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# GCU Chaplain Newsletter

Summer 2026 Ministry Updates

**Dear GCU Chaplains,**

Many blessings to you and your families. GCU continues to grow across the United States and around the world. This edition brings together leadership announcements, ministry reports, training opportunities, teaching resources, and upcoming fellowship dates submitted through June 22, 2026.

**July 11**

Clean Slate Warrior 201

**Sept. 4-6**

Second Annual GCU Retreat

**Sept. 19**

Clean Slate Warrior 301

## GCU Growth: New Directors and Regional Structure

GCU Chaplaincy has experienced tremendous growth. The United States is now organized into established regions, regional headquarters, and developing coverage areas.

### Established Regions

- **Eastern Michigan:** Jerry Keller, Ellen Pye and Richard Alvarado
- **Western Michigan:** Shelly Tjapkes, Jim and Marj Newhouse
- **Florida:** Vic Lewis
- **Texas Freedom Fighters:** Shade Bounds
- **First Nations in Oklahoma:** Chief Mark Cody and Lynn Munoz
- **Iowa/Nebraska:** Loren and Kathleen Culley
- **Northern California:** Floyd Martin
- **Southern California:** Norm and Laura Gagnon

### Regional Leadership

**Texas Headquarters:** Cathy Brown, Juanita Brown, Leti Little and Resa Tyree.

**Northeastern Region:** Jeff and Valerie Sorrell and Brenda Jackson, serving Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and New Hampshire.

**Developing Regions:** Southeastern and Western United States.

# Leadership and Ministry Field Report

## International Regional Leadership

- **International Director** - Benjamin Culbertson
- **Congo Director** - Daniel Dede Leon
- **Nigeria National Director** - Christie DaSaro
- **Haiti, Dominican Republic and Jamaica Director** - Ricardo Pierre
- **Uganda National Director** - Steve Busulwa
- **Israel, Turkey and Hungary Director** - Yariv Goldman

## National Directors

- **First Responders National Director** - Mike Feehan
- **Southeast National Director** - Apostle Alonzo Curry
- **Director Across the United States** - Ibn Ali

## Media and Technology

- **Media Director** - David Dee
- **Media Director** - David Shafer
- **IT and Web Development** - Richard and Heidi Wurzbacher

## From the Field: The Goldman Family

Yariv and Lusiana Goldman, together with their adult children Dor and Hallel, were ordained as GCU Chaplains in April and continue serving in Israel and Europe.

Yariv recently ministered after the baptism of **six new Iranian believers** and shared with approximately 15 Farsi-speaking brothers and sisters. His message emphasized relational disciple-making: gathering around tables, opening homes, sharing life, telling the stories of Yeshua, and obeying His call.

*“They have already met Yeshua. They are already called to obey, filled with the Spirit, and called to make disciples.”*

The family is also helping train Israeli believers in disciple-making and church planting, exploring a regular Hebrew-speaking gathering in Budapest, and praying about a meaningful Messianic presence for the many Israelis who pass through that strategic city.

### Please pray for:

- New Iranian believers to become disciple-makers among their own people in Europe and, in time, in Iran.
- An influential Israeli Jewish man who is learning to follow Yeshua, and for his home to become a place of peace, gathering, discipleship and harvest.
- Israeli believers being trained in disciple-making and church planting practices.
- Wisdom and favor for a Hebrew-speaking gathering and future Messianic ministry presence in Budapest.
- Protection and provision for the Goldman family in family, health and finances.

[Join the WhatsApp Prayer Group](#)

[Join the Signal Prayer Group](#)

# Training and Teaching Resources

## Training and Equipping

### Clean Slate Warrior Deliverance Training

The Texas Deliverance Team will continue the training series by Zoom. Class 101 is a prerequisite, and its recording is available for those who need to complete it before advancing.

| Course             | Date                   | Details                            |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 101 - Initial      | Recording available    | Contact Bonnie                     |
| 201 - Intermediate | Saturday, July 11      | Noon-4 PM Central / 1-5 PM Eastern |
| 301 - Advanced     | Saturday, September 19 | Noon-4 PM Central / 1-5 PM Eastern |

Register with [Juanita Brown](#). To request the Class 101 recording or instructor training, contact Bonnie at 913-424-5236.

### Instructor Training Milestone

Thirty-two chaplains attended the March 21 Instructor's Training Class, expanding GCU's ability to offer both face-to-face and Zoom instruction.

**Chaplain Training in Israel:** Yariv Goldman is helping conduct classes for participants from Israel and travelers from Portugal, Germany and Egypt. Please keep the instructors and candidates in prayer.

## Featured Teachings from Apostle Bill

Two recent teachings are available for review and sharing:

- **The Blessing of the Womb** - presented May 12
- **Men and Spiritual Headship** - presented June 16

[Watch The Blessing of the Womb](#)

[Watch Men and Spiritual Headship](#)

A companion manual for "Men and Spiritual Headship before GOD" was distributed with the original announcement. Contact GCU if you need a copy.

# Retreat, Resources and Continuing Education

## Second Annual GCU Retreat

September 4-6, 2026 - Labor Day weekend

The Shack, White Cloud, Michigan

| Accommodation    | Two or More People | Single Occupancy |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Main Lodge       | \$185 per person   | \$278            |
| Granary & Livery | \$220 per person   | \$330            |

Prices include two nights and five meals. Check-in is Friday at 3 PM, and check-out is Sunday at noon. Contact Bonnie to reserve your place.

[Visit The Shack Website](#)[Email Bonnie](#)

### Resources for Chaplains

The GCU website includes a growing collection of ministry resources. Chaplains may also request a one-page ministry website hosted within the GCUAcademy.com platform.

[gcuacademy.com](https://gcuacademy.com)  
[gcuacademy.com/resources](https://gcuacademy.com/resources)

Website assistance: Richard at 717-810-6000 or [perfectyoursuccess@icloud.com](mailto:perfectyoursuccess@icloud.com).

### Prayer Focus

- Apostle Pedro Gonzales and the village in Cuba.
- The House of Esther well, the children, widows and village servants.
- All new GCU candidates, instructors, directors and regions.

## Tuesday Continuing Education Calls

**Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM Eastern Time**

**Conference Line: 339-207-8754**

The weekly calls help GCU chaplains stay connected, receive continuing teaching, hear testimonies and prophetic encouragement, and share ministry updates from across the GCU family.

### Recent Call Highlight

A recent call featured Richard Wurzbacher's faith-healing testimony, Pastor Leon Cromartie of Activate the Faith of God, and Papa John Humphreys sharing his latest word from Father.

[Listen to the Featured Call](#)[Visit Faith Zone Live](#)

**Thank you for serving.** Your prayers, leadership, generosity and faithful ministry make a difference in communities around the world.