



# GCU CHAPLAIN NEWSLETTER

October - December 2026

Dear GCU Chaplains,

Many blessings to you and your families. This October-December edition highlights GCU's continued growth, upcoming training and ministry travel, international outreach, resources for chaplains, and opportunities to pray, serve, and stay connected.

## 2026 Update from Brother Bill Hodge

View the special year-to-date video update from Brother Bill Hodge. Watch at [youtu.be/X\\_63HUi4hql](https://youtu.be/X_63HUi4hql).



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| <b>Oct. 3-4</b><br>Roseville Launch | <b>Oct. 12-20</b><br>Hawaii Training | <b>Nov. 9-10</b><br>Charlotte Training | <b>Dec. 15-28</b><br>United Kingdom |
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# Leadership and Regional Updates

The corrected September 26 roster reflects expanding regional support. The latest communication reports **12 Executive Council members, 46 Directors and Administrators, and 761 Chaplains in the United States**, for 819 people in the U.S. structure, plus **301 international chaplains**.

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| <b>Eastern Michigan</b><br>Jerry Keller, Ellen Pye, Raymond Alvarado<br><b>Administrator:</b> Nancy Petterson              | <b>Northern California</b><br>Floyd Martin                                                                 |
| <b>Western Michigan</b><br>Shelly Tjapkes, Jim & Marj Newhouse, Jim and Victoria Chapin<br><b>Administrator:</b> Naomi Dee | <b>Southern California</b><br>Norm and Laura Gagnon                                                        |
| <b>Iowa/Nebraska</b><br>Loren and Kathleen Culley                                                                          | <b>Hawaii</b><br>Kevin Volk                                                                                |
| <b>Oklahoma (Kiowa Nation)</b><br>Lynn Munoz, Shonda Crow, Kiowa PD - Mark Cody, CJ Ellis<br><b>Administrator:</b> TBA     | <b>Northeastern States</b><br>Jeff and Valerie Sorrell, Brenda Jackson<br><b>Administrator:</b> Roger Kaba |
| <b>Florida</b><br>Vic Lewis<br><b>Administrator:</b> TBA                                                                   | <b>Southeastern States</b><br>Cathy Cook<br><b>Administrator:</b> Teresa Ward                              |
| <b>Texas</b><br>Cathy Brown, Juanita Brown, Leti Little, Resa Tyree, David and Sherry Jensen<br><b>Administrator:</b> TBA  | <b>Western States</b><br>Adam and Tiffany Lopez<br><b>Administrator:</b> TBA                               |
| <b>Texas Freedom Fighters</b><br>Shade Bounds                                                                              |                                                                                                            |

## Continuing Education Administrator Needed

GCU is seeking an administrator to coordinate Tuesday calls, secure weekly speakers, facilitate and record the calls, and transfer recordings to IT support. Contact Bonnie at 913-424-5236 or [admin@gcuacademy.com](mailto:admin@gcuacademy.com).

# Training and Equipping

## Upcoming GCU Training and Ministry Schedule

- **October 12-20 - Hawaii:** Apostle Bill will teach a Chaplain Class, First Responder class, and Critical Response Training with Hawaii Director Kevin Volk.
- **November 9-10 - Charlotte, North Carolina:** Apostle Bill and Mike Feehan will conduct Critical Response Training.
- **November 13-14 - Chaplain Class:** GCU needs instructors. Friday is 6-9 PM Eastern; Saturday is 11 AM-3 PM Eastern.
- **December 15-28 - United Kingdom:** Apostle Bill will be in the United Kingdom with Chancellor Ben Culbertson.

Basic Chaplain Classes are scheduled for the **second weekend of every month through April 2027**. Apply at [gcuacademy.com/apply-for-chaplaincy/](https://gcuacademy.com/apply-for-chaplaincy/) and check the [GCU calendar](#) for current scheduling.

## First Responder Certification

The three-part First Responder Training is available on the GCU Media YouTube channel. Participants should contact Bonnie for the manual, questionnaire, and answer sheet. A score of 100% is required to receive the First Responder badge and certificate; there is no time limit. [Open the training playlist](#).

## Church Security and Active Shooter Preparedness

Wayne Albright offers church security and preparedness training. Raymond Alvarado reports that GCU members can receive the **\$1,000 comprehensive training session for \$750**. The flyer describes a building vulnerability assessment plus classroom training covering active-shooter protocols, lockdown procedures, evacuation planning, use-of-force policy, and security-team development. Additional tactical and firearms training are listed separately.

**To discuss scheduling:** Raymond Alvarado - 248-563-1246

### Instructor Opportunity

GCU is seeking instructors for the November 13-14 Chaplain Class. Those who completed instructor training and are willing to teach a portion of the class should contact Bonnie.

## Tuesday Continuing Education Calls

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

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

Call information and audio recordings are available through the GCU website.

# International Ministry Reports

## House of Esther Kenya

Jim Farmer of San Angelo, Texas, is ministering in smaller villages throughout Kenya. On **October 10**, he and Pastor Peter plan to enter Saiwa Village to show a JESUS film to children and villagers while food and provisions are sent to widows and orphans. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to lead their ministry.

Sponsored children finish their school year at the end of November. House of Esther is praying for a breakthrough that would allow grocery deliveries to the village while the children are out of school.

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| <b>Computer Project - January 2027</b><br>25 desktop computers at \$350 each for elementary, junior, and high schools. Computers will be purchased in Kenya and distributed directly. | <b>2027 Education Needs</b><br>The ministry is budgeting \$4,500 for tuition, updated uniforms, and school supplies, working directly with school account managers. |
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**Ways to Support House of Esther Kenya**  
Donate online at [houseofestherkenya.org](http://houseofestherkenya.org) or mail a check to:

**House of Esther Kenya**  
Tracy Hagood  
405 Coledale Drive  
White Lake, MI 48386

## Apostolic and Prophetic Outreach

- October 3-4 - Roseville, Michigan:** Grand opening of Cutting Edge International - Apostolic and Prophetic School Headquarters, with Apostle Linnie and Prophetess Zonita Swanningan and Pastor Troy and Kat Taylor from Canada.
- Florida:** New doors are opening for an Apostolic and Prophetic launching pad with Apostle Pedro Gonzalez of Cuba and Evangelist Octavio Rodriguez of Panama City.
- Colombia:** Please pray for Dr. Austin Draper and developing outreach opportunities.
- Louisiana:** Please pray for Apostle Lee Murphy Hall and the outreach in the region.

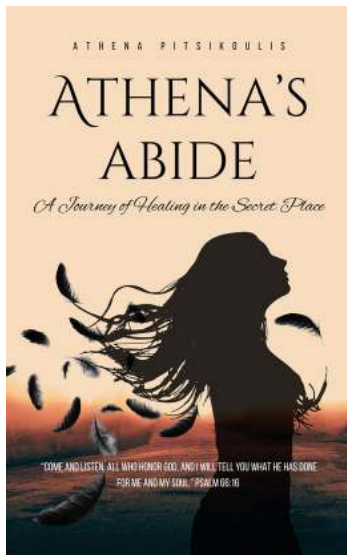
# Chaplain Resources and GCU Media

GCU Media continues to expand its library of retreat teachings, training courses, ministry updates, and international mission videos. Recent Retreat 2026 videos include:

- **HE IS ENOUGH** - Apostle Bill
- **WILL YOU CHOOSE THEM** - Pastor Chad Bostwick
- **HE WILL DO IT** - Bishop Leon Cromartie
- **GOD'S EYE VIEW - FLIGHT WITH GCU AVIATION**
- **GCU - RETREAT 2026 - A LOOK BACK**, opening with Director Chaplain Brenda Jackson's poem "He Is Enough"

Visit [youtube.com/@GCUmedia](https://youtube.com/@GCUmedia) for the growing media library.

## Chaplain Spotlight: Athena Pitsikoulis



Senior Chaplain **Athena Pitsikoulis** has published *Athena's Abide - A Journey of Healing in the Secret Place*. The book shares a testimony of healing, restoration, identity, and learning to abide in God's presence.

Athena has also led Continuing Education calls on *Seek First the Kingdom of God*, *Defeating the Orphan Spirit*, and *Handling Grief Through Scriptures*.

Order the book at [books.by/athena](https://books.by/athena).

### GCU Media

The GCU Media YouTube channel is the central place to revisit retreat teachings, training videos, and ministry reports.

# Chaplain Highlight: Senior Chaplain Eudene Hubbard

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Senior Chaplain Eudene Hubbard of Orlando, Florida, has a testimony shaped by faith, perseverance, and a lifelong call to ministry. Born in Bainbridge, Georgia, Eudene later moved with her family to Orlando. As a child, she faced polio and significant family loss, and later survived a devastating house fire in Detroit in 1991. Through those hardships, she remained committed to what she understood as God's purpose for her life.

Today, Eudene serves as an evangelist and missionary, sharing the Gospel and serving the Body of Christ through prayer, outreach, counseling, and community ministry.

## Ministries and Community Service

- International Ministries - The Watchman and the Wallers Prayer Summit
- Endtime Prayer Line
- Bell Boulevard Transitional Housing - helping women coming out of sex trafficking and raising funds to help them become independent
- Florida Rights and Restoration Coalition - helping people returning from jail or prison
- Nursing Home Ministry - visiting the sick and sharing God's Word
- Member of the City of Orlando Leadership Team
- Gatekeeper and Biblical counselor - spreading love through ministry

A life of faith, perseverance, prayer, and service continues to shape Senior Chaplain Eudene Hubbard's ministry.

# Chaplain Community Opportunity

## Creative Wedding Designs - Business for Sale

Debbie Montambo is offering her wedding rental business for sale for **\$60,000**. The supplied materials state that Creative Wedding Designs was established in 2004 and that an average wedding and reception rental is approximately \$1,700-\$2,000. The inventory includes table decor, buffet items, arches, candelabras, draping, flowers, cake stands, and other wedding-rental equipment.

**Delivery:** Terry Montambo will deliver the business inventory if purchased.

**Contact:** Debbie Montambo - home 231-744-1998 | cell 231-740-6807

**FOR SALE: WEDDING RENTAL BUSINESS**  
**\$60,000**

- Enclosed is a Brochure
- Flyer and Rental price list
- This is the rental price list given to the Bride and Groom

**\*Notice where it says No. available on the left is the Wedding inventory**

*Creative Wedding Designs was established in 2004.*

**The average wedding and reception rental is \$1,700 - \$2,000**

**Note: After booking 30 wedding rentals, it has paid for itself.**



The two inventory-list pages follow in full-width portrait orientation for easier reading.

# Creative Wedding Designs - Inventory List (Page 1)

## BUFFET TABLE ITEMS

Number  
Available

|   |                                        |         |
|---|----------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Glass Grape Tower Bowl                 | \$17.00 |
| 3 | Large White Lined Baskets              | \$9.00  |
| 1 | Small White Lined Basket               | \$8.00  |
| 5 | Large Flat Stainless Sheet Pans        | \$9.00  |
| 3 | Chafer Pans w/sterno with cover        | \$13.00 |
| 3 | 2-inch deep Stainless Pans             | \$5.00  |
| 1 | White roaster - electric               | \$15.00 |
| 2 | Shell Bowls (Plastic, white pearlized) | \$6.00  |
| 1 | Large, Clear, Plastic Ice Bowl         | \$8.00  |
| 2 | White, plastic Trays (medium)          | \$4.00  |
| 2 | Coffee Cambros                         |         |
| 1 | 5 Gallon Beverage Container            |         |



*Creative Wedding Designs*

Debbie Montambo

231-744-1898 - home 231-740-6907 - cell

## PRICE LIST

### TABLE ITEMS

Number  
Available

price  
each

|     |                                                                  |         |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 6   | Oblong Mirrors                                                   | \$3.50  |
| 40  | Round Mirrors- 9 inch                                            | \$1.25  |
| 40  | Square Mirrors- 9 inch                                           | \$1.25  |
| 40  | Square Mirrors- 8 inch                                           | \$1.25  |
| 42  | Eiffel Tower Vase- 24"                                           | \$8.00  |
|     | Bouquet Flowers for Eiffel Vases                                 | \$8.50  |
| 60  | White Table Cloths 54 x 120                                      | \$8.50  |
| 20  | White Skirting with Clips (dep. for clips)                       | \$14.00 |
| 70  | Square Table Cloths- 90x90                                       | \$8.00  |
| 600 | White Cloth Napkins Folded                                       | \$1.00  |
| 280 | Decorated Rose Clips                                             | \$1.00  |
| 40  | Tall Glass Stem Candle Holder<br>(with rose garland add \$.100)  | \$2.00  |
| 40  | Crystal Candle Holder<br>(with ring and flower add \$1.00)       | \$2.00  |
| 30  | Stem Goblet for Floating Candle<br>(with flowers add \$1.00)     | \$2.00  |
| 17  | Glass Candle Holder for lg. candles<br>(with flowers add \$1.00) | \$2.00  |
| 25  | Glass Cylinder- medium                                           | \$2.00  |
| 30  | Glass Floating Tea Light Holders                                 | \$1.25  |
| 20  | Crystal Votive for Tea-Lights or Mints                           | \$1.50  |
| 55  | Glass Votive for Tea-Lights                                      | \$0.75  |
| 30  | Bud Vases for Fresh Flowers                                      | \$1.00  |

### HELPFUL HINTS / ITEMS YOU WILL NEED

Butane Lighters for candles  
Scissors, Staple Gun  
Extension Cords and Plug Bar  
Duct Tape (White is best)  
Masking Tape and Clear Tape  
Safety Pins, T-Pins and Pearl Pins  
Fish Line and Wire

# Creative Wedding Designs - Inventory List (Page 2)

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

| <u>Number Available</u> |                                      | <u>price each</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 16                      | Crystal Glasses for Head Table w/bow | \$1.75            |
| 1                       | Silver Cake Server and Knife         | \$12.00           |
| 1                       | White Flower Girl Basket             | \$5.00            |
| 3                       | White Padded Pen Stand               | \$3.00            |
| 2                       | Basket w/Handle for Bubbles (white)  | \$7.00            |
| 3                       | White Lined Basket for silverware    | \$9.00            |
|                         | White Lights                         | \$6.00            |
|                         | Dripless Candles                     | \$1.00            |
|                         | Tooling Swags (per 8 feet)           | \$8.00            |
|                         | Material Swags (per 8 feet)          | \$12.00           |
|                         | Extension cords (white / green)      | \$8.00            |
| 2                       | Crystal Heart Mint or Nut Dishes     | \$5.00            |
|                         | Tent Cards with Verses               | \$0.35            |
|                         | Rose Petals (white or deep red)      | \$3.00            |
| 1                       | Wire Basket (White) w/Handle- roses  | \$10.00           |
|                         | White Bows with tooling              | \$3.00            |
|                         | Sheer White Bows                     | \$3.00            |
|                         | Wedding Piano Books                  | \$5.00            |
|                         | Wedding CD's                         | \$5.00            |

## FLOWERS

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|---|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
|   | Ivy Garland                                                    | \$2.50  |
|   | White Rose Garland                                             | \$2.50  |
|   | Deep Red Rose Garland                                          | \$2.50  |
|   | Flowers for Garden Arch                                        | \$12.00 |
|   | Bride's Bouquet                                                | \$35.00 |
|   | Bridesmaid's Bouquets                                          | \$20.00 |
|   | Flowers for 7-Tier Candelabra                                  | \$17.00 |
|   | Rose Garland for 9-Tier Candelabra                             | \$12.00 |
|   | White Flowers for Flat Arch (5-piece)                          | \$29.00 |
|   | White Flowers for Unity Candle                                 | \$14.00 |
|   | Threesome Flower for Draping (Roses)                           | \$2.50  |
|   | Flower Ring (for Dancing Bride & Groom)                        | \$3.00  |
| 3 | Cream Flowered (Topiary)<br>(appropriate for Rehearsal Dinner) | \$6.00  |

## LARGE ITEMS

| <u>Number Available</u>        |                                           | <u>price each</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2                              | Table Rosette 7-tier Candelabra           | \$15.00           |
| 4                              | Table Candelabras 3-light                 | \$12.00           |
| 5                              | Table Candelabras 1-light                 | \$6.00            |
| 1                              | White Bird Cage Decorated for Cards       | \$22.00           |
| 1                              | White Scrolled Decorative Card Holder     | \$22.00           |
| 1                              | Unity Candle (nickel plated floor stand)  | \$15.00           |
| 2                              | Nickel 9-light Tree Candelabra            | \$20.00           |
| 2                              | 7-light Candelabra                        | \$20.00           |
| 1                              | Wicker Double Heart with Lights           | \$12.00           |
| 1                              | Easel only (black or white)               | \$17.00           |
| 1                              | Picture Collage for Easel                 | \$55.00           |
| 1                              | Lighted Heart (w/o balloon bouquet)       | \$7.00            |
| 4                              | White Trellis Backdrop w/Material (each)  | \$15.00           |
| 1                              | Wicker Shelf 4-tier (for Picture Display) | \$35.00           |
| 16                             | White Chairs for Head Table               | \$3.00            |
| 2                              | White Tent with White Poles - 10x20       | \$100.00          |
| 2                              | White Garden Arch (3-piece)               | \$25.00           |
| 1                              | Flat, Scrolled Arch - White               | \$25.00           |
| 6                              | Lighted Glass Blocks with Bows            | \$7.00            |
| 2                              | Small Columns- 19 inch                    | \$12.00           |
| 2                              | Medium Column- 29 inch                    | \$12.00           |
| 4                              | Large Columns- 36 inch                    | \$12.00           |
| 4                              | Column Candle Holders (ornate)            | \$7.00            |
| 1                              | Wicker Flower Stand                       | \$20.00           |
| 1                              | Ficus Tree with Lights                    | \$15.00           |
| 2                              | Outdoor Pole Lamp Stands- white           | \$18.00           |
|                                | White Glass Arch w/Bride and Groom        | \$8.00            |
|                                | Sm. Decorated lit Arch for Head Table     | \$15.00           |
|                                | Dance Floor Decoration-High Ceiling only  | \$200.00          |
| <u>Traditional Cake Items</u>  |                                           |                   |
|                                | Lighted Cake Stand w/Fountain             | \$100.00          |
|                                | Tiered Wedding Cake                       | \$100.00          |
|                                | Cake Top- Rotating Dancers w/light        | \$12.00           |
|                                | Rosebuds and Flower Ring                  | \$25.00           |
| <u>Contemporary Cake Items</u> |                                           |                   |
|                                | Cake Stand - 3-tier. Lighted              | \$75.00           |
|                                | 3 cakes - 9" 11" and 13"                  | \$100.00          |
|                                | 3 Flower top 9";11";13"                   | \$40.00           |

# Ministry Highlights and Prayer

On June 27, several GCU chaplains served at a prayer booth in the Detroit area. Chaplain Jerry Keller reported that the day was greatly blessed and that the participating chaplains wanted to return and pray with people again. The number of people prayed for was not recorded.

## Prayer Booth Photo Gallery



Detroit-area Prayer Booth ministry - June 27, 2026

## Prayer Focus for October-December

Please pray for House of Esther Kenya and the Saiwa Village outreach; the October and November training teams; Apostle Bill's Hawaii and United Kingdom ministry travel; the Charlotte Critical Response training; new regional Directors and Administrators; the Florida, Colombia, and Louisiana outreach opportunities; and all chaplains serving in their local communities.