# Ephesians A CHURCH ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRACE COMMUNITY CHAPEL

# **Grace Community Chapel**

Weekly Bulletin - April 27, 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 YouTube.com or the Church Center app.

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

Go to gcchapel.org/kids 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 acchapel.org/events

# **Church Center App**

Details at gcchapel.org/app

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

# Unity—Part 2 Ephesians 4:1-10 | Jason Krute, Senior Pastor April 27, 2025

#### ...with patience...

- a long holding out of the mind before action is taken; describes an emotional calm in the face of provocation
- Romans 2:4; Galatians 5:22; Colossians 3:12; 1 Timothy 1:16; James 5:10

...bearing with one another in love...

- bearing means to put up with, to tolerate, to forbear
- the reason you "put up with" the church is because of love
- agape is used in John 13:35; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 13:1+; 16:14;1 Timothy 6:11; Philemon 1:5; Hebrews 10:24; 1 John 4:7

...eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...

- unity is a frequent objective Paul urges churches (and people) to pursue
- Romans 14:19; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 2 Corinthains 14:11; Colossians 3:14-15

#### ...one...

- seven statements of oneness or unity
- shows the unity of the Spirit (Holy), the Lord (Jesus) and the Father (God)
- in many ways, this is reiterating chapters 1-3

### **Special Prayer Focus**

Last Sunday, we celebrated Easter, proclaiming the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. While we live in a culture where Christianity is the majority religion, many of our missionaries serve in places where the name of Jesus is unfamiliar or misunderstood.

Yet God's story of redemption is not bound by geography or tradition. In many cultures—sometimes even in their ancient stories, rituals, or values—there are echoes of the Gospel. Missionaries often look for these bridges: points of connection where the Gospel can meet people in familiar ways.

For some, this means patiently building trust and relationships over time. For others, it involves navigating deeply held beliefs to help others see the Gospel with fresh eyes. In every case, it takes wisdom, cultural sensitivity, and God's quidance.

As you pray this week, ask that our missionaries would be renewed and encouraged in this Easter season. Pray that God would soften hearts and open doors for His truth to be seen in ways that are meaningful and clear within each unique context.

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

April's Change for Change offering will go towards the purchase of a vehicle for Eric and Rachel McEachron. **Total giving as of 4/20/2025: \$4,106** 

# BUDGET UPDATE AS OF 3/31/25

	<b>BUDGET</b>	INCOME	<b>EXPENSES</b>
OPERATING MONTHLY	\$131,940	\$144,554	\$123,459
OPERATING YTD	\$395,820	\$415,581	\$344,806
MISSIONS MONTHLY	\$24,400	\$26,448	\$22,130
MISSIONS YTD	\$73,200	\$76,378	\$94,820

CASH ON HAND (3/31/25)

3.63 (TARGET 2-2.5 Months)

**4/20 WEEKLY GIVING:** OPERATING \$40,308 MISSIONS \$9,691

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

APRIL 20 ATTENDANCE: In person - 860 Online - 88

### This Week

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

#### MONDAY

6:00 PM MOG Bible Study Upper Youth 6:30 PM DivorceCare 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 AWANA Awards Night

#### SATURDAY

7:00 AM Martha Fellowship Garage Sale (find location and other details online)

# **Upcoming Events and Opportunities**

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

#### Encouragement for College Students | Submit info TODAY

Last chance to submit your college students' names and mailing addresses!

#### Mid-Year Congregational Meeting | Sunday, May 4, 6:00 pm

All are welcome to attend; GCC members will be given the opportunity to elect new church board members. Those not in attendance must register to vote.

# Ark Encounter Trip | September 8-12 | Sign up by May 8

Learn more and sign up online or on the app.

## Grad Sunday | May 18 | Sign up by May 9 to be recognized

Members of the graduating class of 2025 (high school or college) will be recognized on Graduation Sunday.

### Kitchen Volunteers Needed | Sign Up Online

Time commitment is only one day (morning or afternoon) approximately every six weeks. The teams work together to make it quick and fun!

# Sparrow's Nest Outreach | 2 Ways to Help

Donate items or volunteer for the work day on May 17.

Kentucky Mountain Mission: Summer Trip (July 13-18) | Sign Up by June 1 Adult volunteers, especially men/college age, are needed to serve at the annual Sunshine Bible Camp for disabled adults. If interested, contact Kimberly Klein, Stacie Keeling-Moore, or the church office.

Skill Labs | June 16-20 | Preregister or Volunteer on our Events Page Be among the first to be notified when this year's labs are released!

# **Church Library Book Give-Away**

Between now and May 17, GCC attendees are invited to select any resources they would like from our Church Library (Lower Youth area). Pick up items on Sundays, or Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm; feel free to take home as much as you can carry! Thank you for helping us transform our Library into the new *Grace Commons* area.