

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

STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM

PARENTS AND STUDENTS grades 1st-12th! Our first practice for the Christmas play is **TODAY** after service in the main Auditorium. We would love to have some parents stay to help as well! Please be sure to pick up a schedule at the Elementary area. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mindy Adams at mindyadams82@gmail.com or Karen Poley at karenmomma@live.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE

SEPT 19
6:30 PM

Our *Fall Wednesday Night Experience* kicks off **THIS WEDNESDAY at 6:30pm!** We will have programs for all ages. PreK & Elementary will be doing the Awana program; GUSTudents for grades 6-12; and adults will be meeting in the Auditorium for a great time of teaching, worship & prayer. Nursery is also available.

Child Dedication

Sunday, September 30

Contact Crystal Myers at crystalmyers@gmail.com.

We will be having a *Child Dedication* on **Sunday, September 30th**. This is a time for parents to make a public commitment to God to raise their children in His ways; and a time for Grace Union Church to join with the parents in prayers for and celebration of these children. If you would like your child to be dedicated, please contact Crystal Myers by **next Sunday**.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 11-13

REGISTRATION - \$265
SEPTEMBER 23 & 30

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT MUST BE IN PERSON

Final registration days for the *Women's Retreat* are coming up! This is going to be a great time of fellowship, worship and refreshing you won't want to miss! Contact Carrie at lcliffon@aol.com or Karen at karenmoma@live.com for more information.

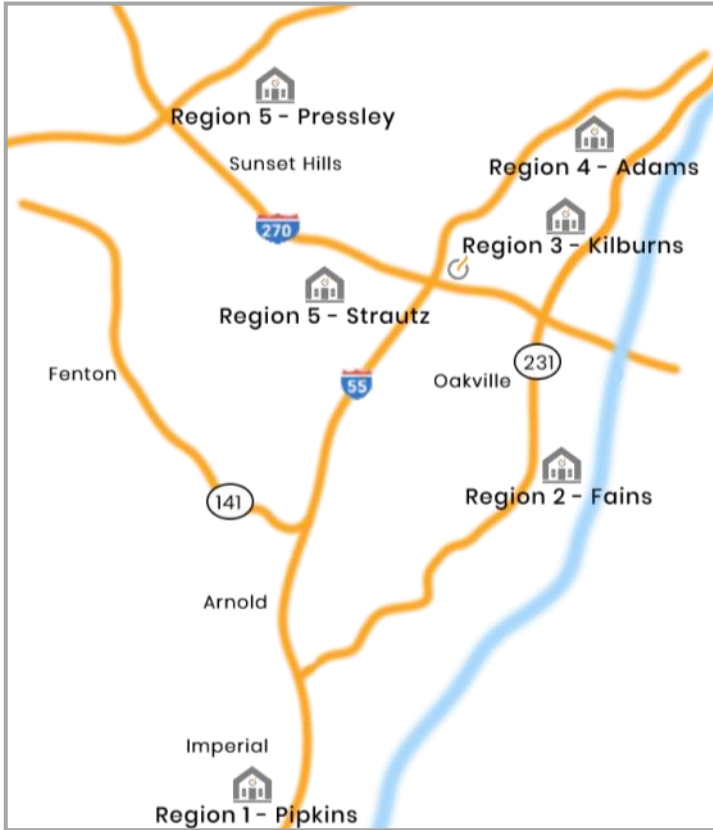
family
MOVIE NIGHT
Disney
MARY POPPINS
SEPT 28
6 pm Snacks & Crafts 7 pm Movie begins

TRUNK OR TREAT
4PM TO 6PM | SATURDAY OCTOBER 27
FREE CANDY GAMES

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
Bill & Karen Fain (Region 2)	6299 Whisper Bend Dr., St. Louis 63129	October 26
Glenn & Mindy Adams (Region 4)	826 Zeiss Ave., St. Louis 63125	October 12
Jon & Beth Strautz (Region 5)	4930 Brockwood Dr., St. Louis 63128	November 2

Hebrews Part 2: Purpose

Hebrews 11:8-40

- 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- 9 By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.
- 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.
- 11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.
- 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.
- 13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.
- 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.
- 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.
- 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.
- 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son,
- 18 of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."
- 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.
- 20 By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.
- 21 By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.
- 22 By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.
- 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.
- 24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.
- 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.
- 27 By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.
- 28 By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.
- 29 By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

- 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.
- 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.
- 32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—
- 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.
- 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.
- 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.
- 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—
- 38 of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
- 39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,
- 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Purpose

- Isn't...a job, a relationship, accomplishments
- More Specific than the Great Commission
- Defined:
The consistent yet DIFFERENTIAL application and ALIGNMENT of your God-given abilities, interests, and OPPORTUNITIES in life LEVERAGED for the furthering of the FULL SCOPE of the love of Jesus to those you come in contact with EACH day.
- We long for purpose.
- We are created for purpose.
- We each have an INDIVIDUALIZED purpose.
- God has a HISTORY of using unsuspecting people (vv. 31–32).
- God focuses more on a person's faith than their ATTRIBUTES (vv. 8 & 11).

To discover God's purpose:

1. OBEY God's commands and calling (v. 8).
2. Look TOWARD a life founded on God's principles (v. 10) & AWAY from your past (v. 15).
3. CONSIDER God Faithful (vv. 11 & 19).

Therefore, God is not ASHAMED of you (v. 16).

2018 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

SEPTEMBER

16	Christmas Play Practices Begin
19	Fall Wednesday Night Experience
23	Ladies Retreat Registration
27	Men's Dinner
28	Family 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	Men's Breakfast
27	TRUNK OR TREAT

* 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
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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