

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 final week of "21 Days of Prayer" we will be fasting and praying together. To start off this special week, we invite you back **tonight at 5 p.m.** for a night of worship. If you didn't get an opportunity to study John and the Lord's prayer with us, journals are still available in the lobby!

### WHO WE ARE LUNCH - TODAY

Registration if you are new to GU, we invite you to lunch in the Family Room right after service. You can get to know the pastors and find out more about our church. **If you haven't signed up yet, please see Pastor Jason THIS MORNING.**

### DESIGNED FOR LIFE WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registration for this year's women's retreat continues **today and next Sunday!** The retreat is October 11-13 at JQH Arena in Springfield. **FULL payment must be made at the registration table only. The cost is \$250** and includes the conference and hotel. There will be other opportunities to register in September as well. At that time the cost will be \$265. Contact Carrie (lcclifton@aol.com) or Karen (karenmomma@live.com) for more information.

### LADIES NIGHT - THIS Friday, 8/24

All ladies (18+) are invited to a "Date Night" this Friday at 6 p.m. to get to know each other better! You can see Ashley Daniels today to sign up, or contact her at ashleydaniels1137@gmail.com. The cost is \$15.



**It's time for our annual Labor Day picnic!** The festivities all start Sunday, September 2nd at 10 a.m. We'll have a great time of worship, and then an afternoon of food, live music and games on the lawn. GU will provide the meat, and we ask that everyone who is able please bring a side dish (veggies, fruit, salads) or drinks.

If you consider Grace Union your home church, we need your help! We have a variety of opportunities available including Friday and Saturday set-up, game operation during the picnic, food service, as well as break-down. Please see Pastor Jason today to sign up to serve in any of these areas and what food item you can bring. You can also email him at jscott5157@gmail.com.

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

# Prayer Part 3: How to Fish

Not all prayer is created equal. It seems the same (people talking to God), but the substance and heart can be quite different.

## I. **Question: Why are some prayers answered and some not? God's Will and Our Motives.**

*1 John 5:14-15*

- 14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
- 15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

*James 4:2-3*

- 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.
- 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

### A. Praying the will of God:

- To pray the will of God you have to understand how you might know the will of God.

*Romans 12:2* - Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is.

### B. Our Motives:

- Our motive in a situation is often a reason God does not answer prayer.
- **You may want what God wants to give you, but if you want it for reasons that feed something unhealthy in you, God will block that request.**
- God wants us to see the things we desire from his perspective.

## II. **Part of Prayer is talking and asking; but Prayer is equally about listening and reflecting.**

*Matthew 4:4* - Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

- A. There is only so much we can accomplish by talking to God, the rest is accomplished as we listen for God.
- B. Jesus recognized that, as a man, Hearing from and Understanding the heart of God would fuel and direct him in a way that nothing else would; so he was willing to pursue it at great effort and cost.
- C. **In an increasing polarized culture it is more vital than ever, not to know what WE feel about the issues, but to know the Heart of God.**

**III. This aligning of Hearts is why Jesus Fasted and why Grace Union is fasting this week.**

- A. The fasting amplified the degree to which Jesus could hear from God.
  - Fasting dials up your intensity.
  - Fasting takes a lot of time that you would spend on other things and devotes that time to prayer.
- B. Fasting is not just about sacrifice, it is about replacement.
- C. Fasting CLEARS THE TABLE.
  - In our day and setting, this aspect of Fasting can be RADICAL but also refreshing to SOULS WEARIED by constant stimulation and distraction.
- D. 90% of the time, caring for our Spirit gets put in line behind caring for our physical needs.
  - **Through prayer and fasting, FOR A TIME, we flip it.**

# 2018 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

## AUGUST

19	Who We Are Lunch
19-25	Fasting & Prayer
19, 26	Ladies Retreat Registration
24	Ladies Night at GU
20, 27	Food Addicts Anonymous

## SEPTEMBER

2	Labor Day BBQ
9	Healthcare Team Meeting
15	Men's Breakfast
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](http://graceunionstl.org) or [Facebook.com/graceunionstl](https://www.facebook.com/graceunionstl) for details about these and other GU Events! \*

## WAYS TO CONNECT



**SUNDAYS @ 10AM**  
Nursery—Elementary



**PRAYER NEEDS**  
Email: [gucprayer@gmail.com](mailto: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



**ENVELOPE**  
*Offering/Giving Box*



**TEXT TO GIVE**  
314.888.5188



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## OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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