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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.

October 19, 2014

NEW TO GRACE CHURCH?

IF YOU ARE 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 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: October 06 - 12, 2014

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 AM - 31 | 10 AM - 139 | Wed - 40

Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 AM - 187 | 10 AM - 599 | 11:30 AM - 405

Online Viewers: 103

Fort Myers Central Campus: 8:30 AM - 33 | 10 AM - 130 | Wed - 150

Grace Community Center: 10 AM - 190

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday - 72 | Friday - 288

Total Worship Attendance: 2311

GIVING: *Fort Myers Shores Campus*

General Fund: 10/12/2014 \$3,571.00

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WHATS HAPPENING AT - Fort Myers Shores

TODAY WELCOME ANDREW! - Today we welcome Andrew Nielson, who is visiting from Powell, Ohio where he works with kids at the YMCA. Andrew is a gifted musician, songwriter, and vocalist, and we are blessed to have him lead our worship this morning.

★ **MUCHAS GRACIAS! MERCI! THANK YOU!** - To the anonymous donors who gave a generous gift to replace the ice maker in the fellowship hall! Soon we will be able to have Bible study, fellowship, and other activities without getting drowned out by the ROAR of that old beast of a machine! Thank you, and God bless you from all of us!

TODAY COMMISSIONING - Today we welcome the India Team, who are leaving on October 31st and returning November 11. We are commissioning Pastor Shari along with Patti Nemazie, Pastor Jorge, Charlotte Nesta, Susan Humphries, and Laurie Brown. The trip will have some different ministry components. They will be teaching a powerful method of sharing the Gospel to hundreds of people (called "Storying"). In a culture where many do not read or have access to a Bible, Storying is a way to communicate the Word in a way that is compelling and memorable, and our hope is that many will be equipped to share the Good News! The team will also be preaching and teaching the Gospel, and will have the opportunity to share the impact a Christian 12 Step recovery program can have on both an individual and the church. Please keep the India team in your prayers!

TODAY CHARGE CONFERENCE - will be held TODAY, October 19 at 3 PM at Cape Coral First United Methodist Church, 4118 Coronado Parkway, Cape Coral. At this meeting, we will consider the annual business of Grace Church. Everyone is invited.

FOOD PANTRY - Thank you to all who have contributed to the food pantry! At this time we are asking for cans of fruit both regular and sugar free for diabetics. Questions, call Adela at 239-694-8035.

DINNER FOR 8 - With a Mexican theme, the next dinner will be Saturday November 15, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Due to growing interest we are happy to report that we need more hostesses. Do you have the gift of hospitality? Call Kathy Johnson at 239-850-5557

Update! **TRUNK OR TREAT** - Jacque Rippe is doing an awesome job of getting our teams built; please talk with her about joining a team! Don't forget we are still collecting lots, of candy too! Most importantly - don't forget why we do this radical hospitality; it is to invite our neighbors to be a part of our church family. Mark your "Let's Connect" card trunk or treat if you have any questions or call the office at 239.694.2797.

REACH

visit the REACH wall in the Welcome Area.

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 .

Update!

UPWARD SPORTS - Mark your calendar this week Saturday October 25 to come cheer on the kids! Here is the game schedule. 8 - 9AM and 9 -10AM is K - 2 grade, 10 - 11AM and 11AM -12PM is 3rd -6. Upward is in need of referees, if you are feeling called to be a part of this ministry team please contact, Ryan Pitts 239.980.0511, Brian Stevenson 239.745.0457, Michele Stevenson 469.952.1192, or Jessica Llado 239.980.1736 for more information or questions.

GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 128 - Daisies thru Ambassadors meet the 2 and 4 Mondays from 6:15 - 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Need more info? Contact Becky Alexander at 239-823-3391.

TROOP 80 - Did you know Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts meet here Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM? For more info contact Stan Wise at 239-826-5906 or Andrea Yeager at 239-887-0830.

NEW

TROOP 80 SPAGHETTI DINNER - on Saturday, November 1, 2014, serving 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Fellowship Hall. The tickets are Adult, \$6.00 and Child (under 10) \$3.50, AYCE with all the trimmings. Take-outs are available. Thank you for your continued support of our Scouting ministry.

CONNECT

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

★ **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK** - *"I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd."* John 10:14-16 (NLT)

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 October 20, It's Fall Festival. Then on October 27, it's games week!. 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!

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.

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.

MEN'S SMALL GROUP - Men, you are invited to Dunkin Donuts at 6 AM on Friday mornings for what may be some of the best time you will spend each week! The Holy Spirit does something in the lives of people involved in small groups that is profound, powerful and important. Just show up with a ready heart, there is space for you!

WOMEN OF GRACE BIBLE STUDY - Come join us each Wednesday from 10-11:30 AM in Classroom 2 at the church where we read and study scripture, enjoy field trips, movies and other exciting events. Please contact Denny Pendarvis with any questions at 239.303.2054.

SEND

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

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.

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AGE LEVEL

Contact Beverly Cox at bc Cox@egracechurch.com
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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!

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 programming ends at 8 PM .

DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH KIDS? - We are still looking for Shepherds for E-Team! We need people on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 until 8:00 to escort and assist groups of children as they rotate through activities. The planning and teaching are done for you. You just get to enjoy the kids! Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to shine your light for Jesus. More info, contact Beverly at bc Cox@egracechurch.com

RECOVERY

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CELEBRATE RECOVERY CENTRAL CAMPUS - Kickoff has been changed to November 3, mark your calendars so you can be a part of it all. Dinner at 5:30 PM, large group at 6:30 PM, small groups at 7:45 PM. Have questions contact Scott Thornton at scotthardythornton@yahoo.com.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY CAPE CAMPUS - This Friday hear a testimony by Michele J, 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 Yoga 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, 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:

Family-

“Why do you believe?” Someone asked me this question last week, and as I began to formulate my answer, this young person followed up that question with a torrent of others. (By the way, this is one of my favorite parts of being a pastor. Having candid discussions with seekers and old-timers in the faith is part of what fuels me to do the stuff I am not crazy about, like administration.)

As it turns out, he had several questions all rolled up into that one questions he asked me. Who am I and what is the reason for all of this? Do you think we are alone in the universe? What happens when I die? Do you really think that some God created all of this? Whew! I can't begin to unpack in this short space even a partial response to these questions!

But one intriguing characteristic of these queries is the form that our answers usually take. “Well”, we say, “I believe”....

When you and I attempt to answer life's big questions, it inevitably leads us into the realm of faith. This is where we can shine as we share our experience, strength and hope in Christ! Opportunities are around us if we will have eyes to see and ears to hear other's quest for meaning and significance that can only be found in a relationship with Christ.

I Love being your Pastor,

Pastor Shari

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
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Hours:

Tues-Sat: 10 AM - 4 PM
Wed: 10 AM - 5:30 PM

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Hours:

Saturday - Monday
10 AM - 3 PM



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