresoffice@egracechurch.com

CELEBRATE RECOVERY CENTRAL CAMPUS - This Monday hear a testimony from Greg P. Please 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 Rochelle Redmon at rochelleredmon@gmail.com or call the office 239-334.3160.

★ **CELEBRATE RECOVERY CAPE CAMPUS** - This Friday hear a lesson by Pastor Shari, on Yes. 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.

NEW STEP STUDIES - Have you been involved in a step study? Are you ready to grow closer to God; and find more out about yourself? New step studies will be starting in January at the Grace Community Center, Tuesday nights at 6:25 PM. Mark your "Let's Connect" card "step study" if you want more info and someone will contact you.

FITNESS - FAITH - FELLOWSHIP - Join us for a meditation 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, and 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:

We are a people of promise! For centuries, God prepared people for the coming of his Son, our only hope for the world and for us as individuals. At Christmas we celebrate the fulfillment of the promises God made—that he would give a way to draw near to him. Advent is what we call the season leading up to Christmas. 1 Peter 1:10-12 is a clear description of what we look back to during Advent.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. (1 Peter 1:10-12)

For these weeks, we remember the thousands of years God’s people were anticipating and longing for the coming of God’s salvation, for Jesus. That’s what advent means—coming. Even God’s people who foretold his coming did not know “what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating.” They were waiting, but they didn’t know what God’s salvation would look like. Followers on this side of Jesus’ birth are a blessed, happy people because we know God’s plan. The ancient waiting is over. We have the greatest reason to celebrate!

I Love being your Pastor,

Pastor Shari Lacey
slacey@egracechurch.com



Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM

LEADERSHIP

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| 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 | Tina Glenn |
| Send Team | Neil Johnson |
| Reach Team | Is this your passion? |
| Facilities | Chris Fraley |
| Finance | Charlotte Nesta* |
| 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 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

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Fort Myers, FL 33901
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Hours:

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10 AM - 3 PM



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