

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



For the next two weeks we will continue studying the gospel of John and the Lord's Prayer together. Even if you start today, 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. **Please stay with us after service today** to celebrate and witness those taking this important step in their faith.



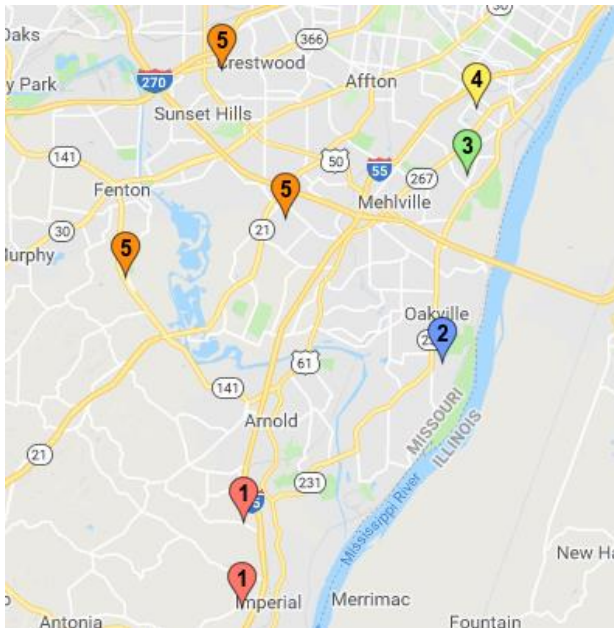
If you are new to GU, we invite you to lunch after service NEXT Sunday, August 19th. You'll be able to get to know the pastors and ask any questions. Children will stay with parents. Please sign up at the Connect Center in the lobby. We look forward to meeting you!



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! Parties begin at 6:30 p.m.



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
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 2: Prayer+Faith=Provision & Peace

When a person grants other people's requests it comes from the giver's FINITE supply.

We sometimes imagine God is as reluctant to part with things as we are.

Psalm 50: 9-13

- 9 I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens,
- 10 for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.
- 11 I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine.
- 12 If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
- 13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

I. Everything in the world is God's, but he doesn't need any of it.

- A. Everything you will ever see or touch is only here because our Father put it here for us to Steward and Receive.
- B. **God wants to give.**

James 4:2 - You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God

II. According to the Bible, we lack because we are not asking God for the things we need.

- A. What isn't in your life that God wants to put there, but you simply are not asking for?
- B. Waterdeep: "Many men will drink the rain and turn and thank the clouds."

III. Part of having a God to begin with is learning Reliance on him.

- A. Reliance in a nutshell:
 - Recognizing our need for things.
 - Discovering that we are incapable of providing all those things for ourselves.
 - Coming to see God as the ultimate source of those things.
 - Asking him.
 - Receiving from him.
 - Rejoicing in his care and provision.

- B. But God's will was bigger than just doing the thing. God's will is for people to see him as the source; ask him; and then for him to be the source and provide the thing that he wanted to provide all along.

IV. Our faith is tested and REVEALED by our persistence in prayer.

- A. Luke 18 – parable of the persistent widow.
- B. If you really believe God wants to, can, and will give something to you, then you will not stop asking until he does.
- C. If every prayer were immediately answered, your faith would never develop beyond the need for instant gratification.
- D. Jesus was telling us to not just pray but to be persistent in prayer.
 - P.U.S.H (Pray Until Something Happens)

V. Praying the way Jesus taught is the solution to Lack and to Worry.

- A. Prayer + Faith in God = Peace with others and in our own heart.
 - If you see God as the real source you will not feel in contention with other people.
 - If you pray and believe God as your source, then once you made your request, you can leave it there.
- B. Worry is unhealthy for you and insulting to the heart of God.
- C. **Prayer + Faith = Provision and Peace.** That is what it means to have a God who is your Father.

2018 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

2	Labor Day BBQ
2	Healthcare Team Meeting
19	Fall Wednesday Night Experience
23	Ladies Retreat Registration
28	Food Truck & Movie Night
30	Child Dedication
30	Ladies Retreat Registration
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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