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WEEKLY

December 7, 2014

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

GRACE CHURCH VISION

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GRACE CHURCH CORE VALUES

We are unashamedly *God-centered!*

The triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is the One we worship and serve to His glory.

We are passionately *people-focused!*

People, regardless of their spiritual condition, matter to God and to us.

We are strategically *team-based!*

We believe ministry is best accomplished in teams of people with diverse gifts and abilities who are bound together with common purpose and covenants of trust.

WE COUNT BECAUSE PEOPLE COUNT! November 24-30, 2014

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 0

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Monday - 79 | Tuesday - 43 | Friday - 176 | Total: 298

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 223 | 10:00 - 631 | 11:30 - 321

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 189

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 - 32 | 10:00 - 154

Fort Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - 28 | 10:00 - 162 | Wed. - 172

Total Worship Attendance: 2,327 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 117

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 44 | Octane (Wed.) - n/a | Revolution - 25

Surge - n/a | Planet 45 - 27

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

	Needed Weekly	Last Week	Needed YTD	Received YTD	Over (Under)
General Fund	\$32,692	\$31,501	\$1,569,231	\$1,478,930	\$(90,301)
Impact	\$3,804	\$1,858	\$182,604	\$178,878	\$3,726

Faith Promise Given Last Week - \$1,422

Received YTD - \$135,786

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or set up an automatic monthly donation.

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GRACE CHURCH STRATEGY

REACH

ministries that *engage* and invite unchurched *people* in our community to *experience* the love of *Jesus* through the body of Christ.

CONNECT

ministries that help people *connect* to Jesus and the Grace Church *family*.

FORM

ministries that help *people* have a *growing* and transforming *relationship* with Jesus Christ.

SEND

ministries that *release* God's *people* to make the realities of heaven the *realities of earth*.

GRACE NEWS

CHRISTMAS CANTATA TONIGHT - Come out for an evening of Christmas music as the North Fort Myers High School Chorus joins our Sanctuary Choir for a holiday cantata! Tonight at 7 PM at the Cape Coral campus.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT GRACE CHURCH - We have a TON of Christmas services and events happening at the Cape Coral campus and Grace Community Center! Turn to the back page of your Grace Weekly for a partial schedule, and visit egracechurch.com/christmas for the full schedule at all four sites.

BLUE CHRISTMAS - When you have experienced a loss, the joy of the holidays is often mixed with grief. Join us at the Cape Coral campus for this special worship service to seek hope and healing. Sunday, December 21 at 6 PM. All are welcome, dress is casual. Note- we apologize for a misprint last week. A Blue Christmas service will NOT be held at the Grace Community Center.

THE RED ROSE is given by Barbara Elaine Miller and Ursula Baldwin in loving memory of their mother, Marjorie Thomas Baldwin, whose birthday was December 7.

THE YELLOW ROSE is to celebrate the birth of Ansley Jean Perry on November 25. She is the daughter of Cheyne & Brooke Perry and the granddaughter of Jeff & Bobbie Miner.

THE THRIFT STORE is looking for volunteers to help out in the Furniture and Home Improvement Showroom. This is a position that you can mostly sit and just greet customers as they come into the Showroom. Please stop by the Thrift Store for more information.

REACH

Contact Patti Nemazie
pnemazie@egracechurch.com

GRACE COMMUNITY GARDEN - CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND OPEN HOUSE! All are welcome to attend Tuesday, December 16 at 7PM. Carols, cocoa, cider, and decorations. Hope to see you there! The Walkway around the Grace Biblical Garden is finished and it looks beautiful! Tribute/memorial bricks are still available for \$40 until January 1. Contact Karen at 239.898.3605. Additionally, the garden will be open on Saturday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, and Sundays. The Garden of Grace is located in the GCC parking lot behind the Mobil station.

CANNED FOOD - The Third Saturday Outreach Event is in need of additional canned goods for the upcoming 3rd Saturday Event. Sleigh-like carts will be at the Cape Coral campus and Grace Community Center for your can donations. Thank you!

GED MINISTRY HOLIDAY BREAK - There will be no GED classes December 21 through January 7. The first 2015 class resumes on Thursday, January 8.

SUNDAY MORNING REACH TEAM - We're looking for 8 volunteers who can commit 2 hours on Sunday mornings for the month of December to hand out maps to first-time guests at the Cape Coral campus. Shifts are from 8-10 AM or 10 AM - 12 PM. Contact Betty Andrews, bandrews@egracechurch.com or write, "Sunday Reach Team" on the back of your Let's Connect card.

CAR CARE MINISTRY - Do you need your car serviced? This ministry is helping single moms and widows who are struggling financially with a basic oil change. Car care events are scheduled at the Grace Community Center on January 17, May 16, and September 19. Make your appointment NOW; Call Donna at 239.240.0628 or Mark at 239.229.9700. Volunteer mechanics, runners, recorders, and drivers are needed. If interested, please contact Mark.

ADOPT-A-CHILD - For more than 10 years, we have helped the Children's Network of Southwest Florida with foster children in Lee County at Christmas time, giving 200+ children a wonderful holiday. Please stop by the table in the Narthex and pick up a name tag today.

CONNECT

Contact Kevin Griffin
kggriffin@egracechurch.com

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS - Loss is always difficult, and at the holidays it can seem crushing. Whether it is the death of a loved one, divorce, loss of employment, or other crisis of life, you are not alone. You can connect with others for support, encouragement, and suggestions to survive the holidays. This one-time class will offer an overview of what "normal grief" looks like for us individually, with practical, stress-reducing suggestions and tools to make a plan to care for yourself. Come and discover why it's still possible to celebrate Christ's presence in the midst of grief. 1-2:30 PM today, December 7 in Room 4 (Cape Coral campus).

THE THIRD ANNUAL WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT is scheduled for February 28 through March 1, 2015. You won't want to miss this opportunity to connect with other Women of Grace! Mark your calendars. More detailed information on registration to come.

FORM

Contact Kevin Griffin
kggriffin@egracechurch.com

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 Patti Nemazie
pnemazie@egracechurch.com

MARIE AND NOLAN SCHOCKEY - Our Mission partners Marie and Nolan Schockey who serve in Juarez, Mexico have been told by their board they must take a one year ministry furlough for their physical, emotional, and spiritual well being. Nolan is suffering with PTSD and would appreciate your prayers. They have requested to stay in SWFL from February through May 2015 to begin their healing with the help of Grace Church ministries. If you have or know of any place they can stay or rent (minimal) for these 4 months, please contact Joe Ball at 239.848.0016 or write Schockeyes on the back of your Let's Connect card.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEND GLOBAL 2015 MISSION CONFERENCE - 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 around the world.

SERVING IN THE FIELD: Mission Partners- CV Elliott and Michael Mozley serving in Ghana, Africa this week.

AGE LEVEL

Contact Heather Evans (Children) hevans@egracechurch.com
or Taylor Foley (Youth) tfoley@egracechurch.com

PARENTS NIGHT OUT - GRACE KIDZ CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY/MOVIE NIGHT - Saturday, December 13. 6-8:30 PM. All kids infant through 5th grade are invited for a fun time of pizza, popcorn, and Christmas movies in Grace Place while parents and grandparents have time to do their own thing! Pre-registration is required! A donation of \$5 per kid or \$10 per family is appreciated to help our student volunteers raise funds for their summer trips! Sign up in Grace Place!

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for paid childcare workers who are energetic, love children and are able to lead story time and small group teaching activities with preschool aged children. Must be 18 years of age and available on Sunday mornings and Friday evenings. We are also looking for qualified substitute teachers at Small Wonders Preschool. See Heather Evans in the children's building for more information.

WORSHIP

Contact Jennifer Strode, jstrode@egracechurch.com
or Corey Johnson, cjohnson@egracechurch.com

VOLUNTEER TECH POSITION - Do you like to push buttons and work behind the scenes? Our Celebrate Recovery tech team needs someone to run lights every Friday night from 6-8 PM. We will train you! Please contact Corey Johnson at 239.574.7161 and he will get you connected.

CAPE TECH TEAM - Do you like to climb ladders or help in HIGH places? We are looking for some help changing bulbs and maintaining our tech equipment.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE! It takes a HUGE team to coordinate every service at Grace Church, and we welcome new team members! If you are called to serve in the area of worship, call and inquire about open volunteer positions! We have a variety of volunteer positions and want to help you get connected to our team! (Some needed positions include: Ebay or reselling equipment, data entry, tech for special services, set construction, stage hands, outreach coordinator, etc.) Call 239.574.7161 ext. 239.

4:24 has opportunities for singers. Join us on Thursdays from 5:30-7 PM in Room 3. We are passionate about singing and having a great time worshiping God! Please call 239.574.7161. ext 239 if you would like to visit a rehearsal.

GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER - The GCC Worship Team is seeking musicians, especially keyboard and electric guitar players. We are also seeking volunteers for the tech team to help with sound, video, and lighting on Sunday mornings. Call Scott McDonald at 239.851.3842.

RECOVERY

Contact Greg Mulkey
gmulkey@egracechurch.com

THIS WEEK DECEMBER 12 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus to hear a personal testimony from Christina M. as she shares a message of God's grace in her life.

ANGEL TREE will need "angels" to pick a child's Angel tag for buying gifts for the children of incarcerated parents in the Lee County area. The presents are due by Sunday, December 14, and the "Wrapping Party" is Friday, December 19 with delivery on Saturday, December 20. We need leaders, wrappers, and delivery teams to present the presents and message of Jesus to the children and their families. Contact Robin at 826.3932 if you can help.

STEP STUDY GROUPS - The new women's step study group will begin on January 13, 2015. This is a 52-week journey with God and other like-minded women to find hope and see God's grace in your life. The new men's group will be soon after the women's. Make a note on your Let's Connect card for more information.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY FRIDAYS at the Cape Coral Campus:

5:30 - 6:30 PM - Dinner | **6:45 PM** - Large Group Celebration | **6:45-9 PM** - Surge (middle and high-school age) | **8 PM** - Small Groups for Hurts, Habits & Hang-ups!

CELEBRATE RECOVERY TUESDAYS *Step Study Night at the GCC:*
5:30 PM - Dinner | **6:30 PM** - Praise & Worship | **7-8:45 PM** - Step Study Groups
CELEBRATE RECOVERY MONDAYS *at the Fort Myers Central Campus:*
6 PM - Dinner | **6:30 PM** - Worship | **8 PM** - Small Groups

CHRISTMAS
CANTATA

TONIGHT
Cape Coral Campus

| 7 pm in the sanctuary



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE

CAPE CORAL CAMPUS

December 23	7 PM	Contemporary Service
December 24	5 PM	Contemporary Service
	7 PM	Contemporary Service
	9 PM	Traditional Service

GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER

December 24	6 PM	Contemporary Service
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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.

GRACE CHURCH...one church in *many* locations!

Cape Coral Campus

13 SE 21st Place
Cape Coral, FL 33990
239.574.7161

Worship Times:

8:30AM - Traditional
10:00AM - Contemporary
11:30AM - Contemporary

Fort Myers Central Campus

2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
239.334.3160

Worship Times:

8:30AM - Traditional
10:00AM - Contemporary
(Wed.) 6:30 PM - Contemporary

Fort Myers Shores Campus

14006 Matanzas Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33905
239.694.2797

Worship Times:

NEW 8:30AM - Traditional
10:00AM - Contemporary

Grace Community Center

4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
239.574.7161

Worship Times:

10:00AM - Contemporary

GCC Thrift Store

4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
239.656.0122

Hours:

Mondays: Closed
Tues-Sat: 9AM - 4PM
Wednesdays: 9AM - 5:30PM

FMC Thrift Store

2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
239.244.5712

Hours:

Sat-Sun: 10AM - 3PM
Monday: 10AM - 3PM



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