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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

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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](http://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](http://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 tudents (6th-12th grade) have their own dynamic service. It all starts at 6:30 p.m. **Note:** All programs except for GU Students will be on break after this Wednesday. We will resume mid-week ministries in June.



Water Baptism is a public declaration of ones' faith and newness of life in Christ. If you would like to take this step, please contact Pastor Bob. We invite everyone to stay after service next Sunday to witness and celebrate with those getting baptized!



All Elementary-aged kids are invited to a Nerf Battle in the Family Room April 22nd! Contact Lisa Spindler for more details at [spindlers@gmail.com](mailto:spindlers@gmail.com).

# WAYS TO CONNECT



**SUNDAYS @ 10AM**  
**WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM**  
Nursery—Elementary



**PRAYER NEEDS**  
Email: [gucprayer@gmail.com](mailto: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**  
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## **WAYS TO GIVE**



**ENVELOPE**  
Offering/Giving Box



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# PRAYPURSUEPARTY



# EXODUS: The Law of Sowing and Reaping

## Story of the Exodus:

- After 400 years in Egypt, much of which was spent in harsh SLAVERY, God sent a man named Moses to DELIVER his people out of Slavery, into FREEDOM.
- Two months after the Exodus, God gave his people the Old Testament Law, at Mt Sinai.
- God had set them free, but from here on they were building their own reality in partnership with God.

*Exodus 19:4-6* – 4 You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

## I. Obedience is God's primary blessing delivery system.

- A. Blessing comes pre-packaged with obedience. Curses come pre-packaged with sin.

*Galatians 5:1*

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then and do not let yourself be burdened again by the yoke of slavery.

- B. God is committed to teaching us to foster our future freedom.

*Galatians 6:7-9* – 7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

## II. The Law of Sowing and Reaping: God entrusts us with the ability to shape our lives and the world through our choices.

- A. The life, career, family, and the community that we end up with is a product of either shaping, or failure to shape, what God has given.

### B. Explore: Sowing and Reaping.

- **What grows was planted.**
- **If you plant good seed, you will get a good crop.**
- **If you plant a lot, a lot will grow.**
- **If you plant a little, only grow a little will grow.**

### III. Principle 1: We cannot harvest change until we first sow it.

- A. We cannot just decide we want something different, and then start harvesting it.
  - Once we decide, we must begin sowing.
- B. You cannot decide your way out of what you have Sown your way into.
  - We Sow our way in, and we must Sow our way out.

### IV. Principle 2: Reaping takes place in a different season than sowing.

- A. The things you are living with today (good or bad) are probably the result of things you sowed months or even years ago.
- B. The intervening time between sowing and reaping fools us into seeing ourselves as victims rather than farmers.

*Galatians 6:9* – Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

- C. **There will always be significant delay between your good sowing and its good reaping.**

### V. Principle 3: Sowing and Reaping has an Exponential Effect.

- A. For good or for bad, seeds we sow grow into results, exponentially more than what we initiated.
- B. We do not control the multiplication rate, but we do control the nature of the seed that goes into multiplication.
  - **If we do it right, more GOOD and more BLESSING are multiplied back to us than we ever could sow out.**
- C. Your life is a field, and you are the farmer. The point at which you have input is SOWING.
  - What kind of crops do you want: Family, Career, Friendships, Marriage, Finances?
  - Start sowing the right seeds.

# SAVE THE DATES



4/13,14	Stronger Men's Conference
4/15	Water Baptisms
4/16	Food Addicts Anonymous
4/19	Keenagers (50+)
4/21	Men's Breakfast
4/22	Elementary Nerf Event
4/29	"Who We Are" Lunch
5/4	Food Truck/Movie Night
5/13	Mother's Day
6/11-15	Kids Camp
6/18-22	Youth Camp



Save the date for Friday, May 4th! We'll have food trucks, crafts for the kids and movie on the lawn.

## OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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