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# Grace Community Chapel

Weekly Bulletin - January 22, 2023

Access the Digital Connection Card at [gcchapel.org/connect](https://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](https://gcchapel.org) for updates.
- Call us at 636-970-1311, Monday-Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.
- Email us at [office@gcchapel.org](mailto:office@gcchapel.org).
- Sign up for our e-newsletters at [gcchapel.org/lists](https://gcchapel.org/lists).
- Sign up for prayer chain emails or submit a prayer request at [gcchapel.org/prayer](https://gcchapel.org/prayer).
- Request counseling at [gcchapel.org/counseling](https://gcchapel.org/counseling).
- Find us on Facebook and Instagram: Grace Community Chapel
- Go to [gcchapel.org/about](https://gcchapel.org/about) to learn about our beliefs, mission, and leadership.

## Ministry Team

Click a name to email a member of the Ministry Team.

[Jason Krute](#) Senior Pastor

[David Earley](#) Worship Arts

[Chris Lentz](#) Adult Ministries

[Daniel Maasen](#) Outreach Ministries

[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 [YouTube.com](https://YouTube.com) or the Church Center app.

Go to [gcchapel.org/adults](https://gcchapel.org/adults) to find details about Adult Ministries.

Go to [gcchapel.org/kids](https://gcchapel.org/kids) to find details about Kids Ministries.

Go to [gcchapel.org/students](https://gcchapel.org/students) to find details about Student Ministries.

## Take the Next Steps

Let us help you take the Next Steps and get connected to a group or a ministry.

### LUNCH AT GRACE

Meet our ministry team and hear the heart of our church. TODAY @12:30pm

### DISCOVERING GRACE

Ask specific questions about our Statement of Faith, doctrines, and priorities. Jan. 29 @11:15am

### SHARING GRACE

Understand the culture of our church and our passion to walk an authentic Christian life. April 23 @ 11:15pm

## Church Center App

Details at [gcchapel.org/app](https://gcchapel.org/app)

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

# The Persecuted—Extended

Matthew 5:11-12 | Jason Krute, Senior Pastor

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (ESV)

What do you face?

**revile you** - to assail with abusive words, to slander; to shame unjustly

-Pattern is similar to 1 Peter 4:14; 1 Samuel 17:10, 36; Psalm 42:10, 74:10, 18, 102:8, 119:42 (OT quotes from the Septuagint.)

**persecuted** - to pursue and harass; usually with an intent to harm

-Pattern is similar to Acts 7:51-53, 9:4-5, 22:3-8; Galatians 1:13; 2 Timothy 3:10-13.

**evil against you** - deliberately lie to discredit, no matter how egregious

-Pattern is similar to Matthew 9:1-8 (4).

How should I handle this?

You rejoice by reminding yourself your identity is in the Gospel.

You rejoice that your reputation is committed to the Lord.

You rejoice that you are not the first person to experience slander.

Questions for the week:

1. How often do you evaluate whether your habits align with God's righteousness?
2. Are you holding your friend group accountable if they are the source of insult and evil against others?

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK  
M AND M  
Undisclosed

M and M have served in an undisclosed location that has been hostile to the gospel. Last year, they moved to a new city. Due to various circumstances happening in their organization and the educational needs of their children, they have made the difficult decision to return to the U.S. This decision has seemed to come very suddenly, even to them, especially after recently moving to a new city; but after much prayer, thinking, and counsel with godly mentors, they have decided that this is what the Lord would have them do. They moved back to the U.S in December. With their language and cultural experience and their heart for the lost, they plan to continue serving refugees and making trips back to the community where they served.

As you pray for M and M, praise God for their 15 years of ministry. Pray for their transition back to the U.S., and specifically for a reliable used car.

Visit [gcchapel.org/our-missionaries](http://gcchapel.org/our-missionaries) to learn more about our missionaries or email [office@gcchapel.org](mailto:office@gcchapel.org) to be added to the missions newsletter and get all the latest updates via a single weekly email!

January Change for Change Reminder: Your giving this month will be used to help our 2023 Short Term Mission Teams.

BUDGET UPDATE AS OF 12/31

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
OPERATING MONTHLY	\$ 124,718	\$ 185,317	\$ 119,004
OPERATING YTD	\$ 1,496,615	\$ 1,452,515	\$ 1,465,850
MISSIONS MONTHLY	\$ 23,160	\$ 23,265	\$ 17,545
MISSIONS YTD	\$ 277,920	\$ 272,187	\$ 259,757

WEEKLY GIVING: OPERATING 21,470 MISSIONS \$6,486  
[Give online](#), by mail, or in person using an offering box in the worship center or church concourse.

CASH ON HAND (12/31/22) 3.4 MONTHS (TARGET 2-2.5 MO)  
OUTSTANDING BUILDING DEBT \$ 292,510

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER: December was a month of strong giving and on budget expenses. See your mail file for more details on 2022 year-end. Any questions please contact Aaron Burger.

JANUARY 15 ATTENDANCE: In Person - 555 Online - 80

## This Week

Visit [gcchapel.org](http://gcchapel.org) or call the church office for more information about ministries at GCC.

### MONDAY

6:00 PM MOG Bible Study  
8:00 PM Piloga

### TUESDAY

9:00 AM MOPS/MOMsnext  
2:00 PM Precept Bible Study  
6:30 PM WOG Bible Study  
7:00 PM Youth Group  
7:00 PM Precept Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM WOG Bible Study

### THURSDAY

6:30 PM Awana  
6:30 PM WOG Bible Study

### FRIDAY

6:30 PM Girl's Night Out

## Upcoming Events

Details and registration at [gcchapel.org/events](http://gcchapel.org/events) or on the Church Center app.

### Short-Term Mission Trips - Applications are open!

Applications are now open for trips to Kentucky, Greece, and Thailand. Go to [gcchapel.org/short-term](http://gcchapel.org/short-term) to learn more or to apply.

### Girls' Night Out | Fri, January 27 at GCC

It's time to register for our next event, 'A Time to Laugh'. Check out the details and register at [gcchapel.org/gno](http://gcchapel.org/gno).

### PrimeTimers Praise & Pasta Night | Fri, February 3 | 6:00-8:30 pm

Adults (55+) are invited to an evening of fellowship, food, and music. The cost is \$10; financial assistance is available. Find more details and register online.

### Griefshare Support Group | Starts Tues, February 7 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm

We are pleased to offer a GriefShare group at GCC on Tuesdays, February 7 through May 2. Find more information and register online.

### 'It's Time to Travel' Trivia Night for Missions | Fri, February 17

Join us for a night of friendly competition as we raise funds for this year's short-term mission trips! There will be prizes awarded to the winning team and the best decorated table. Find all the details and register online.

## GCC's Homebound Ministry

If you are unable to attend our church services due to health concerns, the GCC Deaconess Board would love to serve you through their Homebound ministry. Contact the church office if you or someone you know from Grace is in need of this ministry.

## GCC Giving Reports

The 2022 giving reports are available. If you have an email associated with a Planning Center account, you should have received an email explaining how to get your report. Others will receive their statements by mail or in their mail files. If you would like a printed report, send an email to [finance@gcchapel.org](mailto:finance@gcchapel.org) or call the church office and let us know.