

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

HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY PASTOR BOB

Stay with us after service **next Sunday** to celebrate Pastor Bob's 40th Birthday! All are welcome for a cake reception in the family room!

GU SUMMER SERIES - "AHA"

It's never too late to join a small group to dig deeper into our current "AHA" series. You can find more information about the current groups in the lobby. Books are also available for \$5.

GU AT THE MOVIES - TODAY

If you signed up to see "Incredibles 2" today, Lisa Spindler has your ticket! The movie starts at 1 p.m. at Ronnie's. If you don't get your ticket at church, find her inside the theatre lobby.

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!

	July 6 <i>(Region 1)</i>	August 3 <i>(Region 2)</i>	August 31 <i>(Region 3)</i>
Zip Codes	63012, 63052, 63048, 63028, 63070, 62225, 63050	63010, 63129	63125, 63111, 62236, 62206
Hosts	David & Theresa Stephan	Bill & Karen Fain	Chris & Shelly Kilburn
Address	1620 Shane Dr. Imperial, MO 63052	6299 Whisper Bend Dr. St. Louis, MO 63129	3020 Kreindheder Ct. St. Louis, MO 63125



Clothing Items

July

WAYS TO CONNECT



SUNDAYS @ 10AM
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30pm
Nursery—Elementary



PRAYER NEEDS
Email: gucprayer@gmail.com



SUNDAYS (Middle School) @ 10:15
WEDNESDAYS (Gr 6-12) @ 6:30PM



SUNDAYS
Adults Group @ 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



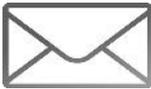
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WAYS TO GIVE



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Offering/Giving Box



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PRAYPURSUEPARTY



AHA Part 2: The Distant Country

A.wakening

H.onesty

A.ction

Luke 15:11-13

- 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.
- 13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

I. The Distant Country Will Leave You Broke.

- A. Luke 15:13 – "squandered his wealth in wild living."
"Wild living:" The manner of life by which someone destroys themselves or, wild and undisciplined life.
- B. It started as just living on his own, chasing his own dreams; but it ended up being more than he could handle. And it cost him more than he ever imagined.
- C. As you started in the distant country things seemed fun and free, at first, but now it is a desolate wasteland.

Luke 15:14-16

- 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.
 - 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.
 - 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.
- D. The distant country is an empty promise, it sells a product it cannot deliver.
 - E. As we move away from God and what we see as his restrictions, it can initially seem like we will gain, but we always "lose."

II. The Distant Country Will Leave You Alone.

- A. When your decisions move you away from God, before you know it, your life becomes a source of pain for people.

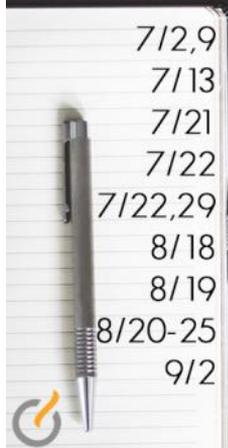
III. The Distant country numbs our perception of Reality.

Hebrews 3:13

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

- A. As we grow colder spiritually, and as the distance between us and God increases, **our ability to perceive that distance decreases.**
- B. But just when it seems like you're at the end of your rope, God has something to say.
- C. **God's whole system is built, not around Retaining Winners, but Redeeming Losers.**

SAVE THE DATES



7/2,9	Food Addicts Anonymous
7/13	Food Truck/Movie Night
7/21	Men's Breakfast
7/22	GU Students Bring a Friend Day
7/22,29	Ladies Retreat Registration Days
8/18	GU Students Engage the Campus
8/19	Who We Are Lunch
8/20-25	Week of Fasting & Prayer
9/2	Labor Day BBQ

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



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EYES
WIDE
OPEN
WOMEN'S RETREAT
OCTOBER 11-13
EARLY REGISTRATION - \$235
JULY 22 & 29
OTHER DATES TO FOLLOW

Registration for this year's women's retreat in Springfield will begin July 22nd & 29th! **Full payment must be made at the registration table only.** Spots are limited. **JULY EARLY BIRD COST is \$235** and includes the conference and hotel. There will be other opportunities to register in August and September. Contact Carrie Clifton with any questions at lcclifton@aol.com.

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