



WELCOME

God
is within her,
she will not fall.

PSALM 46:5

WELCOME TO GRACE UNION

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

- ➔ Praise & Worship
- ➔ Welcome/Announcements
- ➔ Offering
- ➔ MOMLYMPICS
- ➔ Message: Pastor Bob Poley
- ➔ Prayer



Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here. If this is your first time with us, please visit the Welcome table in the front lobby. We have a gift for you and would like to meet you.

NEWS & EVENTS

GU SMALL GROUPS

KEENAGERS (50+) - Thursday, 5/18

If you are 50 or older, please join the Keenagers small group this Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Cafe area. Come enjoy a time of fellowship, good food, devotions and games. Contact Jean Myers at 636.296.4643.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - May Collection Items

Thank you to all who have donated to our upcoming Packing Party so far this year. **May's focus is Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.** *Toothpaste specifications:* Starting in 2017, toothpaste cannot be included in shoebox gifts, but a child's oral hygiene can still be improved by regular use of a toothbrush alone. If you have any specific questions, please contact Carrie Sander at vocalmusic1@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

If you are interested in being a part of the GU Hospitality Ministry, please let Karen Poley know at karenmomma@live.com. This group of individuals will be points of contact to help with upcoming GU events including setting up chairs, decorating, putting away tables, cooking/barbecuing and more.



A promotional poster for 'Breakaway Kids Camp '17'. The background is a light teal color. At the top left is a yellow emoji wearing black sunglasses. To its right, the text 'Breakaway' is in yellow, 'kids camp' is in a larger, dark grey font, and ''17' is in a large, dark grey font. Below this, it says 'COMPLETED 1st-6th GRADE' in dark grey, 'JUNE 19-23' in a larger dark grey font, and 'REG. 5/2-15 \$225 after 5/15 \$250' in dark grey. At the bottom, there is a row of seven yellow emoji faces with various expressions: a laughing face with tears, a smiling face, a laughing face with tears, a smiling face, a laughing face with tears, a laughing face with an open mouth, and a smiling face.

If you would like your child to go to camp this year, registration is open at ilsmonline.org! Registration through May 15th is \$225. This year's camp leaders and their contact information are:

- *Girls completing 1st-2nd grade:* Carrie Clifton - lcclifton@aol.com
- *Girls completing 3rd-6th:* Stacey Bush - newagainexteriors@gmail.com
- *Boys completing 3rd-6th:* Pastor Bob Poley - bobpoley78@gmail.com

OUR MISSION

We are helping people to live in union with Christ by grace.

- Union with God through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Union with Others through investing in people through Biblical community.
- Union with Ourselves with a wholeness found in a new identity in Christ.
- Union with our Broken World by being an agent of change in our society by caring for and serving those who are poor, oppressed or marginalized.

We value sharing the love, life and power of God to our communities and world, joining Christ in his mission to rescue fallen humanity.

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For any special needs, please email our Prayer Team at gucprayer@gmail.com.

WAYS TO GIVE



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TRANSFORMED BY BEAUTY

2 Timothy 1:5-7

- 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.
- 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
- 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

I. Question: What does this transformative beauty consist of?

Proverbs 31:25-26

- 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
- 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

1 Peter 3:3-4

- 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes.
- 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

- Gentleness is strength applied in the right measure, in the right places, and at the right times.
- The remarkable Mojo of the Mother is that God has clothed her with a strength and the capacity to apply that strength in very specific, measured, and productive ways.

II. One of the difficulties is to trust the effectiveness of the gift God has given you and to trust God for his role in this partnership.

- This transformative beauty has immense power, but it is subtle and often slow.
- In 1 Peter 3 it warns women "not to give way to fear."
 - Fear comes when we recognize that there are so many things that are out of our control.

III. Mothering has always been a partnership with God.

- God gave you a part to play that works in concert, complimentary of the part he will play.
- Motherhood is often marked by a guilt for the points at which our abilities run out or come up short.
 - His grace is sufficient for you and for all the tasks at hand.
 - His strength is made perfect in our weakness
- Your ability and role in this have been tailor made to work hand in hand with God's.
- God has the power to complete everything he has given you the vision to set in motion.
 - It is your trust in him that gives you the ability "not to give way to fear" as it says in 1 Peter.
 - It is your trust in him that puts a smile on your face and laughter in your heart as you look to Tomorrow, as it says in Proverbs 31.

God has clothed you with a gentle strength and dignity. He has filled your mouth with a kind wisdom.

He has perfectly calibrated what you can do, to work in concert with what only He can do.

NOTES

Thank you for joining us today. This, and all of our message recordings, can be found on our website, graceunionstl.org.

THIS WEEK

Visit us online for information about these events and more.
graceunionsil.org or facebook.com/graceunionsil

MONDAY (5/15)

Alcoholics Anonymous (GU Family Room) - 7 pm
(Led by Jeff Hall - 314.620.6635)

TUESDAY (5/16)

WEDNESDAY (5/17)

Drive-By Prayer (Main Auditorium) - 4-7 pm
GU Students (Youth Auditorium) - 6:30 pm

THURSDAY (5/18)

Keenagers (Café) - 11:30 am

FRIDAY (5/19)

SATURDAY (5/20)

SUNDAY (5/21)

GU Small Groups

M&M Village Women's Group (Conf. Room B) - 9 am
Men Alive in Christ (Conf. Room C) - 9 am

Adults/Students Service (Main Aud.) - 10 am
GU Kids (Early Childhood-Elementary) - 10 am

SAVE THE DATES

5/20 - Oasis Int'l BBQ Outreach

6/25 - Summer Series Begins

6/12-16 - Youth Camp

7/2 - Church BBQ

6/19-20 - Kids Camp

OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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