

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 with us, please stop by the Connect Center in the lobby for a free gift. We'd love to meet you.

GU News & Events



Today we begin our church-wide 21 Days of Prayer! We will journey and study the gospel of John and the Lord's Prayer together. It is our hope that as you grow in the practice of prayer, your faith will be multiplied and that your personal relationship with God is deepened and becomes more intimate. To help guide you, we have a GU Prayer Journal available. You can pick one up in the lobby for \$3.



Water baptism is a public declaration of one's newness of life through Jesus. If you would like to know more about baptism or want to get baptized in August, please contact Pastor Bob.



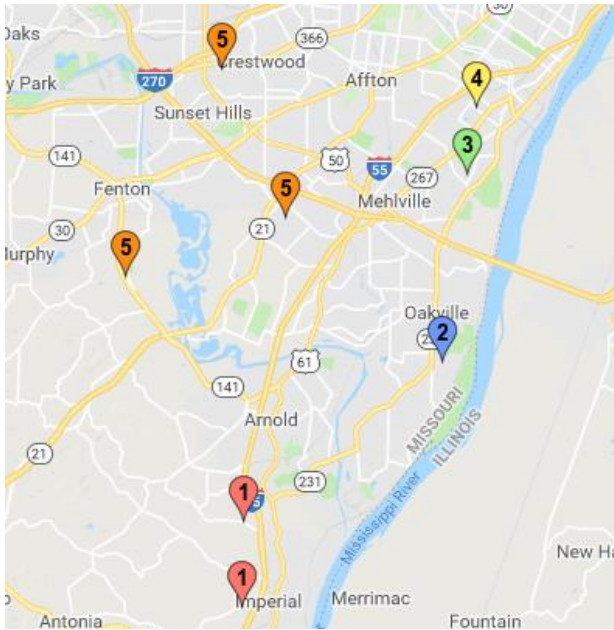
If you are new to GU, we invite you to lunch after service on Sunday, August 19th. You'll be able to get to know the pastors and ask any questions. Children will stay with parents. Please sign up at the Connect Center in the lobby. We look forward to meeting you!



REGIONAL PARTIES



Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region and Host. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!



Hosts	Address	Dates
Ricky & Kelly Pipkins (Region 1)	1534 Mammoth Ln., Imperial 63052	September 14
Bill & Karen Fain (Region 2)	6299 Whisper Bend Dr., St. Louis 63129	October 26
Chris & Shelly Kilburn (Region 3)	3020 Kreindheder Ct., St. Louis 63125	August 31 October 5
Glenn & Mindy Adams (Region 4)	826 Zeiss Ave., St. Louis 63125	October 12
Matt & Rose Pressley (Region 5)	10212 Richview Dr., St. Louis 63127	September 7
Jon & Beth Strautz (Region 5)	4930 Brockwood Dr., St. Louis 63128	November 2

Prayer Part 1: Patterns

Psalm 127:1-2

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.
- 2 In vain you rise early and stay up late.

I. God's participation is the essential ingredient determining the success of our endeavors.

- A. We often try to bring God in as a consultant once our plans have stalled or reached really high stakes.
- B. If we really see God as God, then we will need to have a sense of his will and direction from the start.
 - "We need to pray as if everything depends on God; and we need to work as if everything depends on us." – Dr. Charles Estridge
 - "Discipline, not desire determines destiny." – Dr. Charles Stanley

II. Most important things in your life are done in disciplined patterns.

- A. Waiting for need to perform core functions creates constant emergency.
- B. This is why patterns of prayer are so important.
- C. Even Jesus had Patterns of Prayer.

Luke 5:16 – But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 22:39-40

- 39 Jesus left and made his way to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom, and the disciples followed him.
- 40 When he arrived, he said to them, "Pray that you won't give in to temptation.
- D. *When people work, people work; but when people pray, God works.* So that means that if we want to be sure God will be at work in our lives, we need to set and protect patterned times of prayer.

E. One of the structures Jesus taught for prayer was what we call The Lord's Prayer.

1. Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed by your name
2. Your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven
3. Give us today our daily bread
4. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us
5. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one
6. Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever amen.

III. Regular Patterned Prayer ensures that the most essential ingredient for success is always present and waiting.

- A. If we wait for situations to come and then begin praying we will be much more prone to mistakes and messes.
- B. Our lives can be incredibly useful or destructive. A major determining factor is simply if we are allowing God to be at the controls.
 - The primary way that is made possible is a regular and meaningful prayer life.

2018 **PRAY PURSUE PARTY**

AUGUST

5-21	Prayer Focus
12	Water Bapstims
17-18	GU Students Lock-in
18	Engage the Campus
19	Elementary Back-to-School Bash
19	Who We Are Lunch
19-25	Fasting & Prayer
19, 26	Ladies Retreat Registration
24	Ladies Night at GU
13, 20, 27	Food Addicts Anonymous

SEPTEMBER

2	Labor Day BBQ
2	Healthcare Team Meeting
19	Fall Wednesday Night Experience
28	Food Truck & Movie Night
30	Child Dedication
10, 17, 24	Food Addicts Anonymous

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

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

WAYS TO GIVE



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Offering/Giving Box



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