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WEEKLY

December 28, 2014

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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! December 15-21, 2014

Commitments made last week: Life to Jesus - 0

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Celebrate Recovery: Monday - n/a | Tuesday - 46 | Friday - 206 | Total: 252

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 - 248 | 10:00 - 584 | 11:30 - 339 | Blue Christmas - 304

Grace Community Center: 10:00 - 181

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 - 38 | 10:00 - 166 | Blue Christmas - 30

Fort Myers Central Campus: 8:30 - n/a | 10:00 - n/a | Wed. - n/a

Total Worship Attendance: 2,307 **Weekend Online Viewers:** 165

Cape Coral Campus/GCC Youth: Octane (Sun.) - 44 | Octane (Wed.) - n/a | Revolution - 26
Surge - 33 | Planet 45 - n/a

GIVING *Cape Coral Campus & Grace Community Center*

	Needed Weekly	Last Week	Needed YTD	Received YTD	Over (Under)
General Fund	\$32,692	\$35,408	\$1,667,308	\$1,583,843	\$(83,465)
Impact	\$3,804	\$3,298	\$194,017	\$194,630	\$613

Faith Promise Given Last Week - \$2,444

Received YTD - \$139,923

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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

FINANCE NEWS - Thank you for giving to God through the ministries of Grace Church! As we prepare to close 2014, please bring your year-end tax-deductible contributions to the church office no later than 4 PM on Wednesday, December 31, or mail your contribution postmarked no later than December 31 for a 2014 tax credit. If you have any questions, you may contact Charlotte Nesta, our Director of Finance, 239.574.7161. Thank you for your financial generosity!

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

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

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.

CONNECT

Contact Kevin Griffin
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GRACE CHURCH SOFTBALL will be starting their co-ed Spring League soon! All women and men ages 18+ can play! Games on Friday nights at the Northwest Softball Complex in Cape Coral. Come make some new friends at Grace Church and have a great time playing softball. Call PT Barnum at 239.691.8995 or email cc9800@embarqmail.com.

WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT + TEA - All women are invited to the 2015 Women of Grace Retreat on February 28-March 1. But first, make sure to attend the Pre-Retreat Tea from 2-5 PM at the Cape Coral Campus on January 11, when we will make travel arrangements and get ready for the retreat! Cost for the retreat is only \$80 per person if paid by January 11, either online at egracechurch.com or in person at the Tea (\$85 starting January 12 until registration closes on February 15). If you have any questions about the retreat or the pre-retreat tea, please call Paulette Jones at 239.896.7370.

FORM

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MAKING MY CONNECTIONS - Our next membership class is coming up soon! In this 4-hour workshop, you'll explore in depth the values, story, and vision of Grace Church and find your place in our church family. After completing the class, you have the opportunity to become a member of Grace Church. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, Making My Connections is the next step. 9 AM - 1 PM Saturday, January 24 in the Children's and Youth Center (Cape Coral campus). Cost is free and includes lunch, but pre-registration is required. Please indicate if you need childcare when you register. To sign up, call Elaine Kasarda at 239.574.7161 or email ekasarda@egracechurch.com.

WINTER TRANSFORM CLASSES - New classes and groups start soon! Are you ready to take the next step in your spiritual life and make some new friends at Grace Church? Then sign up today for one of our Winter TransForm classes! All classes meet at the Cape Coral campus. Childcare is available. Opportunities include:

- **Financial Peace University** | Dave Ramsey's approach to budgeting, saving, giving, and getting out of debt is both simple to understand and based on the Bible's teachings about money. Of the 75+ Grace Church families who took the class earlier this year, they reported paying off more than \$500,000 in consumer debt in just 9 weeks! 6:30-8 PM Wednesdays starting January 21 for 9 weeks. Regular cost is \$85 per household after Jan. 1 (special early-bird price of \$75 if paid by Dec. 31). Note: you do not have to disclose personal financial information in the class.

- **Dave Ramsey's The Legacy Journey** | This is the follow-up class to Financial Peace University and teaches you how to build and leave a legacy for your children and children's children. The class deals with topics like saving and investing, safeguarding your legacy, estate planning, generosity that truly makes an impact in the world, and more from a biblical perspective. 6:30-8 PM Wednesdays starting January 21 for 7 weeks. Cost is \$99 per household. Note: You do not have to disclose personal financial info in the class.
- **Living a Life of Balance (women only)** | Many women today are trying to be everywhere at once and be all things to all people, until a life of balance seems impossible. This study will encourage you to slow down and examine how you're living your life, so that you can find the rest and hope that your soul needs and that God desires for you. Facilitator: Debbie Ruesch. 6:30-7:45 PM Wednesdays starting January 21 for 12 weeks. Required book, available online: *Living a Life of Balance in the Women of Faith Bible Studies series*.
- **Fight Less, Love More (marriage class)** | In this class developed by Harvard-trained lawyer and couples mediator Laurie Puhn, you will learn how to resolve conflict, give the perfect apology, create a daily communication routine, increase intimacy and respect, and more, so that your marriage will remain strong and healthy for a lifetime. Facilitators: Paul + Toni Marzella. 6:30-7:45 PM Wednesdays starting January 21 for 9 weeks.
- **Taking Care of Business** | This study by Andy Stanley explores the Bible's perspective on work, and how God desires for you to experience both fulfillment and success in your job or business. Led by our "Grace in the Marketplace" team of small business owners and professionals, the class will deal with topics like interacting with coworkers and supervisors, being a witness for Christ at work, and balancing work with family and personal life. 6:30-7:45 PM Wednesdays starting January 21 for 6 weeks. Required book, available online: *Taking Care of Business Study Guide: Finding God at Work* by Andy Stanley.
- **Effective Parenting in a Defective World** | Raising kids is a tough challenge in today's world. Peers and pop culture exert never-ending pressure on our children, but the good news is that God has been helping people in bad situations for a long time! Whether you're raising children as a couple or on your own, this class will give struggling parents lots of practical steps and a clear vision for your children's future. Facilitator: Heather Evans. 6:30-7:45 PM Wednesdays starting January 28 for 6 weeks. Required study guide, available online: *Effective Parenting in a Defective World: How to Raise Kids Who Stand Out from the Crowd* by Chip Ingram (*Living on the Edge*, 2009).
- **Grief Support Group** | If you've lost someone you love, it may be hard to feel optimistic about the future right now. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and are experiencing emotions in a way you're not used to feeling – numbness, aching, anger, sadness, apathy. This group will help you face these challenges and start moving toward rebuilding your life. You will discover that there are other people who understand what grief feels like and learn practical steps to recover and heal from your loss. Facilitators: Keith

Musselman + Pastor Cindy Jones. 6:30-7:45 PM Wednesdays starting January 21.

- **Divorce Care Support Group** | Many people who know will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. In this group, you will discover there are other people who understand the hurts and emotions as well as learn practical and helpful information about how to recover from your separation or divorce. Facilitators: Dennis + Tina Glenn. 6:30-7:45 PM Wednesdays starting January 14 for 14 weeks. Cost: \$15 for materials.

SEND

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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 Schockey 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.

AGE LEVEL

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

PLANET 45 WINTER BREAK - Planet 45 continues its winter break tomorrow night! We will be back on Monday, January 5.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OCTANE - Our small groups and band practice for Wednesday night Octane will be taking a break for the holidays! We will be back on Wednesday, January 14.

REVOLUTION TONIGHT will be at the Foley house 6-7:30 PM. For address, please contact Taylor Foley at tfoley@egracechurch.com or at 239.574.7161.

GRACE KIDZ SAVE THE DATES - Warren Willis Summer Camp: June 8-13. Vacation Bible School: June 22-26th. Mark your calendars and get ready for a fun summer ahead!

SMALL WONDERS PRESCHOOL will begin enrolling for the next school year after the holidays. If you would like your child to be considered for a position in the fall, contact Stacy at 239.573.6890 to get on the waiting list!

WORSHIP

Contact Jennifer Strobe, jstrobe@egracechurch.com
or Corey Johnson, cjohnson@egracechurch.com

VOLUNTEER TECH POSITIONS - 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 JANUARY 2 AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Join us at the Cape Coral campus to hear a lesson on "3 Doors to Celebrate Recovery" from Greg M.

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

GOD'S VISION FOR GRACE CHURCH IS:

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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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