

THE  
GOD  
QUESTIONS

EXPLORING LIFE'S  
GREAT QUESTIONS  
ABOUT GOD

# WELCOME TO GRACE UNION

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY  
SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

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



Thank you for joining us today! If this is your first time with us, please stop by the Welcome table in the lobby for a free gift. We'd love to meet you.

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We are in the final week of "The God Questions!" Please see one of our leaders if you want to purchase a book!

To further the discussion, we have a small group meeting after service today in the Family Room, and small groups and programs for all ages Wednesday night at 6:30.

**NOTE: THIS IS THE LAST WEEK FOR SUMMER WED. NIGHT SMALL GROUPS!**

*Drive-by-prayer and GU Students will continue.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

### BLESSING OPPORTUNITY

Grace Union will be collecting school supplies for Tonsie Springer's two young daughters. Tonsie passed away unexpectedly this month, and we would love to help the girls get ready for the school year. If you are able to contribute, please contact Crystal at [crystaldawnmyers@gmail.com](mailto:crystaldawnmyers@gmail.com).

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING - TODAY

If you want to learn more about GU, meet some of our leaders, or become an official member, we'll meet you in Conf. Room A (off the front lobby) after service!

### NIGHT OF WORSHIP - TONIGHT, 5 pm

Please come back tonight for a special Night of Worship. We'll be praying for our team going to Mission of Hope: Haiti THIS WEEK! Afterward, we'll head to Culver's for dinner.

# GU LADIES NIGHT!!!

6PM-9PM  
\$20 Per Person  
RSVP AUG 6

Contact Ashley Daniels at [ashleydaniels1137@gmail.com](mailto:ashleydaniels1137@gmail.com).

The next GU Ladies Night is **Friday, August 11th, 6-9pm!** Come out and join us for some wonderful treats provided by KaKao Chocolate! The night will be filled chocolate, snacks, games, and much more! Let's get to know each other better and eat some yummy chocolate! You can either RSVP with Ashley or see the event on our FB page.

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

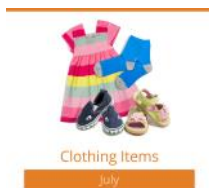
Now planning for the Labor Day Picnic!

Contact Karen at [karenmomma@live.com](mailto:karenmomma@live.com) to be a part of the team.

**INDIVIDUALS NEEDED FOR THE HOSPITALITY TEAM.** If you are able to be involved with planning, set-up, tear-down, or service with GU events, we need you to sign up for the GU Hospitality Team. *Planning for our annual Labor Day picnic has begun.* Be a part of making this event a success by joining the team. Please talk to Karen today or email her at [karenmomma@live.com](mailto:karenmomma@live.com).



**AUGUST 19th, 10a-3p** – If you are a **STUDENT** grades 6-12, you need to go to **ENGAGE THE CAMPUS**. If you are a **\*\*PARENT\*\***, your student needs to go to this. This is a retreat/worship/campus ministry training event. \$20 gets them 5 hours of worship, training on how to reach their friends at school for Jesus, a t-shirt, **LUNCH**, a book to encourage and inspire, and even more resources! Please visit [engage.thecampus.com](http://engage.thecampus.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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# THE GOD QUESTIONS

## *Week 6: What Happens When I Die?*

*Matthew 25:31-34*

- 31 When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.
- 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
- 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
- 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

*Matthew 25:41* - "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

*Matthew 25:46* - "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

### **I. The Bible speaks plainly and consistently about a Real Heaven and a Real Hell.**

A. The Bible is very vocal about hell.

- A permanent place of judgment.
- A complete absence of God and his Good Governance.
- Existence of all consuming unchecked evil.
- A place where individuals who wanted to be free from God entirely will get their wish.

B. Nobody is more sickened at the idea of PEOPLE going to hell than God is! He gave the life of his own son to provide a way around it!

C. If God is going to be Good and Just and allow for individuals to have real choice in submitting to him then hell has to be a real possibility for those who choose not to.

- A "Heaven" full of the Eternal Mayhem of rebellious souls would be no heaven at all."

### **II. What will heaven be like?**

*Revelation 21 & 22*

- A. Our present heaven and earth will pass away, being replaced with **“a new heaven and a new earth.”**
- B. The New Jerusalem will be the permanent OVERLAPPING POINT of God and Humanity.
  - Revelation 21:16 says it will span 12,000 stadia, which is 1,400 miles in length, width, and height.
- C. The Bible describes a river flowing from the very throne of God winding through the entire New Jerusalem, giving life to the city.
- D. According to scripture, the tree stands on each side of the river. It has been in existence since Creation.
  - *Revelation 22:2* - “The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”
- E. **“There was no longer any sea.”** In the New Earth, the physical world and all of its great, natural power will work with us for our good.
- F. **Things like Food, Animals, and Time will be part of that Reality.**

*Luke 22: 29-30*

29 “I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me,  
 30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.”

*Isaiah 11:6-8*

- 6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.
- 7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The infant will play near the cobra’s den, and the young child put its hand into the viper’s nest.
  - But, Revelation 22:2 says the Tree of Life bears fruit **“every month.”**
  - Isaiah 66:23 says mankind will come and bow down before God **“from one Sabbath to another.”**
  - The new heavens and the new earth will be concrete reality, and we will interact with that reality in real ways.

## G. **Heavenly Bodies** (1 Corinthians 15)

- We will have a real physical body that will work in real physical ways, through real processes, but we will not be limited in the same kinds of ways our current body is.
- The Bible describes a heaven where we have real responsibilities, and substantive ways we serve God and those around us.
  - These assignments will be given based on what we do in this present life.

## H. **In Heaven our Contact with God will be deeply Personal.**

*Revelation 21:3* - "God's dwelling place is now among the people and himself will be their God."

- We were all created to be in perfect relationship with God himself. After the fall, that is what was missing.
  - That relationship deficiency stands at the core of every human dysfunction.
  - The moment that deficiency is satisfied we will be eternally whole.

## III. **The thought of Eternity should always Elicit a Response.**

*Matthew 24:36-39*

36 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

*Matthew 24:42*

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

## **The only warning people will receive has already been given!**

May God Empower and Inspire us to live in such a way that His will for us and for others regarding Eternity becomes a pressing Reality for us.

# THIS WEEK

Visit us online for information about these events and more.  
[graceunionsil.org](http://graceunionsil.org) or [facebook.com/graceunionsil](https://facebook.com/graceunionsil)

## MONDAY (7/31)

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

## TUESDAY (8/1)

## WEDNESDAY (8/2)

**Drive-By Prayer** (Main Auditorium) - 4-7 pm

### **GU Small Groups - 6:30 pm**

Women's Group (Conf. Room A)  
Adults Group (Family Room)

**GU Students** (Youth Auditorium)

**GU Kids** (Nursery - PreK)

**GU Elementary/The Blender** (Elementary Room)

## THURSDAY (8/3)

## FRIDAY (8/4)

## SATURDAY (8/5)

## SUNDAY (8/6)

### **GU Small Groups - 9 am**

Women's Group (Conf. Room B)  
Men's Group (Conf. Room C)

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

## SAVE THE DATES

8/13 - Prayer Series Begins  
8/19 - GU Students/Engage the Campus  
8/27-9/3 - Week of Fasting & Prayer  
9/3 - Labor Day Picnic  
9/13 - Fall Small Group Semester Begins

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