

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.

GU Healthcare Team - MEETING TODAY

Grace Union has many members in the healthcare field that will be serving the church with their expertise. Mindy Adams is leading this group. Anyone in the medical or first responder fields is welcome to attend the monthly meetings where the team can collaborate and fellowship. The first meeting is TODAY, right after service, in Conf. Room B.



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 Pastor Bob. We'll be having baptisms NEXT Sunday right after service.



GU's 10th Annual Trivia Night is scheduled for Friday, March 2nd at 7 p.m.! Save the date now! Proceeds go to Africa Oasis Project digging fresh water wells for communities in Africa. \$15pp. Contact Chuck Forbes at chuckforbz@gmail.com.

WAYS TO CONNECT



SUNDAYS @ 10AM
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM
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)

WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
EXPERIENCE
6:30PM

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



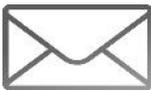
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WAYS TO GIVE



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PRAYPURSUEPARTY



SAVE THE DATES



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| 2/5 | Food Addicts Anonymous |
| 2/7 | Wednesday Night Experience |
| 2/9,16 | Regional House Parties |
| 2/15 | Keenagers (50+) |
| 2/16 | Preschool Party (NEW) |
| 2/17 | Men's Breakfast |
| 2/18 | GUStudents Ice Skating |
| 2/25 | Church Vision & Business Meeting |
| 3/2 | 10th Annual Trivia Night |
| 3/10 | GUStudents Fine Arts Festival |
| 3/9,23 | Regional House Parties |

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Event Decorating, Cooking, Set-up & Clean-up

Contact Karen at karenmomma@live.com to be a part of the team.



The **Conquer Series** is a powerful, cinematic study that is transforming the lives of men around the world. **Dave Allen is leading this group that meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** It is 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.

OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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UNLEASHED: *They'll Let Anyone in Here*

Luke 8:1-3

1 Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, 2 along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons; 3 Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.

- Jesus is starting what we would consider a religious movement with THIS group of very unlikely people.

I. Point: Jesus opens wide the door for anyone and everyone who will to enter the Family of God.

A. There is no characteristic or station in life that boosts or suppresses the invitation of Jesus to you.

Romans 3:21-23

21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. 23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

- Our sin has placed us all in identical standing with God.
- But we can be MADE RIGHT with God by placing our faith in Jesus.
- **That is true for "EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN JESUS" no matter who you are!**

Romans 1:17 – This is accomplished **from start to finish by faith.**

B. Does that mean God embraced all these lifestyles, actions, or ideologies? NO!

- God embraces these people in spite of their confusion and weakness.

Philippians 1:6 – And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

II. Jesus embraced a broad swath of people, so if you were in his movement, you had to, as well.

- A. If we are going to stay in the company of Jesus then what is important to us must take a back seat to what is important to Jesus.

John 13:34 – So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

1 Peter 4:8 – Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

- B. Jesus has a place in his heart for people just like you and people nothing like you.

III. Who decides if we make God's team? And how is it decided?

Luke 8:5-8

5 A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. 6 Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. 8 Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!" When he had said this, he called out, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

- A. The message of this parable is: The invitation goes to all, but our choices or the lack thereof can cause us to self-eliminate.
- In the parable, some of the seed never even germinated. God is explaining why some people seem completely uninterested in the Gospel.
 - There was a second type of seed that landed on prepared soil, but nobody removed the rocks beneath the surface. No Roots.
 - The third type is the plants choked by thorns. If our faith in Jesus is ever to produce in us what God intends, we must have the courage and discipline to prioritize it and Prune our lives.

Here is the thing with priorities and the boundaries that bare them out: They are difficult to establish but easy to maintain.

The same generous and, scandalously, merciful invitation has gone out to all, but what comes of it depends greatly on our reaction.