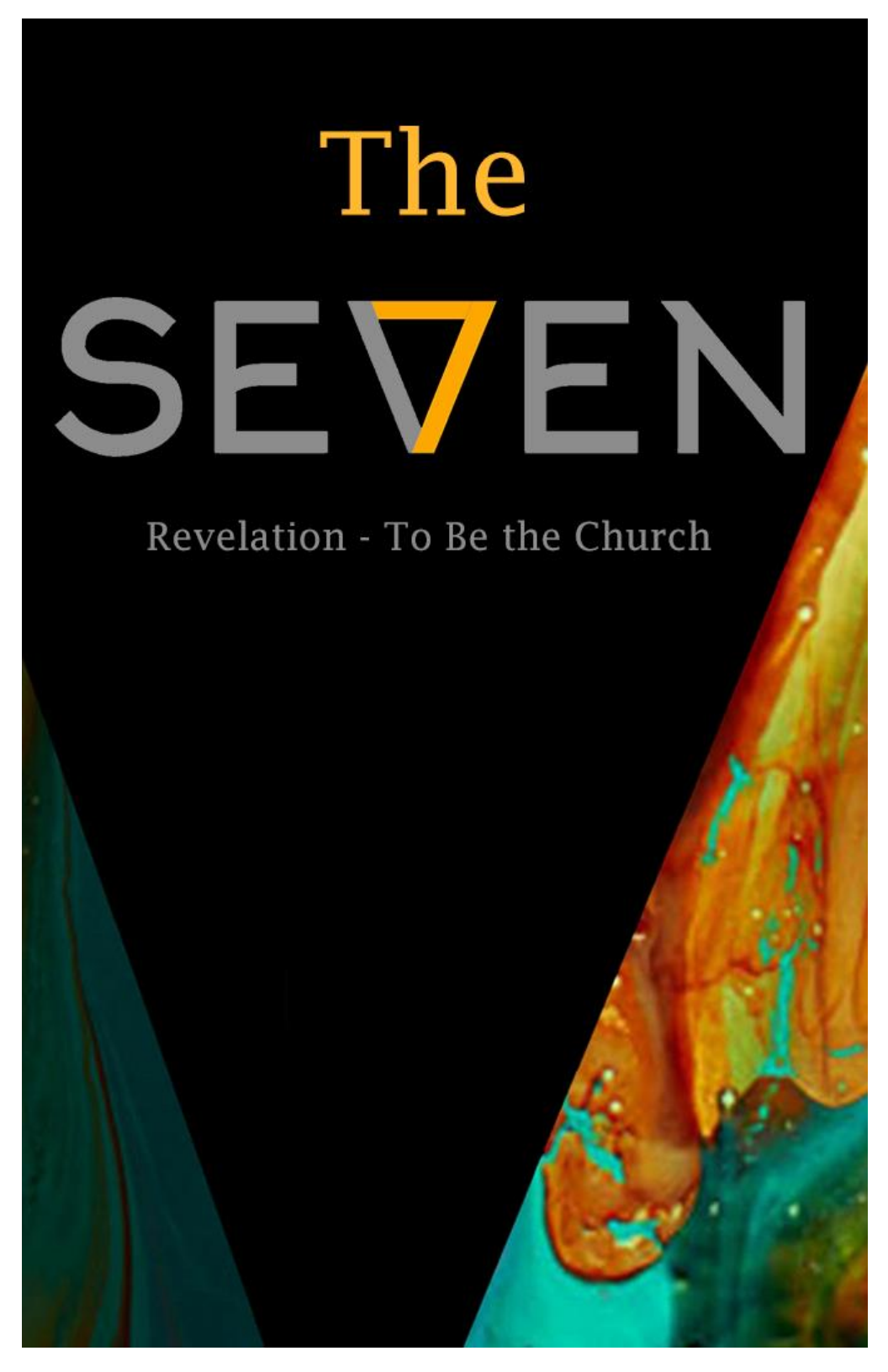


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# SEVEN

Revelation - To Be the Church



# WELCOME TO GRACE UNION

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

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

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



We are blessed and grateful to have such dedicated pastors on staff here at Grace Union! **NEXT 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. Contact Pastor Patrick at [patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com](mailto:patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com).

## GU SMALL GROUPS

### MARRIED COUPLES' GROUP - TONIGHT, 5 pm

This group is led by Shane and Jennifer Cox and meets biweekly at the their home on Sunday evenings. Please join us TONIGHT at 5 p.m. for a time of food, fellowship, and growing deeper in our relationships with our spouses and with Christ. You can contact Shane at [shanecox198324@gmail.com](mailto:shanecox198324@gmail.com).

### KEENAGERS (50+) - Thursday, 10/19

If you are 50 or older, please join the Keenagers small group this Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Cafe area. Come enjoy a time of fellowship, good food, devotions and games. Contact Jean Myers at 636.296.4643.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, 10/21

All men are invited out for breakfast once a month at various St. Louis area restaurants. Come on out at **8 a.m. Saturday to Steak n Shake** here on Lindbergh. Contact Glenn Adams at [glennmadams81@gmail.com](mailto:glennmadams81@gmail.com).



A purple banner with yellow and white text. On the left, 'TRUNK OR TREAT' is written in large, bold, yellow letters, with a candy corn icon replacing the letter 'A' in 'TREAT'. To the right, 'SIGN UP TODAY!' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'OCT 28 4-6PM' in the same style.

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!!



A banner for National Collection Week. On the left, it says 'Good News. Great Joy.' in green, handwritten-style font. Below that is the 'Operation Christmas Child' logo, which features a red and white airplane and a globe. To the right, the text 'NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK' is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, and 'November 13-20' is in a large, black, serif font. The background of the banner shows a group of children sitting at a table, looking at books or papers.

Contact Christine Pahner at [craftercrispy@yahoo.com](mailto:craftercrispy@yahoo.com)

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!

*OUR MISSION: We are encountering Grace through Jesus, right where we are, and being moved by Grace toward all God has for us.*

## WAYS TO CONNECT



**Drive-by-Prayer**  
Wednesdays, 4-6:30  
[gucprayer@gmail.com](mailto:gucprayer@gmail.com)

## CONNECTION CARD

If you're new to our church, want prayer, or need to update your info, fill out a Connection Card, and put it in the Offering or the Giving Box in the lobby.

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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## LISTEN ONLINE



**Online Audio**  
[graceunionstl.org/multimedia](http://graceunionstl.org/multimedia)

## WAYS TO GIVE



**ENVELOPE**  
Offering/Giving Box



**TEXT TO GIVE**  
314.888.5188



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



# THE SEVEN (PART 5): *Sardis*

## *Revelation 3:1-6*

- 1 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. "'I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.
- 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.
- 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.
- 4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.
- 5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.
- 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the church.

## **I. Introduction:**

- For the church at Sardis, it was all about the right spot.
- Location was strategic & formidable...only accessed one way.
- One of the larger churches of the ancient world - about 1000 people.

## **II. A Visit to the Doctor:**

- Diagnosis - observations and estimations
- Prescription - instructions for how to address the issue
- Prognosis - warning if you ignore the issue
- Cure - outcome if you follow the prescription

## **III. Diagnosis - v. 1b**

### A. "*I know your works.*"

- Two different types of works:
  - Those that everyone sees.
  - Those that everyone misses.
- Man makes his diagnosis on the former & guesses on the latter.

- God makes his diagnosis on both.

B. *"You have the reputation of being alive but are dead."*

- We are prone to work to impact what other believe about us because we care about & are impacted by what others think of us.
- One area of your life might be dead while another thrives.

#### **IV. Prescription – v. 2-3a**

A. *"Wake Up!"*

- Awake vs. asleep
- Proactive vs. reactive living (...and faith)

B. *"Strengthen what remains."*

- For the church in Sardis, it can be assumed they did not distinguish themselves strongly enough from the Jews – that means they didn't include Jesus in their faith & practice.

– Jesus is the Key

- Also though, there was something the church was doing that was right & can be built upon – even the smallest of steps can be huge.

C. *"Remember & Keep what you have Received."*

- Whether you grew up in church or not, you're here today.
- The instructions to keep mean to retain, protect, and not let go of.
- In other words, make sure you're taking in God's word – and then keeping it.

D. *"Repent."*

- If you miss this part of the prescription, you miss a vital part of the process.
- You must remove certain things in order to "strengthen & keep" your faith

## V. Prognosis – v. 3b

A. *“If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief against you.”*

- Doing nothing is not an option if you want to live – thieves are never planned or expected.
- Tomorrow is not promised...nor is later today.
- Think about this within the context of verse 2 where their works are incomplete:
  - Why might the church have resisted professing Jesus?
  - What are some reasons you're resisting?
    - Not just with your soul but with your finances?
    - Your relationships?
    - Your sin?
    - Your \_\_\_\_\_?

## VI. Cure – v. 5 (...and 4)

A. *“I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father.”*

- The promise is too great to ignore.

B. *“Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments...they walk with me.”*

- God has a sense of humor.
- There are people God will place in your life that will help you on this journey toward STRENGTHENING, KEEPING, and REPENTING...look for them & surround yourself.

## VII. Verse 6: *“He who has an ear, let him hear.”*

- No Takebacks!!

# THIS WEEK

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

## MONDAY (10/16)

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

## TUESDAY (10/17)

## WEDNESDAY (10/18)

**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 (10/19)

Keenagers (GU Café) - 11:30 am

## FRIDAY (10/20)

## SATURDAY (10/21)

Men's Breakfast (Steak n Shake) - 8 am

## SUNDAY (10/22)

### PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY!

#### 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**

#### Elementary Christmas Rehearsals

### SAVE THE DATES

10/29, 11/5 - Kids Play Practice

10/28 - Trunk or Treat

10/29 - Newcomers' Meeting

11/17-18 - Youth Conference

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