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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.

December 21, 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: December 08 - 14 2014

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 AM - 39 | 10 AM - 146 | Wed - 59

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 AM - 233 | 10 AM - 668 | 11:30 AM - 347

Online Viewers: 126

Fort Myers Central Campus: 8:30 AM - 26 | 10 AM - 147 | Wed - 134

Grace Community Center: 10 AM - 182

Celebrate Recovery: Monday - 103 | Tuesday - 39 | Friday - 207

Total Worship Attendance: 2456

GIVING: *Fort Myers Shores Campus*

General Fund: 12/14/2014 \$7,931.01

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT - Fort Myers Shores

WELCOME TO THE LYLE FAMILY! If you haven't noticed the new faces yet, then please extend a hearty Shores welcome to Josh and Jordan Lyle! Josh and Jordan have moved here from Charlottesville, VA to join our growing ministry. Josh has accepted the position of Director of Worship and Youth and Jordan will be joining our support staff. We are very excited to have them as a part of our team! Please keep them in your prayers as they transition into their new roles; and welcome them into our church family.

★ **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES** - Plenty of room for friends and family from near and far. Nursery is provided for both services for children 4 and under. **Contemporary Service is at 6PM and Traditional Service is at 8PM with communion** being served. We hope you make plans to join us and bring a friend!

➔ **DON'T FORGET** - The after Christmas sales are a great time to pick up things for Operation Christmas Child for next year!

NEW **NOW IS THE TIME** - Get your Emmaus application in now for the Men's walk January 15-18 and the Women's walk January 22-25. The deadline is approaching fast and has to be postmarked by December 28. Don't know what Emmaus is? Here's the scoop. The object of the Gulf Coast Walk to Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the Body of Christ in Southwest Florida for Christian Action. This is a 3 day retreat where you can disconnect from the outside and focus on your relationship with God. If you haven't been on this amazing retreat and would like to attend or get more information; call the church office 239.694.2797 or mark your "Let's Connect" card.

Wow! **HARRY CHAPIN HUNGER WALK** - Saturday, January 17 at 9:30AM the Miramar Outlet Mall will be holding the 7th Annual Harry Chapin Hunger Walk! You can be part of this, and not even have to walk if you don't want to; here's how: **First**-Sign up to walk, gather some friends and family and commit to being part of this wonderful outreach. **Second**-Sponsor the Grace Church team, just fill out a pledge card and put it in the jar on the table in the Welcome Center. If you would like more information just go to www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.

♥ **FOOD PANTRY** - Our 2nd Saturday Senior Outreach Ministry is just around the corner. Donations for the food pantry are needed to help make this ministry a success. If you want to help, check out BOGO's at Publix and Winn Dixie. One for you, one for the pantry. Thank you!

Fun! **DEADLINE IS TODAY!** - Do you want to come with us to see Tim Hawkins on Saturday Feb 21 in Cape Coral? We are getting a group rate of \$20 a ticket. Seems like a fun Christmas gift! Call the church office to reserve your tickets or Tina Glenn. Payment needs to be made before January 1.

REACH

visit the REACH wall in the Welcome Area.

2ND SATURDAY COMING SOON! - Second Saturday 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.

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 22; Christmas Party and gift exchange **12 noon**. Then on December 29; Games week and third quarter birthdays! 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.

REMINDER


IT'S CHOCOLATE TIME! - Save the date for this year's TASTE OF CHOCOLATE Women's luncheon: Saturday Jan 24, 10-1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$8.00 Tickets go on **today** under the awing in front of the church or can be purchased online at www.egracechurch.com. Tickets to this event would make great a stocking stuffer or best friend gift. If you have questions, ask Carol Kennedy or email at drckennedy@comcast.net

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FORM

Contact the Church Office shoresoffice@gracechurch.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.

SEND

Contact Neil Johnson njohnson@Gods_grace1@msn.com
or visit the SEND wall in the Welcome Area.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK - But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:30-33 NIV

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 - Check out holiday happenings then plan to join us in January!

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 - **Check out holiday happenings then plan to join us in January!**- 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

REMINDER

CELEBRATE RECOVERY CENTRAL CAMPUS - This Monday Dec. 22, come and hear a Testimony by Sarah M. and how God has worked and is working in her life. 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.

REMINDER

CELEBRATE RECOVERY CAPE CAMPUS - This Friday, Dec. 26, hear a Testimony by Richard O. come and hear how God is and has been working in his life. 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 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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY
Christ Caring for People through People



A NOTE FROM PASTOR SHARI:

Friends,

As Christmas approaches, I am especially sensitive to what is happening in your lives and the lives of your loved ones. This week we have had reports of the tragic death of a beloved niece, an accident involving four young family members, an unexpected job loss, and an emergency surgery. When any of these (and many other) events happen, they can be life shattering experiences. When they happen around Christmas, the stark contrast between "Have A Holly Jolly Christmas" and the reality you are dealing with is profound.

Last year, we designed a Christmas service with a more subdued atmosphere to acknowledge that for some, the Christmas season is not easy. Difficult circumstances, memories of better times, and a feeling of loss are some of the companions that linger in our minds and spirits. But in the midst of it all, we still love Jesus, we are grateful for his birth, and we want to spend some time in quiet worship of our King.

This year's Blue Christmas will be tonight at 6PM. There will be beautiful music, communion, and a reflective time for us to bask in the presence of the Prince of Peace. Please come, and if you have a friend or loved one who is suffering this service will be a gift to them. See you tonight.

I Love being your Pastor,

Pastor Shari Lacey
slacey@egracechurch.com



Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM

LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor	Jorge Acevedo*
Campus Pastor	Shari Lacey*
Director of Worship and Youth Ministries	Josh Lyle*
Director of Children's Ministries	Beverly Cox*
Administrative Assistant	Michele Jarke*
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Send Team	Neil Johnson
Reach Team	Is this your passion?
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Finance	Charlotte Nesta*
Organist/Traditional Choir	Millicent Callobre

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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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Hours:

Saturday - Monday
10 AM - 3 PM



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