

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.



Please plan to stay after service next Sunday for our annual Vision & Business Meeting. We'll hear reports on all of our ministry areas, as well as talk about the vision for GU in 2018. You do not have to be an official member to attend, so all are encouraged to stay.

GU STUDENTS ICE SKATING - TODAY

If you are a student in grades 6-12, you're invited to come ice skating at Steinberg today right after service! \$10 covers admission and lunch.

REGIONAL HOUSE PARTIES!

We've been praying and pursuing, and now GUC is partying! Regional house parties have begun. The next parties are as follows:

REGIONAL HOUSE PARTY SCHEDULE

	March 9	March 23	March 30
Zip Codes	63012, 63052, 63048, 63028, 63070, 62225, 63050	63125, 63111, 62236, 62206	63128, 63021, 63049, 63026, 63127, 63025, 63031, 63126
Hosts	Ricky & Kelley Pipkins	Chris & Shelly Kilburn	Jon & Beth Strautz
Address	1534 Mammoth Ln. Imperial, MO 63052	3020 Kreindheder Ct. St. Louis, MO 63125	4930 Brockwood Dr. St. Louis, MO 63128

THIS WEEK AT GU

MONDAY, 2/19

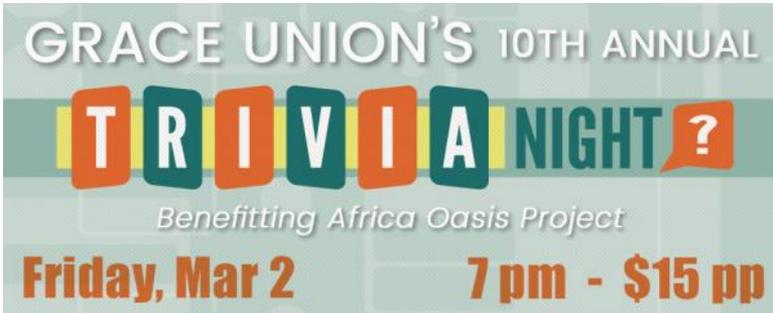
Food Addicts Anonymous - 6:30 p.m. **Maureen Chirco** leads the South County Food Addicts group here at GU. All are welcome. You can contact Maureen at 314.378.5259. Also see www.foodaddicts.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE - 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 2/22

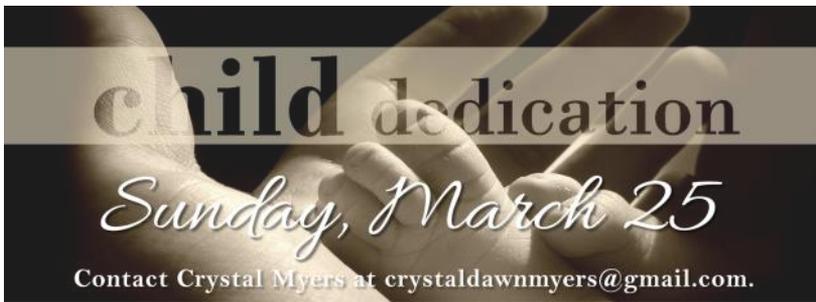
Conquer Series - 6:30 p.m. Led by Dave Allen. This is an empowering and educational look at the affects of the porn industry on our lives and the lives of our loved ones. Call or text Dave for more information at 314.620.3104.

Men's Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Led by Bill Fain. All men are invited out for dinner twice a month at various St. Louis area restaurants. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship with other GUC men and guests at **Rich & Charlie's (4487 Lemay Ferry)**. You can contact Bill at billfain@sbcglobal.net or 314.420.2115.



Grace Union Church is hosting its 10th Annual Trivia Night, Friday, March 2, in the Family Room. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Trivia begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person, with a maximum of 8 players per table. Soft drinks will be available; however, you may bring food and drinks for your table to share. All proceeds will benefit the **Africa Oasis Project** to dig another fresh-water well in Africa. We will need volunteers to collect answer sheets, keep an eye on and refresh the drinks, and help with registration & selling the raffle tickets.

Reservations will take place in the Grace Union lobby prior to and following Sunday service, or you may contact Chuck Forbes at 314.378.2348 or chuckforbz@gmail.com for more information, or to reserve your spot.



We will be having a baby and child dedication on Sunday, March 25th. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact Crystal Myers by March 18th. This dedication is:

- A time for Parents to make a public commitment to God to raise their children in His ways.
- A time for Grace Union Church to join with the parents in prayers for and celebration of these children.



The Easter season is upon us! We would greatly appreciate plastic egg and A LOT of small/individually wrapped candy donations for our TWO eggs hunts on Easter Sunday (one after each morning service)! Please leave donations in the decorated lobby box.



The Stronger Men's Conference is coming soon! The cost is \$155 plus food and gas. You can sign up at the Welcome Center on Sundays. The conference exists to empower and motivate men to live out God's view of manhood and be the best husbands, fathers, and leaders God has called them to be. You can find out more at <https://strongermen.org>. **THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1st.**

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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HAPPILY EVER AFTER: *Part 1*

All of us have inherited a cultural narrative of Love.

I. Super People

- A. According to Plato these early humans were superior to us in every way: mentally, emotionally, and physically.
- B. These Super people had 1 Body but 2 Face, and 4 arms, and 4 Legs.
- C. So Zeus solved the problem by going down and cutting all these super people in half, and thus creating the kinds of people we now know.
- D. In this fictitious mythical story, Plato is relaying to us something he believes about life and its meaning.

Mark 10:6-8

But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So that they are no longer two, but one flesh.

II. According to Jesus, Happily Ever After is built, not found.

- A. The act of marriage itself is a **declaration** of 2 becoming 1. But then the Journey of Marriage is the **process** of 2 becoming 1.
- B. Our Cultural understanding puts all the emphasis on **Finding the One. Scripture puts the emphasis on Becoming One.**
- C. According to Jesus, the key to Happily Ever After is building Oneness with the one you have been United with.
- D. **The biggest key to happily ever after is what you do after you say, "I do."**

III. Love is more than feeling, it is a verb. The act of Loving your spouse carries the unification process forward.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, It does not dishonor others, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

- A. To actively love your spouse the way this passage describes will foster a Oneness that nourishes your marriage and soul.
- B. The questions to ask ourselves and the assignments to give ourselves are:
 - In my actions toward my beloved, how am I displaying:
 - Patience -Kindness -Does not envy -Does not boast
 - Love is not proud -Love is not rude
 - Love is also not easily angered
 - Love keeps no record of wrongs** -Love does not Delight in Evil
 - Love seeks to protect. -Love always Trusts -Love always Hopes
 - Love always perseveres, it doesn't Fail: *Love is to say "I am never going to give up acting toward you in this way."*
- C. Happily Ever After is about you as a WHOLE INDIVIDUAL meeting a suitable person who is themselves a WHOLE INDIVIDUAL, and then promising to LOVE each other in such a way that God (over the course of years) BUILDS the two of you into ONE FLESH.

IV. The Gospel

- A. There is a reason Plato believed that we were all severed from the one we were built for, in Eternity Past.
 - Humanity was built for ONENESS with GOD.
 - Human sin cleaved us away from the One Relationship we all need, the one relationship that IS intended to define our lives (with God).
- B. The God-void, and its consequent yearning, has continued throughout time to give credibility to the myth of the soul mate.
- C. Without allowing Jesus to reconnect that defining relationship you will never be whole.
 - Faith in Jesus reconnects us to that defining relationship, it is the to being whole in all of our other relationships.

SAVE THE DATES



2/25	Church Vision & Business Meeting
2/26	Food Addicts Anonymous
3/1	Conquer Series
3/2	10th Annual Trivia Night
3/9	House Party - Pipkins
3/11	Daylight Savings
3/23	House Party - Kilburns
3/25	Child Dedications
4/1	Easter Sunday & Egg Hunt
4/13,14	Ignite Youth Retreat & Stronger Men's Conference



UPCOMING EVENTS

GU Students and Parents, Save the Dates:

2/21 - Guest DaMAC

3/10 - Fine Arts Festival

3/3 - Girls Night

4/13-14 - Youth Retreat

Contact Pastor Patrick with any questions at patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com, and see facebook.com/GUStudentsStl.

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