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# OUR MISSION

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# WHAT IS A CHURCH?

What is a church? Is it a building where a motivational speaker and cover band present their weekly offerings to a gathered crowd, in exchange for a few dollars when the plate comes by? Is it a collection of the most godly? The most hypocritical? Both? Neither?

Whatever your impression of churches in the past, whether it be positive or negative, influenced by word-of-mouth or personal experience, we at Grace Community Chapel (GCC) are so glad you stopped by to see the sand sculpture. And you even picked up a pamphlet! You rock!

But what is a church, really? Well, if you don't know much about churches, you probably know that they spend a lot of time talking about a book called the Bible. And the Bible actually has a lot to say about what a church is, and what it's supposed to do.

For example, when it talks about the church, it isn't actually talking about the building - that's just a convenient place we meet. When the Bible talks about the "church," it's referring to the people inside the building, who have given their lives in pursuit of following the Way of Jesus. "Are there people inside who don't follow Jesus?" There sure are, and they're welcome to join us! We Christians are a messy, mixed lot, but everyone is welcome to join us for weekly worship and Bible study.

But the church has a job to do as well. First and foremost its purpose is to spread the good news about how Jesus' death and resurrection mean that we can, if we choose to follow Him, spend eternity with Him in heaven rather than rightly paying for our sins forever. But the church has another job as well: to care for and to be a blessing to its local community.

GCC is committed to keeping the commands that Jesus placed on His church. By our statement, "Proclaiming Jesus and Pursuing Maturity in Him," we mean that everything we do serves to make Jesus known, and to know Him in an increasingly deep and meaningful way. The way we impact our community is a huge part of that! In our pursuit of maturity, we are always teaching each other how to better articulate our faith to those we come across. Then,

throughout the year we take part in regular service opportunities that serve the homeless, hungry, and hurting outside our church walls. Most recently, we spent thousands of dollars, and dozens of man-hours to serve a mobile home community in our county. We believe that fulfilling Jesus' commands in the Bible holistically involves taking care of not just the physical needs or the spiritual needs, but seeing hurting people as image-bearers of God and treating them accordingly.

If you would like to start the journey towards pursuing Jesus, we would love to talk with you and/or see you on a Sunday morning! You can call the church office M-F from 9-4 at (636) 970-1311, and you can come to any of our three worship service hours at 8:30, 9:50, or 11:15 on Sunday mornings.

If you've made it this far in down the pamphlet, you deserve a high-five! Thanks so much for visiting our sand sculpture and reading about the reason why GCC serves this community.

# **WELCOME TO GRACE COMMUNITY CHAPEL**

## **SANDMAN AT GCC**

We are so happy you dropped in to see this year's sculpture. It has been our pleasure to share the amazing work of Dan Belcher with you, our friends and neighbors, since 2008. To view a gallery of all the sculptures or to learn more about the artist, visit [gcchapel.org/sandman](http://gcchapel.org/sandman).

## **FIRST STEPS AT GCC**

Grace Community Chapel is a dynamic church whose vision is to see people come to faith in Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with God. Our biblical teaching and Christ-centered community will help you grow spiritually, reproduce intentionally, advance the gospel, connect in worship, and engage in service.

## **CONNECT ON SUNDAYS**

Join us for Sunday morning services as we learn and grow together. You will be encouraged by community worship and strengthened in your personal commitment to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

8:30 am (Traditional Worship)

9:50 or 11:15 am (Contemporary Worship)

Watch online at [gcchapel.org](http://gcchapel.org), [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com), or on the church app.

## **CONTACT GCC**

We're here for you! If you have questions or need someone to talk to or pray for you, call us at 636-970-1311 or send an email to [office@gcchapel.org](mailto:office@gcchapel.org)