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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.

GU WORSHIP TEAM - Drummers Needed

The Worship Team is looking for drummers! If you want to serve GU with your talent and have a heart for worship, let us know! You can see Carrie Indelicato today, or email her at cindelicato@live.com.

GU SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, 1/20

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 Golden Corral here on Lindbergh. Contact Glenn Adams at glennmadams81@gmail.com.



WAYS TO CONNECT



SUNDAYS @ 10AM
Nursery—Elementary



PRAYER NEEDS
Email: 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)

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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ONLINE AUDIO
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WAYS TO GIVE



ENVELOPE
Offering/Giving Box

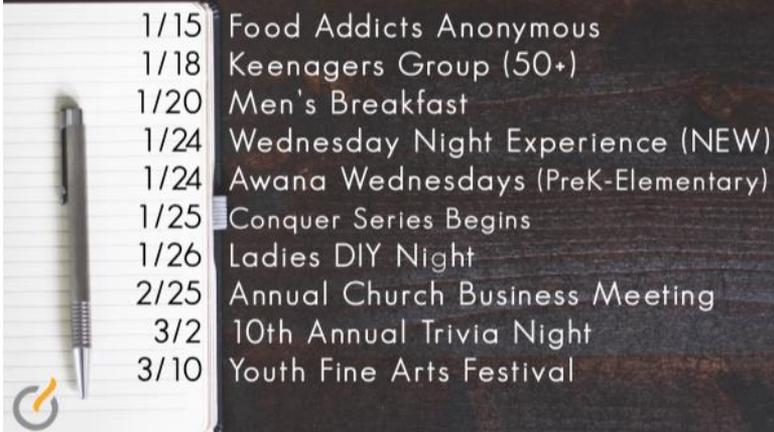


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SAVE THE DATES



1/15	Food Addicts Anonymous
1/18	Keenagers Group (50+)
1/20	Men's Breakfast
1/24	Wednesday Night Experience (NEW)
1/24	Awana Wednesdays (PreK-Elementary)
1/25	Conquer Series Begins
1/26	Ladies DIY Night
2/25	Annual Church Business Meeting
3/2	10th Annual Trivia Night
3/10	Youth Fine Arts Festival



The **Conquer Series** is a powerful, cinematic study that is transforming the lives of men around the world. **Dave Allen will be leading this group starting Thursday, January 25th.** It will be an empowering and educational look at the affects of the porn industry on our lives and the lives of our loved ones. Call or text Dave for more information at **314.620.3104**. Also see www.conquerseries.com to find out more about the series.



If you suffer from food addiction, there is support for recovery and fellowship of others to help begin living fulfilling lives. Each **Monday at 6:30 p.m.**, Maureen leads the South County Food Addicts group here at GU. All are welcome. You can contact Maureen at **314.378.5259** for more information. Also see www.foodaddicts.org.

OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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REDEEM THE TIME: *Babies in a Boat*

Ephesians 4:14

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

I. **What is the danger of being a Baby in boat?**

The passage of time on its own will not produce spiritual maturity.

- A. Being a baby in a boat means that when waves come you are not equipped to handle them.
 - In John 16:33 Jesus said "In this world you will have trouble."
- B. When we are babies in the boat (spiritually immature) our Spiritual, emotional, and mental state is prone to being defined by circumstance.
 - Spiritual Immaturity is like building sand castles below the tide line.
- C. Spiritual maturity enables you to respond to your life in a way the still moves you toward the goal rather than sinking or being set adrift.
- D. **Another risk of Spiritual Immaturity is that you are vulnerable to false beliefs and broken Paradigms.**

Ephesians 4:7-13

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." 9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

II. **There are purposes and abilities God has put in your life that only Maturity can unlock for use.**

- A. According to this scripture what does maturity actually consist of?
 - Unity of the Faith; Knowledge of the Son of God; Attaining the Fullness of the whole measure of Jesus.

- B. **Does your faith in Jesus make you love people and want to be united with them in Friendship? It should.**

1 John 4:20

If we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

John 13:34-35

- 34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.
35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

- C. A difficult person is a spiritually immature person!
- D. A spiritually mature person is not perfect but they prioritize what God does. So they will make the adjustments necessary to move closer in relationship with others.
- E. **How do we grow in knowledge of Jesus?**
- Scripture taught to us and read by us.
- F. Spiritual maturity means that you have read and heard about Jesus over and over again until:
- In any given situation your mind is clearly drawn to things Jesus said and did that shine light on what Jesus would do in your circumstance.

III. Maturity takes Jesus from the realm of beliefs into the realm of action.

- A. A Christian who consistently knows right but consistently does not do right, is immature.

James 1:22

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

- B. There are opportunities for personal blessing, for helping people, and for introducing people to Jesus. Those opportunities are all around us everyday.
- But for many of those opportunities immaturity will make us incapable of being what God plans for us to be in those moments.

Let's move forward. Let's set our sights on Spiritual Maturity.

Let's accept his grace and be moved toward all he has for us to be!