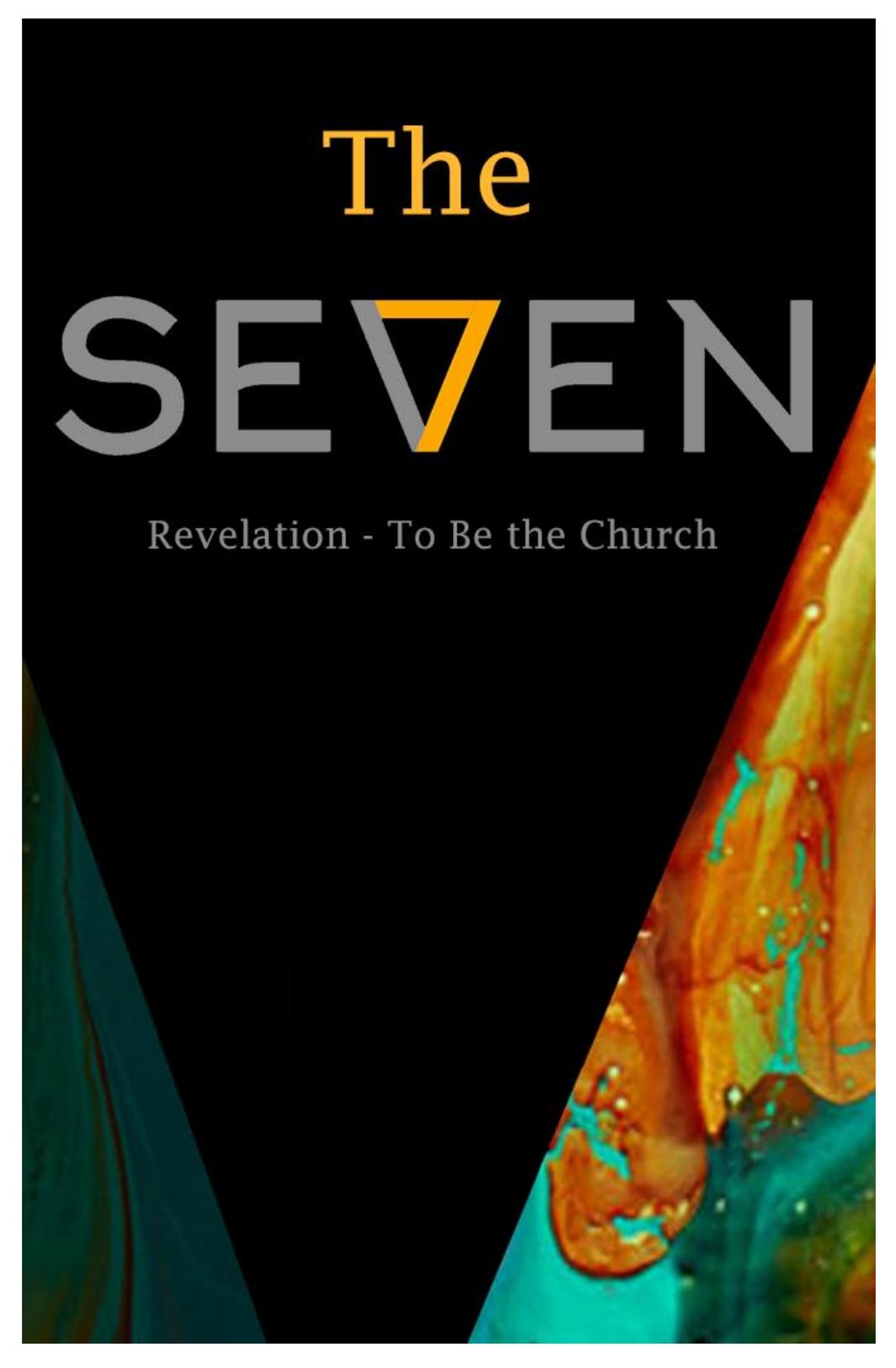


The

# SEVEN

Revelation - To Be the Church



# WELCOME TO GRACE UNION

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

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

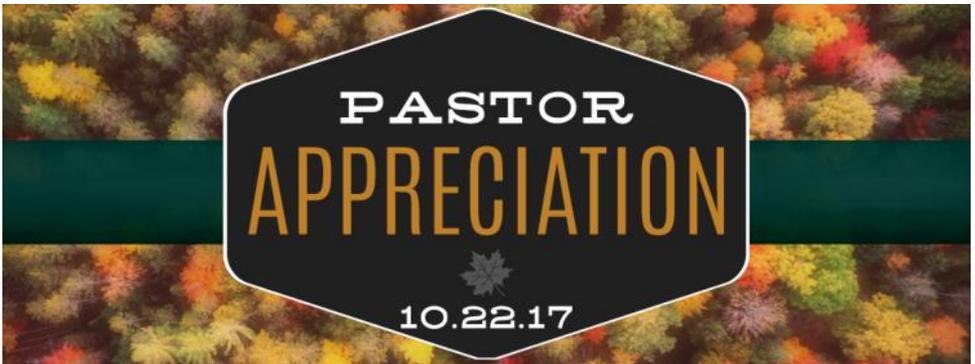


Thank you for joining us today! If this is your first time with us, please stop by the Connect Center in the lobby for a free gift. We'd love to meet you.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS - TODAY

Practices for the Elementary Christmas Program are held EACH SUNDAY right after service. Pick-up is at 1 p.m. We will provide light snacks. If you have any questions, please contact Mindy Adams at [mindyadams82@gmail.com](mailto:mindyadams82@gmail.com).



We are blessed and grateful to have such dedicated pastors on staff here at Grace Union! Sunday, October 22nd we will have a gift basket in the foyer for cards and gifts. Let us show all of our pastors how much we appreciate them and all that they do!

### GU STUDENTS - SMYM Youth Convention (11/17-18)

This is an event for students to encounter God through engaging worship and teaching. Cost will be \$45, food and lodging costs will be covered by funds raised from the car demolition at Labor Day. Contact Pastor Patrick at [patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com](mailto:patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com), and check out the GUStudents Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GUStudentsStl](http://www.facebook.com/GUStudentsStl) for other details!



It's that time again! We're getting ready for our biggest, community event of the year, Trunk or Treat! This is a free event that offers a family-friendly environment for kids to play games, get candy, win prizes and have fun. We'll have inflatables, a photo booth, and a special raffle for guests who return on Sunday. **We're so excited to feature Juggling Jeff again this year, AND he'll be back in Kids Church on Sunday!** Whether you'll be hosting a trunk or can help in other areas, please sign up in the lobby today!!



Each year Grace Union takes part in Operation Christmas Child, packing and sending shoeboxes of gifts to children all over the world. Feel free to pick up a shoe box in the lobby today!

## *Thanksgiving Dinner*

### **A note from Carrie Clifton:**

Our family relocated to St. Louis in 2008 and did not have other family in the area. We made the best of our holidays when we weren't traveling, but we still missed our traditions and big meals with family. Grace Union has become a part of our family away from home. We will be hosting a family-style Thanksgiving here at Grace Union, complete with turkey, pie, football, and everything in between.

This event is for those who don't have a traditional family dinner planned, individuals who don't have a place to go to celebrate, single parents, and those with no family in the area. We'd love to celebrate with you! Contact me or Lance at [lcclifton@aol.com](mailto:lcclifton@aol.com). More info. To come!

# 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



### ONLINE

[graceunionstl.org](http://graceunionstl.org)

## MAILING ADDRESS

3900 Union Road, St. Louis, MO 63125

Visit us online to learn more about Grace Union at [graceunionstl.org](http://graceunionstl.org).

*All of our message recordings can also be found on our website.*



[facebook.com/graceunionstl](https://facebook.com/graceunionstl)



[twitter.com/graceunionstl](https://twitter.com/graceunionstl)



# THE SEVEN (PART 4): *Thyatira*

## **Thyatira:**

- Thyatira is an interesting letter because it is written to very unimportant city.
- Thyatira was like a giant Truck Stop Gas Station in the middle of nowhere.
- Because it was an outpost it had a GREAT DEAL OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.
- Thyatira was very different than the last 2 cities we talked about.
  - There was not persecution for Christians here.

## *Revelation 2:18-29*

- 18 To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.
- 19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.
- 20 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.
- 21 I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.
- 22 So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways.
- 23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.
- 24 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you,
- 25 except to hold on to what you have until I come.'
- 26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—
- 27 that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father.
- 28 I will also give that one the morning star.
- 29 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

## I. God commends these Christians for their commitment to Personal and Spiritual Growth.

- He commends their LOVE.
- He commends their FAITH.
- This church's SERVICE is Commended.
- This church was commended for PERSEVERANCE.

A. Thyatira was commended for their commitment to CONTINUAL GROWTH.

- "You are doing more now than at first."

B. If you have been following Jesus a week, a year, or decades, he still has things in store that are out of reach from where you are now.

- **Keep it in gear.**
- **Keep growing becoming more and more like Jesus.**

## II. God warned Thyatira about an internal corrupting Influence.

20 "I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. 21 I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling."

A. Jezebel is a generic name given to a type of woman who used her beauty, or her sexuality, or her unique influence control people **for evil ends**.

- This woman was using her influence to lead people into sin.

B. These Christians have journeyed out of the crazy, destructive, and degrading, sexualized Pagan culture.

- **But this woman is pointing them right back in the direction they just came from.**
- What's worse is that she is claiming that this direction is from God himself.

### **III. God never leads in a way that contradicts what the Bible teaches.**

- A. The church of Thyatira was doing so many things right, but there were some in this church who did not have a CLEAR TETHER to God's word.
- They gave too much clout to what they felt or thought, or what certain people said.
- B. **Nothing but God's written word determines right and wrong for the Christian.**
- C. **The imagery of Jesus used in this letter shows us two things about what God's word does.**
- Jesus' eyes blazed through telling Garbage from Gold and his foundation was TEMPERED AND SOLID.
- D. Ephesians 3:20 tells us that God is able to do immeasurably more than we can Ask or Imagine according to his power that is at work within us.
- **For all of this to be a reality we need a reliable foundation and we need the ability to SEE THROUGH telling the Garbage from the Gold.**

# 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 (10/9)

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

## TUESDAY (10/10)

## WEDNESDAY (10/11)

**Drive-by-Prayer** (Main Aud.) - 4-6:30 pm  
**Wednesday Night Ministries - 6:30 pm**  
Ladies Bible Study (Conf. Room A)  
Adult Bible Study (Conf. Room B)  
Men's Group Study (Conf. Room C)  
**GU Kids Awana** (Nursery-5th grade)  
**GU Students** (Youth Auditorium) - 6:30 pm

## THURSDAY (10/12)

## FRIDAY (10/13)

## SATURDAY (10/14)

## SUNDAY (10/15)

**GU Small Groups - 9 am**  
Women's Group (Conf. Room B)  
Men's Group (Conf. Room C)  
Couples' Group (Cox home) - 5 pm

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

**Elementary Christmas Rehearsals**

## SAVE THE DATES

10/22,29 - Kids Play Practice  
10/28 - Trunk or Treat  
10/29 - Newcomers' Meeting  
11/17-18 - Youth Conference

12/1 - Volunteer/Leadership Party  
12/3 - Ladies Christmas Party  
12/10 - Kids Christmas Production  
12/24 - Christmas Eve Services

## OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

OFFICE: 314.892.2757

PRAYER: GUCPRAYER@GMAIL.COM

- **Rev. Bob Poley, Lead Pastor**  
*bobpoley78@gmail.com*
- **Rev. Jason Myers, Associate Pastor**  
*jscott5157@gmail.com*
- **Patrick Daniels, Student Ministry Pastor**  
*patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com*
- **Carrie Indelicato, Worship Leader**  
*cindelicato@live.com*
- **Crystal Myers, Early Childhood Director**  
*crystaldawnmyers@gmail.com*
- **Carrie Clifton, Publications & Media**  
*lcclifton@aol.com*