

Welcome  
to



**GraceUnion**  
CHURCH

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

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# WELCOME TO GRACE UNION

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).*



**THREE Remaining Rehearsals:**

TODAY; Saturday, 12/2 & 12/9 at 9 am.

The performance is Sunday, December 10th!



We have 276 shoe boxes packed for Operation Christmas Child! **If we get to 300, we'll be dunking Pastor Jason in a dunk tank in the foyer; 350, both Pastor Jason and Pastor Bob!** Chris Pahner is taking dunk tank drawing entries today! If you can help in the Relay Center today (12-4) or Monday (10-12) we need people who can lift 30-50lbs. Lunch will be provided.



If you are interested in becoming a member of GU, or just want to find out more about our church, please meet us for lunch in Conf. Room A (off the lobby) right after service today.



Ladies please join us for a beautiful night, celebrating the Christmas season with games, delicious food & wonderful friends. All ladies 18 & up are invited. Please bring a finger food to share. Sign-up sheets for food are going to be in the foyer. Bring a wrapped gift (\$15 value max) to play in the the rob your neighbor gift exchange. Contact Karen with any questions at [karenmomma@live.com](mailto:karenmomma@live.com).

## **WATER BAPTISM - Sunday, 11/26**

Water Baptism is a public declaration of ones' faith and newness of life in Christ. If you would like to take this important step of faith, or have any questions, please see or contact Pastor Bob at [bobbpoley78@gmail.com](mailto:bobbpoley78@gmail.com).

# WAYS TO CONNECT



**SUNDAYS @ 10AM**  
Nursery—Elementary



**PRAYER NEEDS**  
Email: [gucprayer@gmail.com](mailto:gucprayer@gmail.com)



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



**SUNDAYS @ 9AM**  
Women's Group (Conf. Room B)  
Men's Group (Conf. Room A)

*Pick up a brochure in the lobby of all of our groups.*

## 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



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# SAVE THE DATES



11/23	GU Thanksgiving Dinner
11/26	Water Baptisms
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)
12/31	GU Students NYE Lock-in
1/13	Ministry Workers Safety Training
1/24	Wednesay Night Experience (NEW)

## GU Thanksgiving Dinner

It's not too late to sign up for our GU Thanksgiving Dinner! If you don't have family in the area or plans for a home-cooked meal, please come out this Thursday. Doors to the Family Room open at 2 pm. **Be sure to sign up at the Connect Center table in the lobby, or contact Carrie Clifton at [lcclifton@aol.com](mailto:lcclifton@aol.com).**

### OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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# OVERFLOW (PART 3): *Undeserved*

*Luke 7:1-10*

- 1 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum.
- 2 There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die.
- 3 The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant.
- 4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this,
- 5 because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." (they felt that this guy's actions had earned him favors from God or Jesus or however this partnership worked—they didn't really understand it yet)
- 6 So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof.
- 7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.
- 8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."
- 9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel."
- 10 Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

## **I. The religious leaders were under the impression that people get what they deserve.**

- They believed that this man's favorable treatment of Israel had earned a certain amount of favor and consideration from God.
- Today, we still feel that living a basically good life means that God owes us something.

## **II. Jesus did not come to help those who deserve it.**

*Luke 4:12-21 & 28-30*

*Romans 3:23*

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

- None of us meet the standard. No congratulations are in order.

*Romans 6:23*

The wages of sin is Death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus

- Jesus did not come to reward those who deserve it. He came to bail out those who have squandered it all, and are now lost, leveraged, and powerless.

*John 9:39-41*

39 Then Jesus told him, "I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind."

40 Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, "Are you saying we're blind?"

41 "If you were blind, you wouldn't be guilty," Jesus replied. "But you remain guilty because you claim you can see."

- Sometimes in life we really struggle to understand the depths of our sin and brokenness before God.

*Isaiah 64:6*

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind.

- Every human being is completely undeserving.
- But the amazing news is that Jesus came just for people like us!

**III. Good News: The whole reason Jesus came was to give anybody what nobody deserves.**

- In the biggest twist ending imaginable, the Centurion openly admits that he is owed nothing and deserves nothing, but he asks for something huge!
- Receiving from God today still requires faith.
  - Nothing you have done or will ever do, earns you any merit with him.
  - But in spite of our utter Poverty, Jesus invites us to ask of him.

**Everything you have is truly a gift!**

**Honest evaluation of our own undeservedness causes an overflow of thanksgiving.**