



ENCOUNTERS
with **JESUS**

WELCOME TO GRACE UNION

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 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

GU LADIES EVENT - Saturday, June 10th

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO RSVP TO ASHLEY DANIELS for the GU Ladies Tea Party! We will meet at Sisters Tea House in Fenton at 1 p.m. next Saturday the 10th. 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! We will, of course, have a few games and a small devotional. We would love to see you there!! ♥ Cost \$20pp. See Ashley today or call her at 314.403.3821.

GU SMALL GROUPS

MOTHER'S MILK MINISTRY - Tuesday, 6/6

Mother's Milk Ministry is a support group for moms with babies to connect and support each other. The group meets once a month and is led by Melanie Terry, a Certified Lactation Consultant. The next meeting is THIS Tuesday, at 10 am. in the GU Kids area.

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.



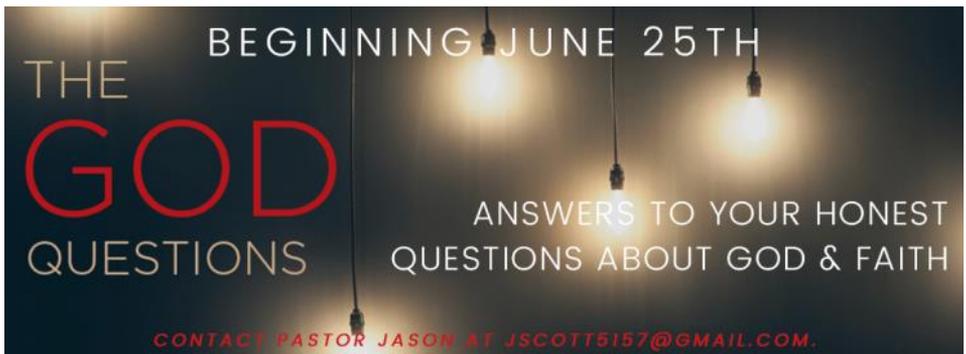
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BREAKAWAY KIDS CAMP

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 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
- *Girls completing 3rd-6th:* Stacey Bush - newagainexteriors@gmail.com
- *Boys completing 3rd-6th:* Pastor Bob Poley - bobpoley78@gmail.com

THIS SUMMER AT GU



Do you ever feel uncomfortable asking "simple" questions because you think you should know the answer as a Christian? Questions like, "What happens when I die?" "Did God create evil?" Or have you ever thought, "If Christianity is true, why is the church full of hypocrites?" Or, "Don't all roads lead to heaven?" We'll be opening a dialogue to answer these honest questions beginning Sunday, June 25th! Books will be available for \$5.

We are looking for new home group leaders for this series! Begin to think about and pray for those friends and neighbors who would come to your home to talk about their "God Questions." Please see or contact Pastor Jason 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.

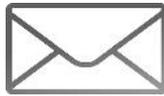
We value sharing the love, life and power of God to our communities and world, joining Christ in his mission to rescue fallen humanity.

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PART 6: FAMILY MATTERS

Matthew 12:46-50

- 46 While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside wanting to speak to him.
- 47 Someone told him "Your mother and brothers are outside, wanting to speak to you."
- 48 He replied to him, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?"
- 49 Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers.
- 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in Heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

There are 2 things we really want to focus in on:

- 1) The response of Jesus' family to public opposition.
- 2) Then, the response of Jesus to his family and his redefinition of the term.

I. Question: What is Family?

A. Genetic Family is the most fundamental form of Community God has given us.

- Family is this enriching, encouraging, shaping, empowering, and directing community that helps launch us out into the world.
- Broader Family is when you have a community that provides that encouraging, shaping, and directing, but you are not necessarily genetically related.

B. God wired us to be communal and relational by nature.

- So much about who we are, where we end up in life, and what the journey there is like, depends on who we surround ourselves with.
- "Show me your friends, and I will show you your future."
- Authorship debated

Proverbs 13:20

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

- What we see in this story is that Jesus reached a point where he had to deliberately choose his community.

C. Jesus' primary community switched from Genetic family to Broader Family.

D. When you love God properly, he enables you to love others properly.

II. Question: Why are people beginning to oppose Jesus, and why has Jesus' own family come against him?

A. People Tend to Want what People Want.

- People projected their own wants, interests, causes, and agendas on Jesus.
- As Jesus' agenda became increasingly clear to people, opposition arose.
- The public opposition to Jesus revealed a lack of real faith in Jesus' mother and brothers.
 - As long as everyone loved Jesus his family had no trouble believing that he was acting on God's behalf.

B. Sometimes you are singing the same song as people but dancing a very different Dance.

- The reprioritizing of relationships due to spiritual incompatibility can be difficult.
 - But Jesus knew that if he was pulled and influenced by his genetic family, it would slow him down or even misdirect him in his PURSUIT of GODS WILL.

III. Building and Maintaining Edifying, Spiritual Family is Key a for Spiritual Health and Growth.

A. So much of living out God's great plan for your life is Contingent on the value added by your Broader Spiritual Family.

- B. Jesus centered, God honoring, and Mission Focused Friendships will be a large part of the Catalyst that propels you toward where God wants you to be.
- Jesus deliberately built a Larger Spiritual Family for the purpose of them spurring one another on in pursuit of God's will.

Hebrews 10:24-25

- 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,
25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

A huge key to your long term health and growth is to deliberately form and maintain Relationships that FEED YOU SPIRITUALLY.

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 (6/5)

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

TUESDAY (6/6)

Mother's Milk Ministry (GU Kids) - 10 am

WEDNESDAY (6/7)

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

THURSDAY (6/8)

FRIDAY (6/9)

SATURDAY (6/10)

SUNDAY (6/11)

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

6/25 - Summer Series Begins

6/19-20 - Kids Camp

7/2 - Church BBQ

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