

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.

"WHO WE ARE LUNCH" REMINDER

If you signed up for the "Who We Are" lunch, we'll meet you in the Family Room after service! If you are new to GU, this is an opportunity for our staff & leaders to get to know you better, and for you to find out more about our church.

THIS WEEK AT GU

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

Each Monday at 6:30 p.m., Maureen Chirco leads the South County Food Addicts group. All are welcome. If you suffer from food addiction, there is support for you.

MOTHER'S MILK MINISTRY - TUESDAY, 10 a.m.

Mother's Milk Ministry is a support group for moms with babies to connect and support each other. The group meets once a month and is led by Melanie Terry, a Certified Lactation Consultant.

LADIES PRAYER - WEDNESDAY, 6:30 p.m.

All women are invited for a time of prayer and fellowship this Wednesday.

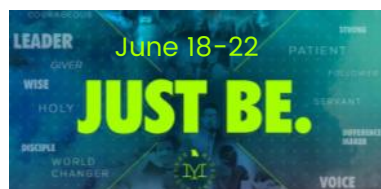
Note: There are no children's programs as they will resume in June. GU students **do** have their mid-week service at 6:30 p.m.



Come out to GU **THIS FRIDAY** for food trucks and a movie on the lawn! Crafts for the kids start at 6:30 p.m., and "Star Wars: A New Hope" will start at 7:30 p.m.



Kids Camp Registration is open! This camp is for kids completing 1st-6th grade. To help offset your costs, you can register your child online, and then give a \$100 deposit **to GU**. More information is at the GU Kids Area. You can also contact Lisa Spindler for more details at spindlers@gmail.com.



Youth Camp is also open for registration! This camp is for students completing 6th-12th grade. See Pastor Patrick or contact him at patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com.

WAYS TO CONNECT



SUNDAYS @ 10AM
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)

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



EXODUS: Zombie Farm

Introduction:

- God led the Israelites out of Egypt.
- God led the Israelites to Mt. Sinai and gave them the OLD TESTAMENT LAW.
- God had set them free, but from here on they were building their own reality in partnership with God.
- Like the Israelites, we are standing free on the other side of the Red Sea.
 - A world of opportunity lays before us, if we will shape it as such.

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.

Galatians 5:13

You my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

I. In every situation we must choose between sowing seeds of Self-Service or Serving Others.

- A. If we continually sow to our flesh, over time, we become thoroughly self-centered.
- B. **Planting seeds that make us more Others-centered moves us toward real life.**
- C. To plant seeds that make us more Self-Centered is to move toward destruction.

Galatians 6:8

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.

II. What starts off as “Simple Selfishness” grows much more ugly.

Galatians 5:19-21

- 19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery (sensuality);
- 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions
- 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

- A. Some things on this list seem crazy, but some we are inclined to excuse.
- But all of this list are just different branches on the same tree.
- B. It all traces back to that fundamental choice: Will I commit myself to serving others humbly in love? Or will I serve myself?

III. The seeds we sow determine whether we Eat Each Other Alive, or Feed Each other, bringing life.

Galatians 5:15

If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

- A. Sowing and reaping in community is Exponential and Reciprocal.
- B. **We are either sowing a community of support or competition.**
- **Self-service turns us into a community of Zombies.**
 - When our only concern is feeding ourselves, it comes at any cost.
- C. **The more you are in God's presence, the more The Spirit can produce HIS FRUIT in you.**
- D. It is his fruit of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control in you that allows you to act in Others First Ways.

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

SAVE THE DATES



5/1 Mother's Milk Ministry Meeting
5/4 Food Truck/Movie Night
5/7 Food Addicts Anonymous
5/13 Mother's Day
5/17 Keenagers (50+)
5/19 Men's Breakfast
6/11-15 Kids Camp
6/18-22 Youth Camp
6/27 Summer Semester Begins



Stuffed Animals

April



Hygiene Items

May

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Each year Grace Union participates in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, bringing shoeboxes of gifts to children all over the world. If you would like to contribute throughout the year, you can leave items in the collection box by the GU Café. April's item is stuffed animals, and May is hygiene items. If you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, please contact Christine Pahner at craftercrispy@yahoo.com. Also see www.samaritanspurse.org.

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