

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 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.

OCC CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The last two Sundays in July we'd like to inspire everyone to support Operation Christmas Child by bringing in school supplies for the fall packing party! Contact Christine Pahner with any questions at craftycrispy@yahoo.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!

	August 3 <i>(Region 2)</i>	August 31 <i>(Region 3)</i>	September 14 <i>(Region 1)</i>
Zip Codes	63010, 63129	63125, 63111, 62236, 62206	63012, 63052, 63048, 63028, 63070, 62225, 63050
Hosts	Bill & Karen Fain	Chris & Shelly Kilburn	Ricky & Kelley Pipkins
Address	6299 Whisper Bend Dr. St. Louis, MO 63129	3020 Kreindheder Ct. St. Louis, MO 63125	1534 Mammoth Ln. Imperial, MO 63052



family MOVIE NIGHT

To infinity and beyond... **JULY 13**

7:30 pm Ice Cream/Water Games Youth Snacks Fundraiser 8:30 pm Movie begins

Disney Pixar **TOY STORY**

Community Outreach

Oasis International

SIGN UP TODAY!

July 21 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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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PRAYPURSUEPARTY



AHA Part 3: Sudden Awakening

Luke 15:17-19

- 17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!
- 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
- 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'
- Just reaching rock bottom isn't enough; the Awakening is the Key.
 - A Sudden Awakening can happen before rock bottom. But you have to be willing.

I. Understanding who is actually nudging you makes a Difference.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

- A. When there are those pre rock bottom nudges in your life, God is providing an exit from your current trajectory.
- B. When we recognize these moments as Awakening from God it makes us more likely to respond with appropriate resolve.

II. We need to realize where we Were.

- A. "How many of my Fathers hired men have food to spare?"
- B. For the first time in this story the Son is thinking HONESTLY about conditions at home.
- C. Sinful, selfish desires skew our perception of reality.
- D. True awakening can happen when you are finally honest about **where you were**, and what you gave up to pursue life in the distant country.

III. We need to take as Honest account of Where We ARE Now.

- A. Luke 15:17 – "...here I am starving to death."
- B. The lie is that what we are looking for is always just a step or two away.
- C. **Empty stomached longing, in an of itself, IS THE DISTANT COUNTRY.**

IV. We need to realize where we COULD BE.

- A. God doesn't wake you up to where you are, just to rub your nose in it!
 - The realization is given as an invitation Home.
- B. Psalm 84:10 says, "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."
- C. The least opulent and most boring life lived in obedience to God, with his blessing, is better than the best of life away from him.


V. Wherever you are: Rock Bottom or Rocking It, we all need a vision for the Future.

- A. Proverbs 28:19 says "Where there is no vision people cast off Restraint."
- B. A life of Blessing consists of different kinds of moments:
 - Moments of wise restraint. - Moments of courage and risk.
 - Moments of expression. - Moments of silence.
 - Moments of expedient action. - Moments for patience.
 - Moments to celebrate and enjoy.
 - Even spend moments to hold back and look to the future.
- C. **Vision is the road map that helps you know what kind of moment you are in.**

VI. Closing

- A. However we got to where we are, the key is AWAKENING.
- B. Where were you? Where are you now? Where would you like to be?
- C. Let your mind wander (under direction of the Holy Spirit) and get a vision for where you can be, and for what life could be.

SAVE THE DATES



7/13	Food Truck/Movie Night
7/16	Food Addicts Anonymous
7/21	Men's Breakfast
7/21	Oasis International Outreach
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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