

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.



We invite you to meet us in the Family Room after service to witness and celebrate with the families dedicating their children today!

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE - 6:30 p.m.

We hope you continue to make GU a part of your week by coming out Wednesday evening for a time of prayer, worship and fellowship. We have programs for kids of all ages, and GUS students (6th-12th grade) have their own dynamic service. It all starts at 6:30 p.m.

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 30th at the home of Jon and Beth Strautz** (4930 Brockwood Dr. 63128). This party is for you if you live in the following zip codes: 63128, 63021, 63049, 63026, 63127, 63025, 63031, 63126.

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

If you are interested in attending the Men's Conference, registration is due by **NEXT SUNDAY**. Cost for the conference and hotel are \$155.



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)

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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.

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PRAYPURSUEPARTY



IN THE LIGHT: *Abide*

1 John 3:1-2 – See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Lavish: to bestow something in generous or extravagant quantities.

I. Part of being in the Light means Grasping that God Lavishes love through Jesus.

A. If you don't hold on to the truth of Scripture, the Devil will lie to you about what God lavishes your way.

John 3:17 – For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

- So whatever treatment from God Jesus earned with his perfect life, he earned it for you.

B. Your goodness does not pave the way for the Lavishing; the Lavishing paves the way for your goodness.

C. Being God's children shapes what we can anticipate from life.

- Identity was tied up in the Father.
- Provision and wealth flowed directly from him.
- Opportunity came from him.

D. The path to purpose, identity, provision, and opportunity, is to draw close to your Heavenly Father.

II. Children grow into exponentially more than they start off as.

1 John 3:2 – Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

A. As these kids grew to adulthood they would expand the glory and greatness of the Father's legacy.

B. **When the Father declares you a Son or a Daughter, part of his purpose is to Reveal his Glory Through you.**

But how does this happen?

III. Legacy Growth is a process we must willingly participate in.

1 John 3:2-3 – Dear friends now we are his children and what we will be has not yet been made known, but we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him, and we shall see him as he is. **All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.**

- A. The process of Growing into the Legacy God has for you has 2 Phases:
 - One phase where you purify yourself by imitating Jesus.
 - The second phase happens in the age to come. The moment we see Jesus face to face all that is imperfect in us will change in an instant!
- B. We sometimes work from the understanding that the Purifying work of God in us will all happen “some day in the future.”
- C. But John gives us the metaphor of a child incrementally developing into who they will one day be.

IV. “When Christ appears we will be like him.”

- A. Right now we are called by his name but we are a pretty poor representation
 - But then we will be actually be humanity made whole and perfect.

Romans 8:19 – For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

- B. Why is creation excited for you to be a spiritual grown up?
 - Because you have been given dominion of the earth.
 - Imagine what this world will be when its caretakers and stewards are finally operating at their potential.
- C. C.S. Lewis wondered whether heaven would so invade this life that looking back you might not be able to tell exactly the moment this life ended and Heaven began.

V. How do we do with that? (Application)

1 John 2:28-29 – And now, dear children, continue (abide) in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

- A. It all comes down to the strength of your connection to Jesus. How much are you allowing him to flow into your life.
 - Pray. Pursue. Party
- B. The more you abide in him, the more you will be like him.

SAVE THE DATES



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| 3/30 | House Party - Strautz |
| 4/1 | Easter Sunday & Egg Hunt Men's Retreat Deadline |
| 4/2 | Food Addicts Anonymous |
| 4/13, 14 | Ignite Youth Retreat & Stronger Men's Conference |
| 4/15 | Water Baptisms |
| 4/22 | Elementary Nerf Event |
| 4/29 | "Who We Are" Lunch |
| 5/4 | Food Truck/Movie Night |
| 5/13 | Mother's Day |



water BAPTISM

4.15.18

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