

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 it's your first time here, please stop by the Connect Center in the lobby for a free gift. We'd love to meet you.

GU News & Events

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.



We have amazing volunteers and leaders here at GU! If you serve in ANY area (greeting, usher, café, kids church, youth, worship, etc.), we invite you to a night of food and fun THIS Friday, June 1st at 6:30 p.m.



Water Baptism is a public declaration of ones' faith and newness of life in Christ. If you would like to take this important step of faith, or have any questions, please see or contact Pastor Bob!



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.

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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GREATER THAN: The Danger of the Drift

Hebrews 2:1

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore to what we have heard so that we do not drift away.

I. Our lives, our connection to Jesus, and the church itself are vulnerable to Drift.

"On our way to Crazy" Waterdeep: "Almost no one slides on purpose, no one sells their soul for free, once we love the things that hurt us, we are on our way to crazy."

C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*: "The safest road to hell is the gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts."

II. Because our Enemy is Subtle, Conscious Effort is required for us not to Drift into decay.

- A. This letter of Hebrews was referring specifically to Christians drifting back into Judaism.
- B. At that point Jesus was no longer the center of their lives; their efforts and goodness were. Jesus was slowly REPLACED.
- C. Where are our Drift Risks?
 - **American culture drifts toward subjective, compartmentalized, marginalized faith.**
 - **Another major tendency in American culture is toward idolatry and sensuality.**
- D. Many Christians stepped away from a life centered on those things and found REAL LIFE in JESUS.
 - A trick of your Enemy is to Subtly drift you back toward those things.

III. The solution for Spiritual Drift is Deliberate Attention to Jesus' words and our response to them.

- A. These Christians who tended naturally toward overzealous, religious action, needed to pay special attention to THE GOSPEL.
- B. **To be clear about whether we are drifting, we have to pay close attention to the things Jesus said.**

- C. Jesus' words become light shining on our actions, thoughts, and patterns, revealing truth to us about the direction our lives are moving in.
- D. A pattern of daily digging into what Jesus said will give you more and more *Anchor Points*, holding fast against the drift of culture.

IV. There is more at stake than just you.

Hebrew 2:1-8

- 1 We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.
 - 2 For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment,
 - 3 how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.
 - 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.
 - 5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.
 - 6 But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him?
 - 7 You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor
 - 8 and put everything under their feet."
- A. We are determining the church future generations will inherit.
 - B. We are crafting the standard for what future generations think Following Jesus looks like.

SAVE THE DATES



6/1	Volunteer/Leader Party
6/4	Food Addicts Anonymous
6/8	Summer House Parties Begin
6/10	Water Baptisms
6/11-15	Kids Camp
6/16	Men's Breakfast
6/17	Father's Day
6/21	Keenagers (50+)
6/18-22	Youth Camp
6/27	Summer Semester Begins

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EYES
WIDE
OPEN

WOMEN'S RETREAT
OCTOBER 11-13

JAMES RIVER ARENA - SPRINGFIELD, MO
COST: \$258 DUE AT REGISTRATION
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

We are so excited about our fall ladies retreat! Mark your calendars now for October 11-13! We'll be attending the Designed for Life Conference at James River Arena in Springfield. The total cost due at registration will be \$258. More details to come! If you have any questions, contact Karen at karenmomma@live.com.

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