



**ENCOUNTERS**  
with **JESUS**

# WELCOME TO GRACE UNION

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY  
SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017

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



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



All GU Ladies and Guests!! Lets get together **Saturday, June 10th for High Tea!!** We will meet at Sisters Tea House in Fenton at 1 p.m. It is a fun, elegant experience, and we will be served a variety of lovely tea sandwiches and desserts, accompanied by an assortment of teas to choose from! How fun! We will, of course, have a few games and a small devotional.

Our GU Ladies events are intended for women of Grace Union to grow together as a sisterhood of friends! We would love to see you there!! ♥

Cost \$20pp. Please RSVP by June 4th to Ashley Daniels in person, at [ashleydaniels1137@gmail.com](mailto:ashleydaniels1137@gmail.com), or 314.403.3821.

### GU HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

In the next few weeks the Hospitality Ministry will begin planning our first all-church picnic on our new lawn Sunday, July 2nd! If you haven't signed up for the Hospitality Ministry yet, but are interested in helping, please let Karen know. You can talk to her today, or email her at [karenmomma@live.com](mailto:karenmomma@live.com).

## BREAKAWAY KIDS CAMP

There's still time to register if you would like your child to go to camp this summer! Registration is \$250 (payable to Grace Union). Go to [ilsmonline.org](http://ilsmonline.org) to register. Please see a Children's Ministry leader if you have any questions. This year's camp leaders and their contact information are:

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

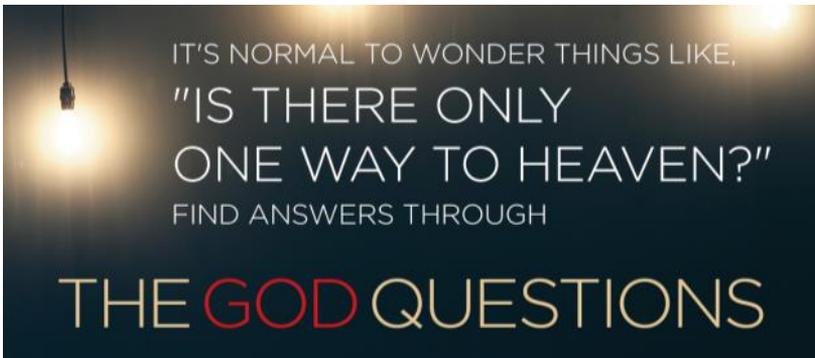
## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION

June's focus is TOYS! What could be easier? TOYS: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc. A collection bin is located in the GU Cafe area.

*Please do not include:* Used or damaged toys, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers.

If you have questions about the Packing Party planned for October, or this month's Collection Focus, please contact Carrie Sander at 314.753.6452 or [vocalmusic1@gmail.com](mailto:vocalmusic1@gmail.com).

## THIS SUMMER AT GU



*The God Questions* book is available for everyone for \$5! We're also looking for individuals to host their own home groups! Please see or contact Pastor Jason ([jscott5157@gmail.com](mailto:jscott5157@gmail.com)) for more information.

# 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.

## WAYS TO CONNECT



For any special needs, please email our Prayer Team at [gucprayer@gmail.com](mailto:gucprayer@gmail.com).

## WAYS TO GIVE



### ENVELOPE

Offering or Giving Box



### TEXT TO GIVE

Text GIVE to 314.888.5188



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# ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

## *PART 5: THE FLOW OF OBEDIENCE*

*Matthew 8:5-13*

- 5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help.
- 6 "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly."
- 7 Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"
- 8 The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.
- 9 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."
- 10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.
- 11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.
- 12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
- 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

- The submission of leaders that serve the kingdom is rewarded with the authority to HARNESS and DIRECT the power of the kingdom.

- **The Centurion Recognized that Jesus was wielding the power of All Mighty God.**

- The centurion recognized that Jesus could harness and direct the power of GOD in the same way that he was able to Harness and direct the power of Rome.

**I. Jesus was able to harness and direct God's power because he was under God's authority.**

- A. The power of God was fully available for Jesus to dispense because Jesus was fully submitted to the will of God The Father.

- Jesus said in John 6:38 that he came down from heaven not to do his will but to do the will of the Father.
  - Jesus lived as a man perfectly submitted to the will of God.
  - Jesus' submission and obedience resulted in the Power of The Holy Spirit being poured out in and through Jesus WITHOUT MEASURE.
- B. There are two kinds of obedience and submission to authority that Jesus modeled.
- Explicit Obedience:
    - 1 Peter 2:22 He committed no sin and no deceit was found in his mouth.
    - Any spelled out instruction from God in scripture Jesus obeyed.
  - Implicit Obedience:
    - As people, what we want individually is supposed to be submitted to what God wants from and for Humanity.
    - **There is a Will that should stand above our own in terms of importance.**
- C. A soldier becomes most dangerous to their enemies and most valuable to their own Kingdom when a commitment to the success of the Mission outweighs a commitment to even their own good.
- **His Promise:** Matthew 6:33, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

When God's agenda becomes our most pressing pursuit, even above our own agendas, that is a level of submission and obedience that God Richly rewards.

**II. As Jesus' followers, the Power and Authority of God is poured out through our lives in direct correlation to our level of Submission and Obedience.**

- A. God intends for you and I to be people he can entrust Power and Leadership to.
- B. **God even wants to be able to entrust you with "Spiritual Weaponry," Supernatural Gifts and Power.**

C. The Influence and the Spiritual Weaponry God wants to give you have power.

- Disobedience blocks that flow.

D. We know how God responds to sin, we have established that: he forgives, he redeems...He touches Lepers!

But just as remarkable is How God responds to OBEDIENCE!

- The Power and Presence of God are poured through us in Direct Correlation to our level of Submission and Obedience.

*2 Timothy 2:19-22*

- 19 "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."
- 20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use.
- 21 Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.
- 22 Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

*Thank you for joining us today. This, and all of our message recordings, can be found on our website, [graceunionstl.org](http://graceunionstl.org).*

# THIS WEEK

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## MONDAY (5/29)

### Memorial Day

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

## TUESDAY (5/30)

## WEDNESDAY (5/31)

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

## THURSDAY (6/1)

## FRIDAY (6/2)

## SATURDAY (6/3)

## SUNDAY (6/4)

### 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

6/12-16 - Youth Camp

6/19-20 - Kids Camp

6/25 - Summer Series Begins

7/2 - Church BBQ

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