

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](http://graceunionstl.org).*

### **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.

#### **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. GUStudents **do** have their mid-week service at 6:30 p.m.



We will be honoring all of the moms in our service next Sunday, complete with Momlympics and a special gift! We hope you'll come back to celebrate Mother's Day with us!

**CREAKY KIDz 18**  
JUNE 11-15  
Cost \$199  
Early Registration by 5/1

Kids Camp Registration is underway! This camp is for kids completing 1st-6th grade. More information is at the GU Kids Area. You can also contact Lisa Spindler for more details at [spindlers@gmail.com](mailto:spindlers@gmail.com).

LEADER GIVER PATIENT STRONG  
WISE HOLY JUST BE. DISCIPLE WORLD CHANGER VOICE  
June 18-22

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](mailto:patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com).

# WAYS TO CONNECT



**SUNDAYS @ 10AM**  
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)

## **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](http://graceunionstl.org/multimedia)

## **WAYS TO GIVE**



ENVELOPE  
Offering/Giving Box



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# PRAYPURSUEPARTY



# EXODUS: Law of Scarcity or Abundance

## Introduction:

- 1500 years before Jesus, God's people found themselves in slavery and suffering Genocide in Egypt!
- God sent a Deliverer named Moses.
  - After generations of being told where to go and what to do, they were now their own masters.
- God led the Israelites to Mt. Sinai and Gave them the OLD TESTAMENT LAW.
  - God set them free, but from here on they were building reality in partnership with God.
- A new Exodus Happened when Jesus died and rose again.
  - Sin is no longer our master we are free to live a whole new kind of life.
  - Our past no longer holds or defines us, and a world of opportunity lays before us, to be shaped.

*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.

*Luke 6: 37-38* – 37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

## I. God is basing input levels for your life on output levels from your life.

*James 1:17*

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

- A. On a fundamental level God is behind the good things that flow into your life.
- B. And on top of that, Luke is telling us God sets the volume of blessing, based on the level of blessing come from us.
- C. We tend to have it backwards.
  - We think that when God is generous with us THEN we can be generous with others.
  - But God is waiting for us to be generous with others before he can entrust us with his level of generosity.

D. Open hands toward others result in an open heaven toward us.

## **II. Systematic generosity trains our heart to be generous in all other forms.**

*Malachi 3:10* – “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

- A. God's desire is for us to take the first portion of the blessing and provision he gives us, and invest it back into his kingdom work.
- B. Money has a way of gripping our heart. By systematically giving parts of it away, we break the hold money has on us, and we get a hold on it.

*1 Corinthians 9: 6-11* – 6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

## **III. The Generous Spirit that is built through Giving opens the door for God to use your life as a source of the Healing of the Word.**

*10a* Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed...

- A. One of the keys to learning to handle material possessions and money is recognizing the difference between Bread and Seed.

*10b* ...and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

- B. God wants to bless you to the extent you never run into a situation that you would like to be generous in, but don't have the means to do so.

*11* You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

- C. As they gave into church ministry, their money was actually turned into the gospel going forward and people coming to faith in Jesus.

# SAVE THE DATES



5/13 Mother's Day Service  
5/14 Food Addicts Anonymous  
5/17 Keenagers (50+)  
5/19 Men's Breakfast  
6/1 Volunteer/Leader Party  
6/10 Water Baptisms  
6/11-15 Kids Camp  
6/18-22 Youth Camp  
6/27 Summer Semester Begins



## LEADERSHIP APPRECIATION *night*

JUNE 1

6:30 PM

We have amazing volunteers here at Grace Union! If you serve in **ANY** area, we invite you to a night of food and fun **Friday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m.**



Hygiene Items  
May

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. If you have any questions, contact Christine Pahner at [craftycrispy@yahoo.com](mailto:craftercrispy@yahoo.com).

## OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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