# Ephesians A CHURCH ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRACE COMMUNITY CHAPEL

## **Grace Community Chapel**

Weekly Bulletin - May 25, 2025

Access the Digital Connection Card at gcchapel.org/connect.

## **Sundays at GCC**

#### 8:30 AM

Traditional Worship Service Classes for Adults and Kids (nursery - grade 5)

#### 9:50 AM

Contemporary Worship Service Classes for Adults, Youth, and Kids (nursery - grade 5)

#### 11:15 AM

Contemporary Worship Service Classes for Adults and Kids (nursery - age 5)

## **Stay Connected**

- Check gcchapel.org for updates.
- Call us at 636-970-1311, Monday-Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.
- Email us at office@gcchapel.org.
- Sign up for our e-newsletters at gcchapel.org/lists.
- Sign up for prayer chain emails or submit a prayer request at gcchapel.org/prayer.
- Request counseling at gcchapel.org/counseling.
- Find us on Facebook and Instagram: Grace Community Chapel
- Go to <u>gcchapel.org/about</u> to learn about our beliefs, mission, and leadership.

## **Ministry Team**

Visit gcchapel.org/about to email a member of the Ministry Team. Jason Krute Senior Pastor David Earley Worship Arts Chris Lentz Adult Ministries Daniel Maasen Outreach Pastor Anthony Ochoa Student Ministries Carrie Fisher Children's Ministries

## **Online Resources**

Can't attend in person? Missed a Sunday? Watch live or on demand at <u>YouTube.com</u> or the Church Center app.

Go to <u>gcchapel.org/adults</u> to find details about Adult Ministries.

Go to <u>gcchapel.org/kids</u> to find details about **Kids Ministries**.

Go to gcchapel.org/students to find details about Student Ministries.

## **Take the Next Steps**

Get to know us better by attending these classes, which are required for membership at GCC.

#### **LUNCH AT GRACE**

Meet our ministry team and hear the heart of our church.

June 1 @12:15 pm Hope Hall

#### SHARING GRACE

Understand the culture of our church and our passion to walk an authentic Christian life.

June 8 @11:15 am Room 110

#### **DISCOVERING GRACE**

Ask specific questions about our Statement of Faith, doctrines, and priorities.

June 22 @11:15 am Room 110

RSVP at gcchapel.org/events

## **Church Center App**

Details at gcchapel.org/app

- Simplified giving
- Easy event signups
- Kids check-in
- Church directory
- Connecting with small groups

## Practical Christianity Ephesians 4:25-32 | Jason Krute, Senior Pastor

Practical Exhortations:

- speak the truth a recognition that the reputation of the body of Christ (the church) is enhanced through honest interaction
  - believed to be quote from Zechariah 8:16
- 26-27 be angry, but do not sin a call to be moved by sin (ex. a false Gospel) and to stand against it, yet not to let self-righteousness or hatred creep into our attitude
  - a quote from Psalm 4:4
- uses the specific example of a thief to call the church to change any behaviors that are clearly in violation of God's call; this is not just a "stop" statement but a "replace with something that honors God" statement
- 29 no corrupting talk a command to remove destructive communication and to replace it with edifying communication; the goal is unity and the building of the body, not the building of our opinions or preferences
  - corrupt is the same word for rotten (or bad) in Matthew 7:17-18
- do not grieve the Holy Spirit sin grieves the Holy Spirit, whether it is corrupt talk, wicked behavior, sinful anger, lying, or some other sin
  - 1 John 2:15-17 is another explanation of what grieves the Holy Spriit
- 31-32 another list of both negative and positive traits; DO NOT overlook the call to forgive one another
  - Psalm 103:12 is good description of forgiveness

Bonus: Paul is known for giving many lists of sins vs. Godly behavior. Other examples include: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:16-24; Colossians 3:1-17; 2 Timothy 3.

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

#### BRUCE AND IRENE MCATEE

#### Hellenic Ministries & AMG—Athens, Greece

Bruce and Irene McAtee serve in Athens, Greece, where they share the gospel and disciple immigrants and refugees from all over the world through camps, retreats, and work projects. Bruce often brings a few men each week (sometimes with their families) to Cosmo Vision Center, a multipurpose sports campus, where they stay for several days to work with him on projects. Working beside them opens the door for deep conversations and studies of the scriptures. It



also provides them with the dignity of work and a source of income. Our Greece short-term team leaves on May 30 to assist with various projects at the Cosmo Vision Center, including clearing brush, painting, cleaning, and helping with a zipline installation.

As you pray for the McAtees and our short-term team, praise God for their will-ingness to serve! Pray for travel mercies and safety. Pray for Bruce's recovery after hyperextending his elbow on May 1.

Visit gcchapel.org/our-missionaries to learn more about our missionaries or to be added to the missions newsletter and get updates via a weekly email.

May's Change for Change giving will support summer camp for the blind hosted by the Bartimaeus Foundation. **Total giving as of 5/18/2025: \$5,534** 

## BUDGET UPDATE AS OF 4/30/25

	BUDGET	INCOME	<b>EXPENSES</b>
OPERATING MONTHLY	\$131,940	\$125,062	\$117,003
OPERATING YTD	\$527,760	\$540,643	\$469,678
MISSIONS MONTHLY	\$24,400	\$25,663	\$43,044
MISSIONS YTD	\$97,600	\$143,700	\$137,864

**CASH ON HAND (4/30/25)** 3.69 (TARGET 2-2.5 Months)

**5/18 WEEKLY GIVING:** OPERATING \$29,814 MISSIONS \$12,954

Give online, by mail, or in person using an offering box in the worship center.

MAY 18 ATTENDANCE: In person - 559 Online - 120

#### This Week

Visit gcchapel.org or call the church office for more information about ministries at GCC.

#### **MONDAY**

Memorial Day - church office closed 8:00 PM Piloga

#### **TUESDAY**

2:00 PM Precept Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Precept Bible Study

#### **THURSDAY**

6:30 PM Skill Labs Training Meeting

#### **FRIDAY**

Greece Short-Term Team Departs

## **Upcoming Events and Opportunities**

Details and registration at gcchapel.org/events or on the Church Center app.

O'Fallon Hoots Baseball Game with the PrimeTimers | Friday, June 6 Everyone age 55+ is invited to this fun night at Carshield Field in O'Fallon. Learn more and order tickets online by May 30.

#### Skill Labs | June 16-20 | Registration closes June 1

Kids choose a lab, learn all about that skill, and explore ways to use it as an avenue to share God's love. Learn more and sign up at gcchapel.org/kids.

#### Zambia Mission Report | Sunday, June 8 | 11:15 am in Adult Central

Frank McEachron will be sharing with us about the ongoing ministry in Chongwe, Zambia, and GCC's role in providing their pastors with solid theological training.

Kentucky Mountain Mission: Summer Trip (July 13-18) | Sign up by June 1 If interested, contact Kimberly Klein, Stacie Keeling-Moore, or the church office.

#### Women of Grace Study: Now and Not Yet | June 10-July 29

This Bible study explores six profound ways God makes His faithfulness known in the biblical stories of Abraham, Joseph, Israel, Hannah, and the Apostle Paul.

## Young Adult Glow Party! | Saturday, June 21, 6:00 pm

All adults 18-30 are invited to our annual summer kick-off event. Whether you're a recent high school graduate or a returning student, we'd love for you to come and get to know us - or get reacquainted! Learn more or RSVP online.

#### **Part-Time Custodial Positions**

We are in the process of accepting applications for part-time custodians. Primary responsibilities include general cleaning and setup/breakdown of tables and chairs. If interested, contact Dan Kelley (<a href="mailto:dkelley@gcchapel.org">dkelley@gcchapel.org</a>) or submit an employment application at <a href="mailto:gcchapel.org/forms">gcchapel.org/forms</a>.

## **Our Welcome Team Needs YOU!**

Learn more or sign up at gcchapel.org/serve.

#### Sunday Morning Details:

- Connect with new faces (greeters needed for 2nd & 3rd services)
- Provide information about events and classes (at the information desk)
- Assist with seating for the morning services

We'd love to have you!