

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

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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 SUMMER SERIES - "AHA"

This week we begin our summer series, "AHA." We'll discover the common threads that draw us closer to one another, God, and our own "aha" moment. Summer small groups start **TODAY** to dig deeper into the series. See the insert to find the group that you think will be a good fit for you. You can still sign up today, or email/text the group leader. Books are also available for \$5 at the sign-up table!

### GU AT THE MOVIES - Sunday, July 1

If you signed up to see "Incredibles 2," payment is due **TODAY - \$9.25pp**, checks to Grace Union. See Lisa Spindler with any questions, or you can email her at [spindlers@gmail.com](mailto:spindlers@gmail.com)

### REGIONAL HOUSE PARTIES

We've been praying and pursuing, and GU is partying! Summer house parties are under way! Find your region on the schedule below. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming out to party with your GU neighbors!

	<b>June 29</b> <i>(Region 5)</i>	<b>July 6</b> <i>(Region 1)</i>	<b>August 3</b> <i>(Region 2)</i>	<b>August 31</b> <i>(Region 3)</i>
<b>Zip Codes</b>	63128, 63021, 63049, 63026, 63127, 63025, 63031, 63126	63012, 63052, 63048, 63028, 63070, 62225, 63050	63010, 63129	63125, 63111, 62236, 62206
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# 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**  
Men's & Women's Groups @ 9am  
Afternoon Home Groups  
**WEDNESDAYS @ 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**  
[graceunionstl.org/multimedia](http://graceunionstl.org/multimedia)

## **WAYS TO GIVE**



**ENVELOPE**  
Offering/Giving Box



**TEXT TO GIVE**  
314.888.5188



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

# PRAYPURSUEPARTY



# AHA Part 1: The Aha Experience

**Aha: A sudden understanding, recognition, or resolution.**

**Three Components to Aha:**

- 1) Sudden Awakening
- 2) Brutal Honesty
- 3) Immediate Action

*Luke 15:11-12*

11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons.

12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

## **I. This story begins at home.**

- A. Home was a good place to be.
- B. Nevertheless, there's something in the younger son that wanted to leave home.
- C. He became so focused on what he wanted and when he wanted it, that he treated his own father with utter disrespect.
  - When our biggest concern swings toward what we want and when we want it, we will eventually find ourselves doing things that would have (at first) sounded UNIMAGINABLE and are completely out of bounds.
- D. A strong desire for complete Autonomy is nothing more than thinly veiled Selfishness.
- E. Our selfish desires drive us to the point where we begin to see God and Life in Him as a Ball and Chain, slowing down, holding us back.

## **II. Question: What makes us want to live life apart from God?**

### **A. "I want it now!" The call of Instant Gratification**

- We have grown accustomed to having everything the moment we want it.
- God actually sees value in making us wait for things that he could give us much faster.
- Waiting for God's timing is hard. So we think, "I can get this on my own", so we Leave the Fathers House.

## **B. Entitlement: The feeling that "I deserve this."**

- The only thing we deserve is Death and Judgment. Anything else is the Result of Gods Grace. (Romans 6:23)
- When we start thinking that we deserve certain things and we have earned certain things then we will never be content with where God has put us or the challenges or limitations of that place.
  - We will always be tempted to "Leave Home."


## **C. Bitterness: "I can do better on my own."**

- This is the most basic and most central human temptation and sin.
  - It is what Satan tempted Adam and Eve with in the Garden of Eden: "God is holding you back, you can do it so much better on your own..."
  - The temptation was stepping out from under God's authority and calling their own shots.
- God is a God who allows us to choose Him, or to choose to leave Him.

We've all left the Father's house at one time or another. It's not so much a question of whether or not you left, not so much a question of what excuse you used to leave.

It's much more a question of whether or not you'll go back.

# SAVE THE DATES



6/25	Food Addicts Anonymous
6/27	Wednesday Night Ministries
7/1	GU at the Movies
7/2	Food Addicts Anonymous
7/13	Food Truck/Movie Night
7/21	Men's Breakfast
7/22	GU Students Bring a Friend Day
8/18	GU Students Engage the Campus
8/19	Who We Are Lunch
9/2	Labor Day BBQ

\* See [graceunionstl.org](http://graceunionstl.org) or [Facebook.com/graceunionstl](https://www.facebook.com/graceunionstl) for details about these and other GU Events! \*

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## WOMEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 11-13

JOHN Q HAMMONS ARENA - SPRINGFIELD, MO  
COST: \$258 DUE AT REGISTRATION  
MORE DETAILS TO COME!



Toys

June



Clothing Items

July

## OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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