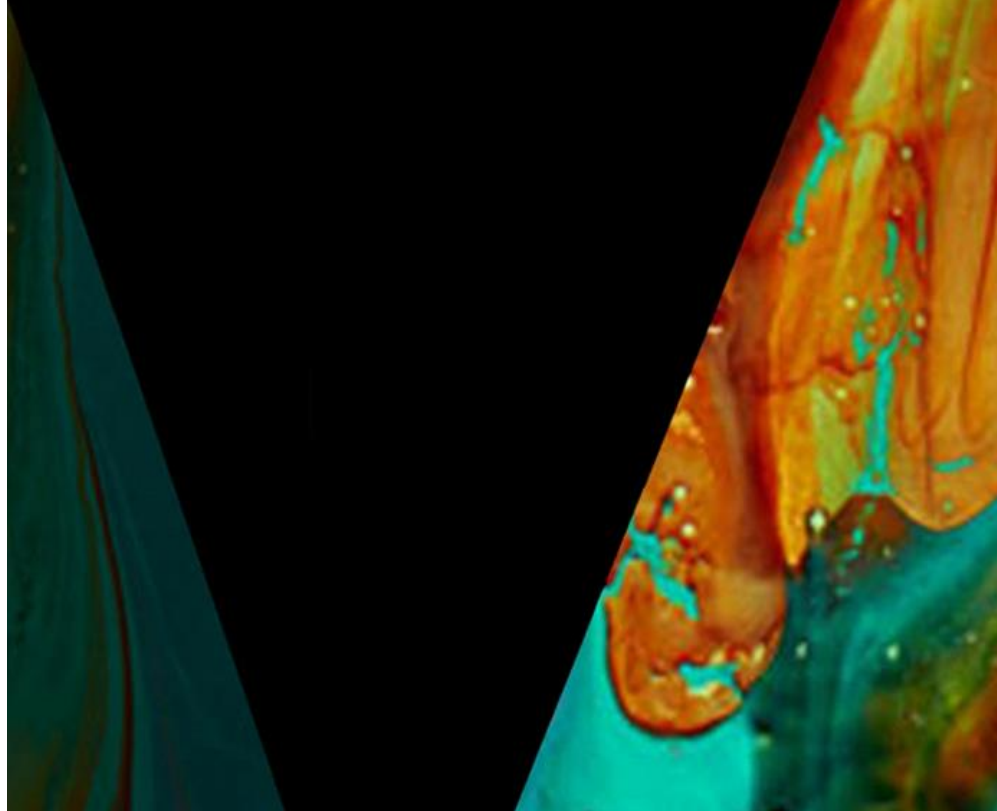


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# SEVEN

Revelation - To Be the Church



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# WELCOME TO GRACE UNION

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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.

## ***GU SPOTLIGHT***

*Find out more about these events at [graceunionstl.org](http://graceunionstl.org).*



We are so blessed and grateful to have such dedicated pastors on staff here at Grace Union! Thank you for all you do!



Rehearsals are held every Sunday after service (11:30-1). Light snacks provided. Contact Karen with any questions at [karenmomma@live.com](mailto:karenmomma@live.com). The performance is Sunday, 12/10.



**SATURDAY, OCT 28, 4-6pm**

We're so excited to feature Juggling Jeff again this year, AND he'll be back in Kids Church on Sunday! We need 10 more trunks and help monitoring the bounce house. 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 gifts to children all over the world. Pick up a shoe box in the lobby today! We'll be hosting a packing party **Sunday, Nov. 5 at 5pm. Dinner will be provided.** Contact Christine Pahner at [craftycrispy@yahoo.com](mailto:craftycrispy@yahoo.com).

*Encountering Grace through Jesus, right where we are,  
and being moved by Grace toward all God has for us.*

## WAYS TO CONNECT



**SUNDAYS @ 10AM**  
Nursery—Elementary

**WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM**  
Nursery | Awana (PreK-Elem)



**WEDNESDAYS (Gr 6-12) @ 6:30PM**  
**SUNDAYS (Middle School) @ 10:15**

### SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Women's Group @ 9am  
Men's Group @ 9am

### WEDNESDAYS

Drive-by-Prayer @ 4pm  
**GU Small Groups @ 6:30pm**  
Ladies Bible Study  
Adult Bible Study  
Men's Group Study

## CONNECTION CARD

If you're new to GU, 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.

## STAY CONNECTED



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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



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# THE SEVEN (PART 6): *Philidelphia*

## History of Philidelphia

- Philadelphia was designed to be a political, ideological, and linguistic incubation chamber in order to “Greekify” the non-Greek world.
- By the time Revelation was written, the individual, cultural languages of people of this region had Disappear, and been replaced by GREEK.”
- Philadelphia was like an ON RAMP for greek thought, culture and life.

### *Revelation 3:7-13*

- 7 “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.
- 8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.
- 9 I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.
- 10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.
- 11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.
- 12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.
- 13 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

**I. Gods wants his Church to be an open door for people to encounter him through.**

- The church has been established as a colony of Heaven in the middle of the earth, and the difference of kingdoms and cultures should be tangible.
- Being an open door to people and a culture that don't know Jesus is central in the purpose of the church and lives of those who make up the church.

**II. Point: Our effectiveness as An Open Door is not linked to our own Faculties.**

- The church in Philadelphia was not rich in resources.
  - The expansion of this church was God's doing.

*Philippians 2:15*

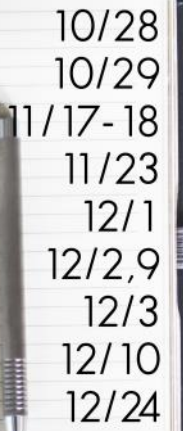
...that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.

- The darker things are around you, the brighter Jesus shines from you.
- These Christians were FAITHFUL, which means that they did not participate in all the pagan rituals and functions associated with Greek culture.
  - But even without participating in those things THEIR LOVE for people LEFT A MARK on their city and they had GREAT INFLUENCE.

**III. Through Jesus you can become the one sure thing in the Hurt and Fear around you.**

- Your faithfulness to God and your willingness to Love will make you into a Pillar that God will insert in the middle of the Shaking.

# SAVE THE DATES



10/28	Trunk or Treat
10/29	Newcomers' Meeting
11/17-18	Youth Convention
11/23	GU Thanksgiving Dinner
12/1	Leadership Party Night
12/2,9	Kids Christmas Dress Rehearsals
12/3	Ladies' Christmas Party
12/10	Children's Christmas Performance
12/24	Christmas Eve Services (3 & 5pm)

Sundays in Nov.

Kids Christmas Play Rehearsals



## GU Thanksgiving Dinner

### A note from Carrie Clifton:

Grace Union has become a part of our family away from home since we moved here in 2008. 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, 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 [lclifton@aol.com](mailto:lclifton@aol.com). More info. to come!

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