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to



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CHURCH

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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

GU Students EPIC SUMMER - WEDNESDAY, 6:30 p.m.

All youth grades 6-12 are invited to an Epic Summer of Wednesday Night events! Come hang out at 6, and the festivities start at 6:30!

WATER BAPTISMS - SUNDAY, June 10th

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.

FATHER'S DAY SERVICE! - SUNDAY, June 17th

CALLING ALL DADS! We have a great Father's Day planned for you! We will have **STL Ax Throwing** 9-10 a.m. and after the service; **DADLYMPICS** during service; and the grand prize winner will receive a day at the Race Track driving an exotic car. It'll be a morning of fun you won't want to miss!

REGIONAL HOUSE PARTIES

We've been praying and pursuing, and it's time to party! Our first house party of the summer is **THIS FRIDAY, June 8th at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Glenn & Mindy Adams. This party is for you if you live in the following zip codes: **63123, 63116, 63109, 63105, 63114, 63143**. The Adams' address is 826 Zeiss Ave. 63123. Please bring a food item to share if able. Contact Mindy with any questions at mindyadams82@gmail.com. Mark your calendars for these next house parties!

REGIONAL HOUSE PARTY SCHEDULE

	June 29	July 6	August 3
Zip Codes	63128, 63021, 63049, 63026, 63127, 63025, 63031, 63126	63012, 63052, 63048, 63028, 63070, 62225, 63050	63010, 63129
Hosts	Jon & Beth Strautz	David & Theresa Stephan	Bill & Karen Fain
Address	4930 Brockwood Dr. St. Louis, MO 63128	1620 Shane Dr. Imperial, MO 63052	6299 Whisper Bend Dr. St. Louis, MO 63129

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: Rest and the Whole Jesus

Rest is when you feel like all the pieces of life are settled into place; and Restlessness occurs when there are things or areas of life that seem Askew.

Hebrews 3:7-11 – 7 “Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, 9 where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did. 10 That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.’ 11 So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’

I. It is possible to be a Christian but still live in Restlessness.

- A. God doesn't want restlessness for you.
 - Life won't be perfect or easy on this side of Eternity.
 - But there is something very good about feeling like all the pieces of settled into their place.
- B. **One reason we are restless is that we don't have an accurate view of who we are; who Jesus is; or how God intends us to interact.**

Hebrews 3:1 – Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.

- C. God has already framed our relationship and interaction.
 - To find rest, we need to plug the pieces into their proper holes.

II. God designed you for a Purpose that can only be discover in Relational Community.

Ephesians 2:10 tells us that we are God's Masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

- A. When Hebrews says that you are Holy, that means that you are set apart for a special purpose.
 - This purpose is not discernible in isolation.
- B. Over time you find your purpose through serving, living, and growing in close relationship with other Christians.

III. Jesus is our Apostle and High Priest.

- A. Jesus died to pay the price for what humans could never be, but he lived 33 years to show what he died to make us.

- B. So many Christians tend toward restlessness because we swing mostly to one understanding of Jesus or the other.
- C. If we focus exclusively on Jesus the high priest we begin to think, "It doesn't matter what I do or don't do."
 - This can cause us to live in a way that tries and tests God.
- D. Jesus intends for us to learn from him how to be Human.

Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG paraphrase) - "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

- E. Jesus is the Law of God. But because he meets it for us, his application of it is not heavy and burdensome.
 - As we learn to live in obedience to his Commands, we experience the rest that Jesus talked about.
- F. **Why is a Christianity that does not include Obedience Restless?**
 - Obedience to Jesus unlocks true humanity with all of its potential.

C.S. Lewis: "The more we get what we now call 'ourselves' out of the way and let Him take us over, the more truly ourselves we become...He invented us as an author invents characters in a novel...In that sense our real selves are all waiting for us in Him. It is no good trying to be 'be myself' without Him. The more I resist Him and try to live on my own, the more I become dominated by own heredity and upbringing and surroundings and natural desires. In fact that which I so proudly call 'Myself' becomes merely the meeting place for trains of events which I never started and which I cannot stop. What I call 'My wishes' become merely the desires thrown up by my physical organism or pumped into me by other men's thoughts or even suggested to me by devils."

Colossians 3:3 - "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."

- G. **You have a purpose to live out, and you are intended to be an expression of God's Magnificence in flesh.**
 - This part of us gets settled into place only when we Recognize Jesus as our Sacrifice and our Standard for Behavior.
- H. We must hold firmly to him as our Sacrifice AND our High Priest.
 - Ironically it is In The Tension between these two Truths that Our Soul finds Rest.

Hebrews 4:11 - Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that none of us will perish by following their example of disobedience.

List of Jesus' Commands

- Repent and follow—Matthew 4:17-19
- Rejoice when you are persecuted for following Jesus—Matthew 5:12
- Let Your Light Shine by good deeds—Matthew 5:16
- Do Not Be Angry with your brother—Matthew 5:21-22
- Be Reconciled with the one you offended—Matthew 5:24-25
- Repent from sin by cutting off the temptation—Matthew 5:29-30
- Say what you mean and mean what you say —Matthew 5:37
- Do Not Retaliate Against Evil Persons—Matthew 5:38-39
- Sacrifice Beyond What Others Demand You Give—Matthew 5:38-42
- Love Your Enemies—Matthew 5:44
- Don't conduct your spirituality to be seen by others—Matthew 6:5-6
- Don't lay up treasures on earth but in heaven—Matthew 6:19-20
- Seek Above All God's Kingdom, and God will provide materially—Matthew 6:33
- Do Not Judge By Standards You Cannot Meet—Matthew 7:1-3
- Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You—Matthew 7:12
- Pray God Sends Co-Laborers To Spread Good News—Matthew 9:38
- Fear God, Not Man—Matthew 10:26 and Matthew 10:28
- Deny Yourself, Take Up Your Cross & Follow Me—Luke 9:23
- Go to Those Who Wrong You And Confront Over Their Wrong—Matthew 18:15
- Forgive Those Who Wrong You, even if they keep wronging you over and over—Matthew 18:21-22
- Stay Married—Matthew 19:6; 5:31-32
- In humility choose low positions, prefer others—Matthew 20:26-28
- Be A People Producing Fruit, Or You Will Not Receive the Kingdom—Matthew 21:4
- Invite To Meals The Poor, the Lame, etc.—Luke 14:12-14
- Render to Caesar What Belongs to Caesar—Matthew 22:19-21
- Render to God What Belongs to God—Matthew 22:19-21
- Love the Lord [Yahweh] with all your heart, mind and soul—Matthew 22:37-38
- Praise, honor and worship the name of Yahweh.—Matthew 6:9
- Make the name of Yahweh known to fulfill the will of Christ in His prayer to the Father.—John 17:6
- Love Your Neighbor—Matthew 22:39
- Use the gifts and resources God has given you to produce spiritual fruit. (Matt. 25:29. Cf. Matt. 13:12)
- Watch and Pray—Matthew 26:41

- Build others up spiritually—John 21:15–16
- Be baptized. Lead others to faith, and baptize them—Matthew 28:19
- Teach The Nations All That I Have Commanded—Matthew 28:19
- Receive God's Power—Luke 24:49
- Make Disciples of All Nations, Teaching Them to Observe All That I Commanded You—Matthew 28:20
- Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.—John 13:34.

SAVE THE DATES



6/8	Summer House Parties Begin
6/10	Water Baptisms
6/11	Food Addicts Anonymous
6/11-15	Kids Camp
6/13	GUStudents Epic Summer
6/16	Men's Breakfast
6/17	Father's Day
6/21	Keenagers (50+)
6/18-22	Youth Camp
6/23	OCC Project Meeting/Speaker
6/27	Summer Semester Begins

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EYES

WOMEN'S RETREAT

WIDE

OCTOBER 11-13

OPEN

JAMES RIVER ARENA - SPRINGFIELD, MO

COST: \$258 DUE AT REGISTRATION

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Mark your calendars now for the Ladies Retreat October 11-13! We'll be attending the Designed for Life Conference at the John Q. Hammons 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.



Toys

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