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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

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!** Practice today is for all students with a speaking part (Scenes 1-3). Be sure to pick up a schedule at the Elementary area if you don't have one. Contact Mindy Adams at [mindyadams82@gmail.com](mailto:mindyadams82@gmail.com) or Karen Poley at [karenmomma@live.com](mailto:karenmomma@live.com).



The *Wednesday Night Experience* is back! Wednesdays at 6:30 we have programs for all ages: Awana for PreK through Elementary; GUStudents for grades 6-12; and adults are in the Auditorium for a great time of teaching, worship & prayer. Nursery is also available.



**THIS THURSDAY** all men are invited to dinner at the Concord Grill at 6:30 p.m. Dale Dean is coordinating. You can contact him at [daleandkirstie@att.net](mailto:daleandkirstie@att.net).



All are welcome to the GU Family Movie Night on the lawn **this Friday at 6 pm!** GUStudents will be selling snacks, and we'll have crafts for the kids. Come enjoy the classic *Mary Poppins* with us! The movie starts at 7.



We will be having a Child Dedication **NEXT Sunday**. 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 prayer for and celebration of these children. If you would like your child to be dedicated, please see Crystal Myers **TODAY**.



Final registration days for the *Women's Retreat* are **today and next Sunday!** This is going to be a great time of fellowship, worship and refreshing you won't want to miss! **Registration & payment must be in person.** Contact Carrie at [lclifton@aol.com](mailto:lclifton@aol.com) or Karen at [karenmoma@live.com](mailto:karenmoma@live.com) for more information.

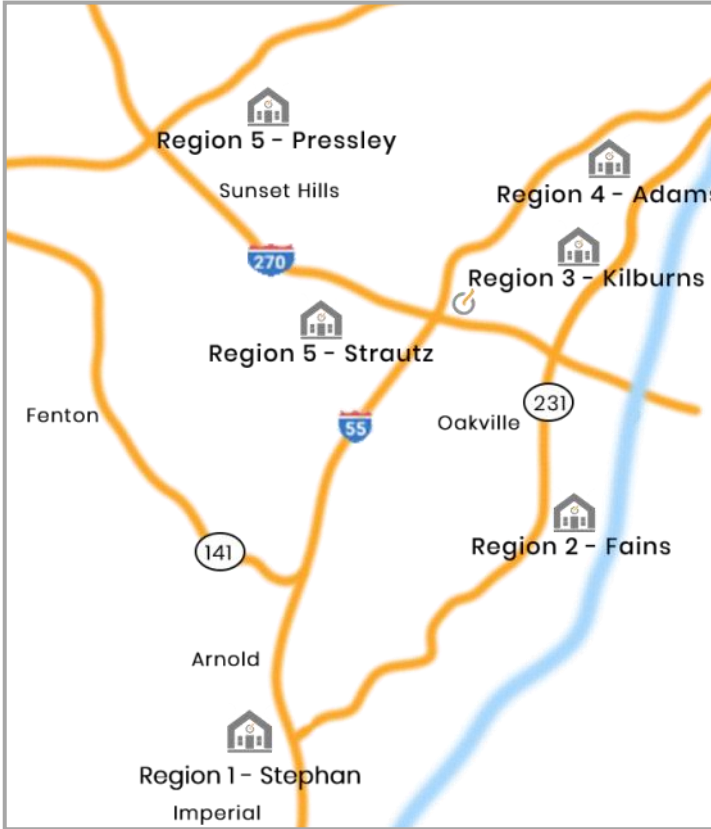


**SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY TO HOST A TRUNK OR VOLUNTEER! OCTOBER 27, 4PM!**

# 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>David &amp; Theresa Stephan</b> (Region 1)	1620 Shane Dr., Imperial 63052	July 6
<b>Chris &amp; Shelly Kilburn</b> (Region 3)	3020 Kreindheder Ct., St. Louis, 63125	August 31
<b>Matt &amp; Rose Pressley</b> (Region 5)	10212 Richview Dr., St. Louis 63127	September 7
<b>Glenn &amp; Mindy Adams</b> (Region 4)	826 Zeiss Ave., St. Louis 63125	October 12
<b>Bill &amp; Karen Fain</b> (Region 2)	6299 Whisper Bend Dr., St. Louis 63129	October 26
<b>Jon &amp; Beth Strautz</b> (Region 5)	4930 Brockwood Dr., St. Louis 63128	November 2

# Hebrews: Where We Stand

## Introduction: Jack Welch

- In 1981 Jack Welch was made CEO of General Electric Corporation.
- Under Jack's leadership, GE would fire the bottom performing 10% of its workforce every year.
- You would always be wondering "WHERE DO I STAND?"

One thing people quietly wonder about is, "Where do I stand with God?"

## *Hebrews 7:18-27*

- 18 The **former regulation** is **set aside** because it was **weak and useless**  
19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a **better hope** is introduced, by  
which we **draw near** to God...
- 22 Jesus has become the **guarantor** of a **better covenant**.
- 23 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them  
from continuing in office;
- 24 But because Jesus lives forever, he has a **permanent priesthood**.
- 25 Therefore he is able to **save completely** those who come to God through  
him, because he **always lives to intercede** for them...
- 27 **He sacrificed for their sins once for all** when he offered himself.

## I. Religion sets a standard, but does not empower you to meet it.

- A. The Old Testament demands things of us that ON OUR OWN we are not  
capable of doing.
- Religion, or even just simple morality, all do the same.

*Romans 3:20* - Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the  
work of the law; rather through the law we become conscious of our sin.

- B. God left his people with thousands of years to try to obey these laws,  
and they never could.
- Personally, we all fail also.
- C. Whether you call it God's law, or if you just call it, "Being a Good  
Person," all of us have a standard we are striving for that we are  
incapable of achieving.
- The writer of Hebrews is saying, "Living like this is exhausting and  
unsettling, but good news, Jesus brings about a whole new thing."

*Verse 19* - A better hope is introduced by which we Draw Near to God.

## **II. Religion and the Old Testament Law show How Far we are from God, but Jesus draws us Near to God.**

*John 3:17* – For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

- A. Jesus didn't come to show us how bad we are. He came to meet the standard in our place.
  - Jesus moves you closer to God by passing the test on your behalf.
  - He showed up in class, sat at your desk, wrote your name on the test. Then he Got a Perfect Score.

## **III. We can Know where we stand because Jesus sacrificed for our sin "once for all."**

- A. In the old system, you were always only 1 missed sacrifice away from not being right with God.
- B. Even though the Gospel of Jesus teaches something vastly different, we still get caught up thinking and acting more like that Old Religious System.

*Verse 22* – "Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant."

*Verses 24–27*

- 24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.
- 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them...
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- C. Once and for all, "Through Jesus," you are declared Right with God because Jesus was Right with God.

**Not only are we right with God because of Jesus' sacrifice, but now Jesus intercedes for us.**

# 2018 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

## SEPTEMBER

26	Wednesday Night Experience
27	Men's Dinner
28	Family Movie Night
30	Child Dedications
30	Ladies Retreat Registration

## OCTOBER

7	Healthcare Team Meeting
11-13	Ladies Retreat
14	Water Baptisms
21	OCC Kick-off
27	Men's Breakfast
27	TRUNK OR TREAT
1, 8, 15, 22	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**  
Adults Group @ 9am



**SUNDAYS (Middle School) @ 10:15**  
**WEDNESDAYS (Gr 6-12) @ 6:30PM**



**6:30pm**

Nursery Care | PreK/K Awana | Elementary Awana  
Adult Service (Main Auditorium)

## WAYS TO GIVE



**ENVELOPE**  
*Offering/Giving Box*



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*314.888.5188*



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## OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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