

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

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.

Community Outreach

Oasis International
SIGN UP TODAY!
July 21 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us **next Saturday** as we partner with Oasis International to party with the Bevo Mill community and refugees in St. Louis. We'll spend the afternoon serving food and facilitating games for the families in that community. Sign up in the lobby today, and meet here at GU on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT
OCTOBER 11-13
EARLY REGISTRATION - \$235
JULY 22 & 29
CONTACT CARRIE AT LOCLIFTON@AOL.COM

Registration for this year's women's retreat in Springfield will begin **NEXT SUNDAY**, 7/22 & 7/29. **FULL payment must be made at the registration table only. JULY EARLY BIRD COST is \$235** and includes the conference and hotel. There will be other opportunities to register in August and September.

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 crafftycrispy@yahoo.com.

REGIONAL HOUSE PARTIES

Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! Find your region on the schedule below, mark your calendar, and bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

	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

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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PRAYPURSUEPARTY



AHA Part 4: Brutal Honesty

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.'

- His eyes are opened, and he begins assessing his situation and acquiring an honest evaluation.
- Many potential Aha stories stall out after the Sudden Awakening because Brutal Honesty is so difficult.

1 John 1:8-9

- 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

I. Our honesty establishes boundaries, and God's forgiveness and redemptive power flood everything within those boundaries.

Romans 8:1 – There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus .

II. Side-note about Confession to people.

A. The first step is being honest with Yourself and God.

James 5:16 – Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

B. There is something healing about sharing the sinful and ugly parts of ourselves with another believer and seeing, hearing, and, physically, experiencing the forgiveness of God in flesh and blood.

C. Start where you are, and grow in Transparency and Honesty.

III. God invites us to be Honest about Circumstances.

- A. We often regret where we are, but we don't necessarily regret some of the choices we made to get there.

IV. God invites us to be Honest about who brought us here.

- A. In verse 18, the son says, "I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."
- B. When we find ourselves in the pig pen, our natural inclination is to shed some blame.
- C. The simple and Brutally Honest truth about what lead to the pig pen is this: "I have sinned."
- D. Shedding blame can make you feel better temporarily, but it chains you to your situations.

V. God invites us to be Honest about the Consequences.

- A. Verse 19 says, "I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men."
- B. God forgives our debt to him for our sin.
 - But there is a lot of stuff we must be ready to face up to.
- D. The son was realistic about what his actions cost everyone, and he was willing, not just to face it, but to do whatever was necessary to get on the other side of it all.

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Romans 5:20 – where sin increased, grace increased all the more.

Romans 8:1 – There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

From God's perspective, the sin you are willing to face, and the sin you are uncomfortable facing, are essentially identical.

SAVE THE DATES



7/16,23	Food Addicts Anonymous
7/21	Oasis International Outreach
7/22	GU Students Bring a Friend Day
7/22,29	Ladies Retreat Registration Days
7/28	Men's Breakfast
7/29	Membership Meeting
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! *



If you'd like to find out more about GU, or are interested in membership, stay with us after service on Sunday, July 29th!

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