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

January 5, 2014

NEW TO GRACE CHURCH?

Please make sure to fill out a Let's Connect Card! Our Information Center in the Welcome Area is open each Sunday morning to help you find information about the many ministries we offer. If you need further information, please feel free to call our church office at 239.694.2797.

We have two worship services each week and various programming on Wednesdays:

Sunday	10 AM	Contemporary
Sunday	11:30 AM	Traditional
Wednesday	6 PM	Various Programming

(Information on Wednesday programming and classes can be found throughout this Grace Weekly.)

We love kids! During the 10 AM Sunday service, we offer a full Children's Worship experience. Children are invited to go directly to Grace Place, which is located in the Fellowship Hall. We have a nursery available during all Sunday worship services to provide a safe and welcoming environment for children, newborn to three years of age. The nursery is equipped with toys, books and loving people to provide for the needs of your child. In addition, we have a beeper system to contact you, if your child needs you.

Join us for a free continental breakfast on Sundays served in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 - 11:30 AM!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

We count, because people count…

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 10 AM - 132 | 11:30 AM - 37
Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 AM - 250 | 10 AM - 714 | 11:30 AM - 448
Fort Myers Central Campus: 8:30 AM - 32 | 10 AM - 97 | Wed - 125
Grace Community Center: 10 AM - 210
Christmas Eve: Shores - 169/130 | Cape Coral - 2357 | GCC - 245 | Central - 123
Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - n/a | Friday - 201
Total Worship Attendance: 5,088

GIVING: *Fort Myers Shores Campus*

General Fund: 12/29/2013 $5,169.25

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or set up an automatic monthly donation.

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GRACE NEWS

ARE YOU 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 welcome you. Would you 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 FREE sweets and a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall, which is located on the east side of the Worship Center.

IMPORTANT NEWS - The new year has brought some changes around Grace Church! Our office hours have changed – we are now open weekdays from 9 AM – 1 PM. The talented Tina Glenn has joined our team as our administrative assistant. Tina comes to us from Lee Memorial Health Systems and enjoyed exactly one day of retirement before she started in her new position with us. Many blessings to Beth Rice as she begins her new position as director of marketing for an architectural firm

NEW **WELCOME DR. PHILLIP WEATHERFORD -** God has blessed us with a new organist. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Phillip Weatherford to the Grace Church family. Phillip has extensive experience in leading traditional worship and will direct the 11:30 AM choir. We are rejoicing that he is sharing his gifts and talents with us, and look forward to a bright future as we worship the Lord in song. Please keep Erich and Pat in prayer. They look forward to returning to the Shores Campus of Grace Church to join us for worship on Sunday mornings.

QUIT SMOKING NOW - Make your New Year's resolution a reality by signing up for a FREE class offered every third Saturday at the Grace Community Center from 10 AM - 12 PM. You must register for classes by calling 977.819.2357. Take the step toward better health!

ARE YOU FEELING LIKE ROYALTY? - Okay, perhaps you aren't feeling like royalty– but today is a great day to eat lunch at Dairy Queen! Today, from 11 AM - 2 PM, the Dairy Queen on Palm Beach Boulevard is donating a percentage of their sales to our Age Level Ministries. This is a great chance to connect with your Grace Church family– and they have some great salad options to help you maintain your New Year's resolutions!

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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 and others!

REACH

Contact Ellen Donald
edonald@egracechurch.com or visit the REACH wall in the Welcome Area.

FOOD PANTRY - Canned food and dry goods are always welcome in our food pantry! This time of the year can be especially hard on families, and we want to help. Next time you are shopping, please pick up a few extra cans of veggies or a few extra boxes of mac and cheese. You can bring them by the office between 9 AM - 1 PM or drop it Sunday mornings in the basket in the Welcome Area.

CONNECT

Contact Robin Morrison
rmorrison@egracechurch.com or visit the CONNECT wall in the Welcome Area.

CONNECT WITH GOD AND COMMUNITY - Join with hundreds of Grace Church members and United Methodists from all over Lee County for an exciting afternoon of worship and nationally acclaimed speakers!

The Connect With God and Community event is Saturday, January 25, at Faith United Methodist Church in South Fort Myers. We have negotiated a fantastic rate for this event! Tickets are selling on their website for $25, but Grace Church is offering tickets for $10! More information is coming – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR A TASTE OF CHOCOLATE! - A Taste of Chocolate Women's Ministry event will be held on Saturday, January 11 from 10 AM – 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are $8 and are on sale now. Join us for lunch, powerful testimonies from people you know and love, music with Michelle Weger, arts and crafts, and CHOCOLATE. Questions? Call Carol Kennedy at 239.694.5943.

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Contact the Church Office
shoresoffice@egracechurch.com or visit the FORM wall in the Welcome Area.

REGISTER NOW FOR MEN'S RETREAT 2014 - Join with men from every Grace Church campus at the Christian Retreat Center on Fort Myers Beach! "Sons of Grace: The Character of a Godly Man" will be led by Pastors Jorge and Wes and other special guests. The dates are February 7–9, 2014. Registration is just $50, which includes all meals. Limited lodging is available for an additional $50. Sign up online at egracechurch.com/men today!

PREREGISTER NOW FOR 2014 WOMEN'S RETREAT - From December 8 - 31, you have the opportunity to preregister for what will be a relaxing, filling, 2 day spiritual retreat. The early registration price is just $80, and it will include lodging, materials, and meals! The retreat is April 12 - 13, so mark your calendars, and log onto egracechurch.com to register today. Please contact Paulette Jones for information at 239.896.7370.

DARE TO DREAM - God did not create us and save us so that we could sit around waiting to die and go to heaven! He created us and saved us so that we could participate in his activity in the world. In this study you will be challenged to wake up to the God-sized dream inside of you, develop a life mission statement, and commit yourself fully to your God-given life mission. Classes will begin Wednesday, January 8. Pick up your dinner at 6:15 PM, and bring it to Classroom 2! Class starts promptly at 6:30 PM. You will only need a Bible, a journal, and a pen. To register, please write "Dream" on your Let's Connect Card.

SEND

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

GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE - February 26 – March 2 is right around the corner! Are you interested in hosting a missionary in your home or helping with our planned events for this exciting week? Simply write "Missions" on your Let's Connect Card, and someone from the team will get back with you.

FROM OUR MISSION PARTNER RAY ZIRKEL - We are most grateful for the 12 children who are living at the Methodist Children's Home and your support of them. They are all lovely children with full hearts and a promising future because of you. We love you, Grace Church!

FAITH PROMISE - Has God been faithful to his part of the Faith Promise you made with him? If so, now is the time to give back. He is active at work in the world, and calls you to participate through giving, going, and praying.

AGE LEVEL

GRACE PLACE - Children have a high priority at Grace Church. On Sunday mornings, kids have their very own worship experience at 10 AM! Designed for Pre-K through 5th grade; kids enjoy the excitement of a high energy environment with worship, Bible message and games. They also connect with God and make new friends in small groups. Kids, join us at Grace Place in the Fellowship Hall!

E-TEAM - Pre-K through 5th grade students, Wednesday nights from 6 - 8 PM is where it is happening! Children learn about Jesus in a safe and nurturing environment through Bible stories, worship, crafts and games. Free dinner is served.

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 ends at 8 PM . Programming will resume this Wednesday, January 8 as we begin a new series, Dare to Dream.

RECOVERY

Contact shoresoffice@egracechurch.com

START 2014 IN A HEALTHY WAY - Let's be honest. You put it off all last year and probably the year before that too... **But this year it can be different!** Our low-impact aerobics class is FREE and you are among encouraging friends. You can do the exercise program, regardless of your fitness level, leaving you feeling better and looking better too! Join us for a workout on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Choir Room. All are welcome!

12 STEPS FOR CHRISTIANS - The new Recovery Ministry will be held on Wednesdays to give people with children the opportunity to have them fed and cared for while they go to their meeting. Watch this spot for more information.

FRIENDS OF BILL W - If you have a problem with drinking, you are not alone. Join us Thursday evenings at 8 PM in the Resource Room. You will find a warm welcome and will get help from people who have been there.

NEED HELP DEALING WITH LIFE ON LIFE'S TERMS? - If you, a family member or friend are going through stressful times and need someone to listen, pray for and encourage you, get a confidential Stephen Minister. Mark your Let's Connect Card, or call Leigh Jarvis at 239.574.7161.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR SHARI:

Who is ready for a fresh start? I know I am! I love it when the New Year rolls around and we get the chance to say goodbye to last year's troubles and struggles. I know some of the challenges you've faced and overcome in 2013, and I say onward and upward in 2014! God holds our future, and I am especially looking forward to experience "Dare To Dream" with you. Just think what would happen if we each lived into God's purpose for our lives. I'm ready to hear a fresh word from God in this series. How about you?

I love being your Pastor!

God Bless,

Pastor Shari

Pastor Shari Lacey
slacey@egracechurch.com

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 1 PM

LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor	**Jorge Acevedo***
Campus Pastor	**Shari Lacey***
Director of Worship and Youth Ministries	**Michelle Weger***
Director of Children's Ministries	**Beverly Cox***
Administrative Assistant	**Tina Glenn***
Care Team	**Judy Edwards**
Reach Team	**Ellen Donald***
Connect Team	**Robin Morrison***
Send Team	**Neil Johnson***
Facilities Leader	**Matthew Williams***
Finance	**Charlotte Nesta***
Nursery Coordinator	**Gail Leindecker**
Organist/Traditional Choir	**Dr. Phillip Weatherford**

*You can easily send an email to these staff members by using their first initial and last name @egracechurch.com
EXAMPLE: 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:

10 AM - Contemporary
11:30 AM - Traditional

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

2415 Grand Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901
239.244.5712

Hours:

Saturday - Monday
10 AM - 3 PM

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