GraceWEEKLY

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

November 23, 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: November 10 - November 16, 2014

Fort Myers Shores Campus: 8:30 AM - 45 | 10 AM - 167 | Wed - 70 Cape Coral Campus: 8:30 AM - 273 | 10 AM - 633 | 11:30 AM - 315

Online Viewers: 104

Fort Myers Central Campus: 8:30 AM - 24 | 10 AM - 156 | Wed - 147

Grace Community Center: 10 AM - 189

Celebrate Recovery: Monday - 122 | Tuesday - 51 | Friday - 227

Total Worship Attendance: 2523
GIVING: Fort Myers Shores Campus

General Fund: 11/02/2014 \$6,678.00 - 11/09/2014 \$2,960.10 - 11/16/14 \$4,575.00

Give Online! Make a one-time donation, or set up an automatic monthly donation.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT - Fort Myers Shores

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER - Pastor Shari, as she travels to be with her family thru this difficult time with the loss of her sister Christine on Friday November 14. Please keep Pastor Shari and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

ARE YOU ALONE AT THANKSGIVING? - This Thursday is Thanksgiving and you don't have to be alone! You can join us for Thanksgiving Dinner and fellowship with us at Church. Please contact either Adela 239.694.8035 or Bernadette 239.694.4998 and let us know you will be joining us.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Final day for drop off is **Tomorrow**, at the church office from 10 - Noon. Don't forget in these boxes you can write letters and talk about God, because they are not going to restricted countries. Here are some suggested items to get you started! Coloring books, story books, small toys, combs, toothbrushes, hygiene items, but nothing liquid.

OUR CHILDREN AND OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Our children have packed 26 boxes for OCC! If you have not had the opportunity to participate in this ministry you can still be part of it. Would you consider donating to cover the cost of sending our kids boxes? The cost to send these boxes is only \$7 per box for a total of \$182.00. Just mark it OCC so we will know what it is for. Thank you for helping children around the world, feel the love of Jesus!

JOIN IN THE FUN - It's time to do the *Christmas decorations!* Won't you join us on Saturday November 29 from 8 AM till Noon? We will put our heads together and create a warm festive scene for Christmas time. If you have any questions call Jacque at 694.0451.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Will be held on December 7th at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a finger food to share and a wrapped ornament for our fun gift exchange! This year we would like to ask you bring a can of food to help stock our new food pantry. This is also a great opportunity to invite a friend. For questions call Adela 694 8035

IT'S CHOCOLATE TIME! - Save the date for this year's <u>TASTE OF CHOCOLATE</u> Women's luncheon: When: Saturday Jan 24, 10-1:00 Where: Our Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$8.00 Tickets go on Sale in December. If you have questions, ask Carol Kennedy or email at drckennedy@comcast.net

FOOD PANTRY - Thank you to all who have contributed to the food pantry! Lets fill the shopping cart with peanut butter and jelly this month!

CHILD PROTECTION CLASS - On December 7 at 11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a 45 minute Child Protection training class. The class is mandatory for anyone working with our children and youth. We will be going to Dairy Queen for lunch after the class, as they donate a portion of their proceeds to our Age Level ministries from 11 AM - 2 PM every first Sunday!

REACH

2ND SATURDAY COMING SOON! - S.S. 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 phll584@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 November 24, for music week with Jan Neff. Then join us on December 1; as Pastor Shari will tell us all about her mission trip to India! 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!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - Materials are needed for the prayer shawl ministry! This is a great time of year to rid yourself of yarn and fabric you no longer need. Simply bring it by the office or drop it in the basket in the welcome area and we will put it to good use. Thank you!

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FORM

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.

CIRCLE MAKER STUDY NOTES AND VIDEOS - We are on week 4 and you are encouraged to actively participate in the Circle Maker experience by downloading study notes from our website and watching the video teaching of Pastor Jorge from our Cape Coral campus. Invite a friend or neighbor to do the study with you – all the tools are on the site at egracechurch.com. Not computer savvy? There are a limited number of DVDs available in the Welcome Area on the FORM wall.

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.

SEND

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK - You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11

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.

SEND GLOBAL CONFERENCE - Mark your calendars for Send Global 2015 Mission Conference February 4 - 8, 2015. "Here, there, and everywhere" ACTS 1:8 Come and find out how our faith promise dollars have been at work.

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

AGE LEVEL

REVOLUTION - 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 - 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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY CENTRAL CAMPUS - This Monday hear a lesson on Powerless by Rochelle R. 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.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY CAPE CAMPUS - This Friday hear a lesson by Pastor Jorge, on Give. 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.

NEW STEP STUDIES - Have you been involved in a step study? Are you ready to grow closer to God; and find more out about yourself? New step studies will be starting in January at the Grace Community Center, Tuesday nights at 6:25 PM. Mark your "Let's Connect" card "step study" if you want more info and someone will contact you.

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.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR SHARI:

Grace Family,

I want to remind everyone how blessed we are to be part of a multi site ministry! For those who are new to Grace Church, our campus, the "Shores" campus, is one of four sites where members of Grace Church are worshipping this morning! It all started with the Cape Coral campus. We are the second campus. Then we did a crazy thing and bought an old Winn Dixie store (now the Grace Community Center), where we serve all of Lee County with aid and advocacy ministries. About 5 years ago we adopted the Central campus in downtown Ft. Myers. I am excited to see what is next!

You may not realize some of the many blessings we enjoy from our extended church family. Our high quality "bumper videos", the Grace Weekly that you are reading now, the invitation cards we receive monthly, the Deep Dive notes, and many things too numerous to mention are produced at the Cape campus and shared with everyone!

In the last months we have had preachers and teachers from every campus, worship leaders from every campus, and support in our administrative responsibilities. God has gifted us with being one church in four locations – all with the same marching orders: To partner with God in transforming unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus

Christ to the glory of God!

I Love being your Pastor,

Pastor Shari Lacey

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 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

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

FORT MYERS CENTRAL **CAMPUS**

2415 Grand Avenue Fort Myers, FL 33901 239.334.3160

Worship Times:

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