

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 TODAY for our annual Vision & Business Meeting. We'll hear reports on all of our ministry areas, budget, and talk about the vision for GU in 2018. We'll also have a Q&A station available after the meeting for any additional questions/concerns. You do not have to be an official member to attend, so all are encouraged to stay.

REGIONAL HOUSE PARTIES!

We've been praying and pursuing, and now GUC is partying! Regional house parties have begun. The next party is **Friday, March 9th, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ricky & Kelley Pipkins**. You can contact Ricky at rickykipkins18@gmail.com. Bring a food item to share if able, and we'll see you there!

	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

FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS - Monday, 6:30 p.m.

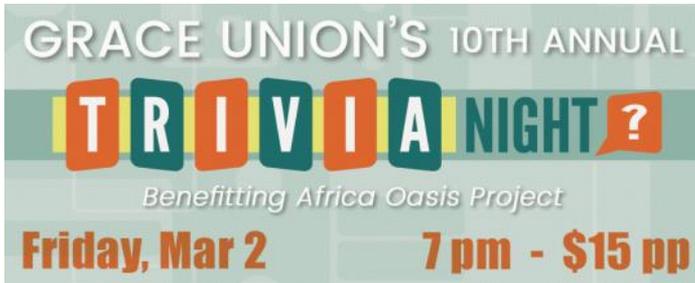
Maureen Chirco leads the South County Food Addicts group here at GU. All are welcome. You can contact Maureen at 314.378.5259. Also see foodaddicts.org.

CONQUER SERIES - Thursday, 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.

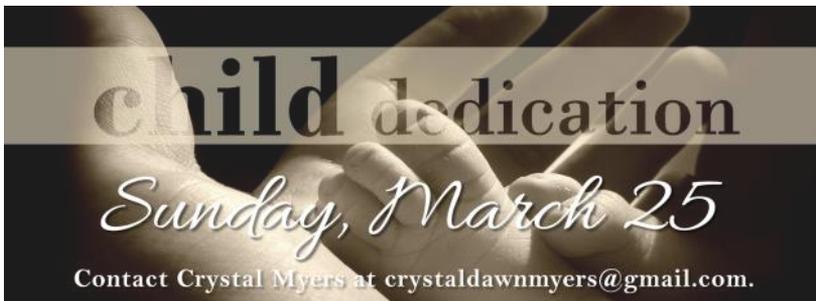
WEDNESDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE - 6:30 p.m.

Programs for kids of all ages (Nursery-High School) and adults (Auditorium).



TRIVIA NIGHT IS THIS FRIDAY! 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 more fresh-water wells 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.

See Chuck Forbes in the lobby today, or you can contact him this week 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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LISTEN ONLINE



ONLINE AUDIO
graceunionstl.org/multimedia

WAYS TO GIVE



ENVELOPE
Offering/Giving Box



TEXT TO GIVE
314.888.5188



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PRAYPURSUEPARTY



HAPPILY EVER AFTER: *Part 2*

I. Recap of last week:

- A. "Happily Ever After" – What does the Bible say, & what does society say?
- B. Love is built, not found.
- C. Love is an action, not a feeling.

II. Marriage is a Picture of the Gospel.

A. Pursuit

- God is CONSTANT
- God is THOROUGH
- God is RELENTLESS

Psalm 139:1-7

"O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?"

- Marriage should be a JOINT PURSUIT toward each other.

B. Unconditional Love

Romans 8:35, 37-39

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- How does unconditional love unlock our full potential?

C. Treated at our Full Potential, not our Current State

Proverbs 18:21

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits."

James 3

"...the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire...no human being can tame the tongue...from the same mouth come blessing and cursing"

- Uplift – we must speak life into our spouse
- Listen – we must engage with our spouse

III. Goal: Perfect Love

John 15:13

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends"...A picture of how Christ loves us... exchanging the just for the unjust"

A. This goal is reached by abiding in Jesus.

John 15:1, 4-5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser...Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

SAVE THE DATES



3/2	10th Annual Trivia Night
3/9	House Party - Pipkins
3/10	Youth Fine Arts Festival
3/11	Daylight Savings
3/17	STL Deaf Church Outreach
3/18	STL Deaf Church 1st Service
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:

3/3 - Girls Night

4/13-14 - Youth Retreat

3/10 - Fine Arts Festival

Contact Pastor Patrick with any questions at

patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com, and see facebook.com/GUStudentsStl.



For information about the new Share the Love Deaf Church outreach and services please contact Pastor Blue Seeley at 417.380.8286 godsfaucet@gmail.com.

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