

The background of the entire image is a dark, moody seascape. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, suggesting an approaching storm. The water is dark and turbulent, with white foam from waves visible in the distance. In the lower right corner, the dark silhouette of a boat's hull is visible, partially obscured by the darkness. The overall atmosphere is one of tension and danger.

JONAH

WELCOME TO GRACE UNION

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

- ➔ Praise & Worship
- ➔ Welcome/Announcements
- ➔ Offering
- ➔ Message: Pastor Jason Myers
- ➔ Communion



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.

NEWS & EVENTS



Please keep our missions team in your prayers this week! They will be returning from Haiti on Wednesday.

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.

GU LADIES NIGHT - Friday, August 11th

TODAY IS THE RSVP DEADLINE! All GU Ladies and Guests are invited to 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! The cost is \$15. **RSVP TO ASHLEY TODAY** at ashleydaniels1137@gmail.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!

SEE PASTOR PATRICK TODAY!



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.



If your Elementary child would like to participate in this year's Christmas program, try-outs are Sunday, August 20th after church. Lunch will be provided. **Parents must commit to bringing their child(ren) to all practices.** We would also appreciate any volunteers who can help with the play. Contact Karen with any questions or if you can help at karenmomma@live.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION

August's OCC Collection Focus is SCHOOL SUPPLIES! You can leave items in the OCC box in the GU Cafe area. If you have questions about the Packing Party planned for October, or this month's Collection Focus, please contact Christine Pahner at crafftycrispy@yahoo.com. **This is also MO Tax Free Weekend for supplies!**





child dedication

Sunday, September 17

Contact Crystal Myers at crystaldawnmyers@gmail.com.

We will be having a baby and child dedication on Sunday, September 17th. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact Crystal Myers by September 10th. This dedication is:

- A time for Parents to make a public commitment to God to raise their children in His ways.
- A time for Grace Union Church to join with the parents in prayers for and celebration of these children.



water BAPTISM

09.24.17

Contact Pastor Bob at
bobpoley78@gmail.com

Water Baptism is a public declaration of ones' faith and newness of life in Christ. If you would like to be baptized, or have any questions, please email Pastor Bob. We invite you stay with us after service September 24th to celebrate with those who are taking this important step of faith!

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.

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Offering or Giving Box



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JONAH (PART 1): *Something's Fishy*

Jonah 1 & 2

1. God Calls Jonah to Nineveh

- a. Nineveh – capital of Assyrian Empire
- b. 500–600K people
- c. God's Mercy is Evident – *2 Peter 3:9*
"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

2. Jonah Runs Away

- a. Jonah ran to Tarshish...the COMPLETE opposite direction.
- b. Why?

- He didn't like the Ninevites.
- He was mad at God.
- He was selfish.

c. Facts about fleeing

- God's plan doesn't always make sense...in fact...
- Serendipity doesn't always signify God's direction.

Psalm 139:7–12

- 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
- 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

3. God Brings a Storm

a. Facts about storms:

- In Jonah's case, God prepared the storm.
- In other cases, God allows a storm.
- And in some cases, God prevents a storm.
- Regardless, storms can be opportunities for growth.

b. Jonah admits his fault at the last minute.

4. Jonah Jumps Ship

a. Jonah asked to be thrown overboard – Why?

- Don't mistake an alarm clock for a judgment.

5. God Brings a Fish

a. Jonah had plans.

b. God is patient.

c. God's plans included survival and sanctuary.

d. Jonah's turning point – God always provides tools for His call.

6. Jonah Repents

a. v. 4a – “I am driven away from your sight.”

b. v. 4b – “yet I shall again look upon your holy temple”

c. v. 6–7 – “the bars closed upon me forever, yet you brought up my life...When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord.”

d. v. 8 – “Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.”

- Hard times can bring clarity & perspective.

e. v. 9 – “What I have vowed I will pay.”

- God's love stirs us to commitment.

f. Jonah saw God's patience.

THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY (8/7)

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

TUESDAY (8/8)

WEDNESDAY (8/9)

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

THURSDAY (8/10)

FRIDAY (8/11)

GU Ladies Night (Family Room) - 6 pm

SATURDAY (8/12)

SUNDAY (8/13)

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
9/17 - Child Dedication
9/24 - Water Baptisms

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