

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.

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.

PRESCHOOL PARTY - Friday, 10 a.m.

Hosted by Melanie Terry. This is a monthly GU party for parents and their preschool age kids! You can contact Melanie at melaniemterry@gmail.com.

REGIONAL HOUSE PARTIES

We've been praying and pursuing, and now GUC is partying! Regional house parties are under way. The next party is **Friday, March 23rd, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Chris & Shelly Kilburn** (3020 Kreindheder Ct. 63125). This party is for you if you live in the following zip codes: 63125, 63111, 62236, 62206.



Please let Crystal Myers know **today** if you'd like your family to participate in the Child Dedication service next Sunday.



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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PRAYPURSUEPARTY



IN THE LIGHT: *Building to Last*

Recap:

- John's central thought has been Walking in the Light vs. Walking in Darkness.
- Now that we know how to see the Spiritual Landscape, John wants to teach us how to shape it.

1John 2:15-17

- 15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.
- 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.
- 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.
- The world: The Order that is created when people live as if there is no God.
 - Wordliness is Fixation on the temporary and the physical, at the expense of the eternal and the spiritual.

I. The Physical World is currently Enemy Controlled Territory.

- A. The degree to which Humanity submits its will to evil is the degree to which Evil has functional control of the physical world.
- B. Satan delegated control of the physical world to what one bible scholar called the "Unholy TRINITY."
- The lusts of the flesh.
 - The lusts of the eyes.
 - The pride of life.
- C. When the direction of our lives is determined by these three things, we are submitting to the Ruling Authority of our Enemy, Satan.

II. Since we are now In the Light, John is calling us to stop living like the world, and to be Governed instead by the Will of God.

- A. The natural starting point is for people is to operate more like animals than spiritual beings made in the image of God.
- B. There is nothing wrong with physical appetites, or with appreciating or having things, or with a healthy self image.

- But when those appetites become a primary catalyst in your daily life then you are operating under the control of THE WORLD.

C. The reason John is pointing this out is that he wants us to be more than animals. God's desire is for something greater than biology to govern and direct your existence here.

III. **"We are made to have Dominion, within an appropriate domain of Reality". (Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*)**

- A. You were created as an Image Bearer of God.
- You were created to create.
 - You were shaped in order to be able to shape.
 - You have been invited under his rule, so that you can rule.
- B. God's intention is that every one of us has a kingdom or a queendom where our choices determine what happens.
- C. **Our Dominion is Derivative of God's Dominion.**
- D. God has given us this independent, creative will like he has; and only through our submission to his will, do we learn how to properly exercise our will.
- E. Our choices today create the reality of tomorrow.
- F. It is God's plan for you to join him in the creation of a reality that is beautiful and firmly in the Light.


IV. **We are all creating a reality. The only question is what that reality will be and how long will it endure.**

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When you are focused on doing the will of God, you are building your life out of, and on top of, things that last into all eternity.

SAVE THE DATES



3/23	House Party - Kilburns
3/25	Child Dedications
3/30	House Party - Strautz
4/1	Easter Sunday & Egg Hunt
	Men's Retreat Deadline
4/13,14	Ignite Youth Retreat & Stronger Men's Conference
4/22	Elementary Nerf Event
4/29	"Who We Are" Lunch
5/4	Food Truck/Movie Night
5/13	Mother's Day



STRONGER MEN'S CONFERENCE 2018 APRIL 13-14, 2018

COST
\$155

REGISTER BY APRIL 1



Please keep Pastor Blue in your prayers. The Share the Love Deaf Church service has been postponed due to health issues. A new start date will be announced when available.

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