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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

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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



**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](mailto:jscott5157@gmail.com).

### DESIGNED FOR LIFE WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registration for this year's women's retreat continues **TODAY!** 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](mailto:lcclifton@aol.com)) or Karen ([karenmomma@live.com](mailto:karenmomma@live.com)) for more information.

### STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM - Christmas Play

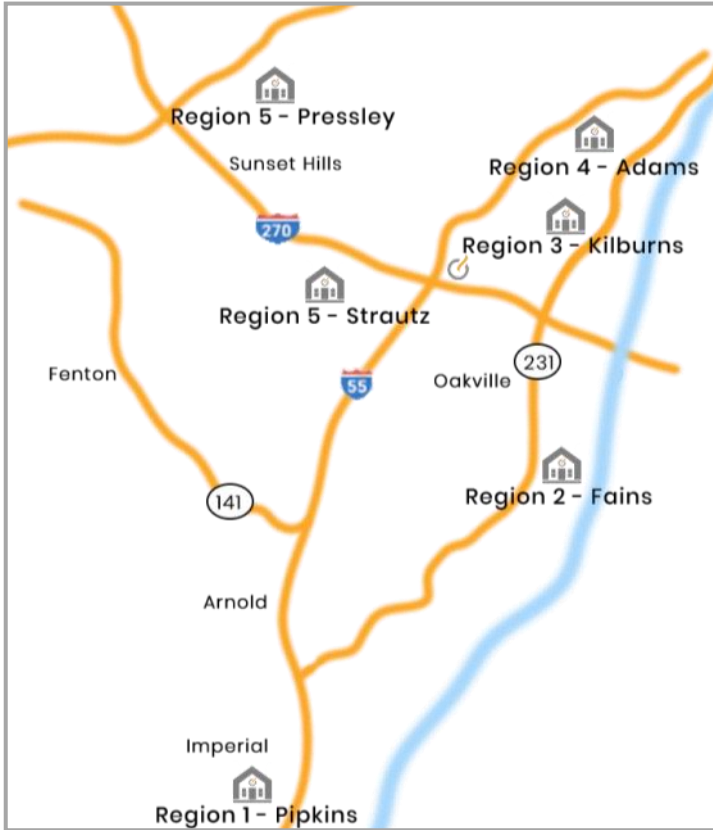
PARENTS AND STUDENTS grades 1st-12th! We are beginning work on our annual Christmas Play. This year we have opened up the play to students through high school. Anyone interested in the play should come to the **viewing party Sunday, September 9th**. We will view the play immediately following service, in the main auditorium.

The viewing party is for students interested in being in the play, as well as students and adults who are interested in helping! If your child is interested, but won't be at church 9/9, parents can still get information in the Elementary area. **Practice will begin Sunday, 9/16**. Practice will take place in the main Auditorium. Some parts will need to be at practice every Sunday. The choir will practice every other Sunday. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mindy Adams at [mindyadams82@gmail.com](mailto:mindyadams82@gmail.com) or Karen Poley at [karenmomma@live.com](mailto:karenmomma@live.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

# Mission From God Part 1: Sacred Work

## *Secular:*

1. Attitudes, activities, or other things that have no religious or spiritual basis.
2. Not subject to or bound by religious rule.

## **I. Problem: It is hard to enjoy and find meaning in your work when you don't think God has any interest in it.**

- A. But, the distinction of Sacred and Secular, does not exist in scripture.
- B. In Greek Culture Leisure was seen as the Central Point of Existence.
- C. Our culture today shares many similarities with the ancient Greeks.
  - Work is often seen as a means to an end.

## **II. Your whole life is sacred, and that makes Work spiritual.**

*1 Peter 2:9* – But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

- A. It's not just what you do at church. Your entire existence, with all of its components, was meant to be lived out as Worship.

## *Colossians 3:17-21*

- 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
- 18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
- 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.
- 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
- 21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

- B. How you interact as a family is Spiritual.

## *Colossians 3:22-23*

- 22 Servants, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.
- 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**

- C. **From CEO's to SERVANTS, Your work is Sacred.**

D. Work can be any effort you put your heart, mind, or hand to.

**III. When we work as worship, we begin to reclaim something that was part of God's design from the beginning.**

A. God loves the physical world. The physical world was part of God's plan in the beginning. The physical world will be RESTORED in the END.

*See Revelation 21 & 22*

B. God then Invited HUMANS to carry on the work of Shaping Creation.

*Genesis 1:26* – Let us make man-kind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals and over all the creatures that move along the ground so God created man-kind in his own image, in the image of God he created them male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth, and subdue it.

C. The Image of God in us is somehow linked to our intended work.

D. **He tells us to Fill the earth and subdue it.**

E. God's put untold potential before us, (the earth) and then part of our service to him would be to spend our lives Unearthing that Potential.

- That is still part of the equation today.

*Romans 8:19-21*

19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

F. Being on a Mission From God can look just like your life looks on any given day, working on what you are working on.

- What makes it a Mission from God is "working with all your heart as if directly for the Lord and not for people."

# 2018 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

## 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

## OCTOBER

7	Healthcare Team Meeting
11-13	Ladies Retreat
14	Water Baptisms
21	OCC Kick-off
1, 8, 15, 22	Food Addicts Anonymous
27	TRUNK OR TREAT

\* 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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