

# January 2023

Chaplaincy endorsement opens ministry opportunities outside the church.

*Ephesians 5:15-17*

**"Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."**



One hour before I was born, I was comfortable and warm inside my mother's womb, waiting to arrive. My birth occurred during the day on November 1, 1955. While I obviously don't remember this event, I am certain I didn't like it. Birth is traumatic. But it was necessary, for the survival of both me and my mother. However safe and secure we feel in the womb, lives depend on our birth taking place.

As Christians, we need to resist the desire for "womb living", which prioritizes comfort and security. Because we are called to serve others and to lay down our lives for them. This is the model our Savior demonstrated for us and commanded us to follow. Each day offers new opportunities to live and love like Jesus; new people may come into our lives, teachable moments may arise unexpectedly, or we might be able to meet a need for our neighbor.

To follow this model, Paul cautions us, as believers, that we need to live wisely, to seek God's perspective, and train ourselves to live our life with God's purposes in mind. When we are stressed, we should reflect on our purpose. We need to ask ourselves if we are living for the wrong purpose or our priorities are out of order. Even as I write these words, I feel a little

bit stressed because there are some things I must do today. But they are not connected to the purpose to which I am called and for which I was created. More important than these must-do things is that, today, I make time to do something that is directly related to my call and created purpose. That is a great stress reliever. When it comes down to it, life is all about choices and decisions, especially the ones we make daily. I pray you make wise and virtuous decisions today, whether it is a small decision to be Kingdom-focused today or a big decision about a crossroads in your life.

I will leave you with a few points of reflection:

- Let us faithfully follow the model Jesus gave us.
- Are you available to recognize and respond to the opportunities God will give you to minister to others today?
- Today, don't find the time but make the time to do something you were called and created to do today.

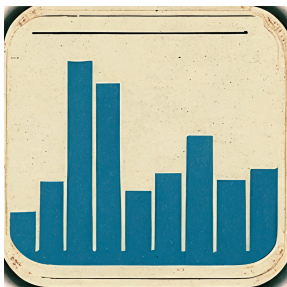
May His Word not return void but accomplish what He pleases, and may you prosper where He sends you today.



## Chaplaincy Prayer Wall

From now on, you can submit your request AND know when you are being prayed for in real time! No more submitting your prayer request and waiting for us to send out an email! Log into the Secure Side of the chaplaincy website and click on "Chaplain Prayer Requests" or, if you are already logged in, click the button to go directly there.

[Prayer Wall](#)



## Quarterly Reports

The fourth Quarterly Report is due January 1-5. Click the red button to fill it out. If you've missed any of the previous reports, now's the time! (and maybe don't procrastinate next year?)

[Quarterly Report](#)



## Tithe Projection Form (2023)

If you haven't filled it out yet, get it done. You know who you are.

[2023 Tithe Projection Form](#)



## 2023 Chaplaincy Conference

SAVE THE DATE!!!! July 31-Aug1 at the Hyatt in Columbus, Ohio. These are the two days before General Council.

This is literally all the information we have right now, so it won't do anything except waste your time if you contact us asking for more information. That sounded ruder than intended. What we meant to say was:

We will send out information AS SOON AS WE CAN.

[General Council Info](#)



### Chaplain Cordero

Chaired the Commission on Chaplains in Springfield, Missouri, from November 29-December 1.



### Chaplain Denley

Participated in the Commission on Chaplains in Springfield, Missouri, from November 29-December 1.



### **Chaplain Taylor**

Participated in the Commission on Chaplains in Springfield, Missouri, from November 29-December 1.



### **Chaplain Odean**

Participated in the Commission on Chaplains in Springfield, Missouri, from November 29-December 1. Attended the promotion ceremony of Chaplain Brad Godding in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on December 16.



### **Chaplain Reighard**

Participated in the Commission on Chaplains in Springfield, Missouri, from November 29-December 1.



### **Chaplain Williamson**

Participated in the Commission on Chaplains in Springfield, Missouri, from November 29-December 1.

## **2022 Major Events**

**Dec  
23-30**

### **National Offices are Closed**

Springfield, Missouri

## **2023 Major Events**

**May 16-  
18**

### **Commission on Chaplains**

Springfield, Missouri

July 31  
- Aug 1

## **Chaplaincy Training Conference**

Columbus, Ohio

SAVE THE DATE

(See above for more info)

Oct 6-9

## **National Faith & Blue Weekend**

[Download the Save the Date Flyer](#)

Nov  
6-8

## **Commission on Chaplains**

\*\*\*UPDATED DATES\*\*\* Springfield, Missouri

*"Chaplain Grace is the Carrier Strike Group Chaplain for Carrier Strike Group, Ten; he is also the Command Chaplain for the aircraft carrier USS GEORGE H W BUSH (CVN 77). Over the last two years Chaplain Grace has led several other chaplains in ministering to over 6,000 sailors across battle group. He noted, 'Every day God has been faithful to pour out His love and blessings for the sailors and their families.' His Carrier Strike Group has been operating in the Sixth Fleet to support NATO's response to the war in Ukraine. Additionally, he was recently appointed by the Navy Chief of Chaplains as the director for the Navy's Community of Interest for Chaplaincy Research. Communities of Interest are groups of chaplains, who volunteer their time and expertise to advance the professional practice of Navy chaplains."*

Jim Denley

## Chaplain of the Month



### Chaplain Grace


#### OUR TEAM

It is an honor and privilege to share with our community this month. This New Year can start in many ways; however, this year, I encourage you to find a way to pause and truly look at yourself, your ministry and your family. Those that are around you are the ones that will make or break your team. The longer I have spent in ministry, the more I have valued the colleagues that are around me and my family.

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Read [the rest of this great article](#) on the secure side of the chaplaincy website. If you are not already logged in, you will get a 403 Forbidden warning when you click the link. That's okay. Click on the Chaplain Login button in the top right corner, log in using your AG Passport username and password, and in the NAVIGATION box, select Articles.

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