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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 STUDENT parts. Be sure to pick up a schedule at the Elementary area if you don't have one. Contact Mindy Adams at mindyadams82@gmail.com or Karen Poley at karenmomma@live.com.



We will be having a Child Dedication right after service TODAY in the Youth Auditorium. 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.



TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO REGISTER FOR LADIES RETREAT! It is going to be a great time of fellowship, worship and refreshing you won't want to miss! The cost is \$265 for the conference and hotel stay. We will have an informational meeting **NEXT SUNDAY** right after service.



Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. we have programs for all ages: Awana for PreK through Elementary; GUS students for grades 6-12; and adults are in the Auditorium for a great time of teaching, worship & prayer. Nursery is also available.



Our annual **TRUNK OR TREAT** is coming soon featuring Juggling Jeff! This is our biggest community outreach of the year, and we need your help! Sign up in the lobby today to host a trunk or volunteer.

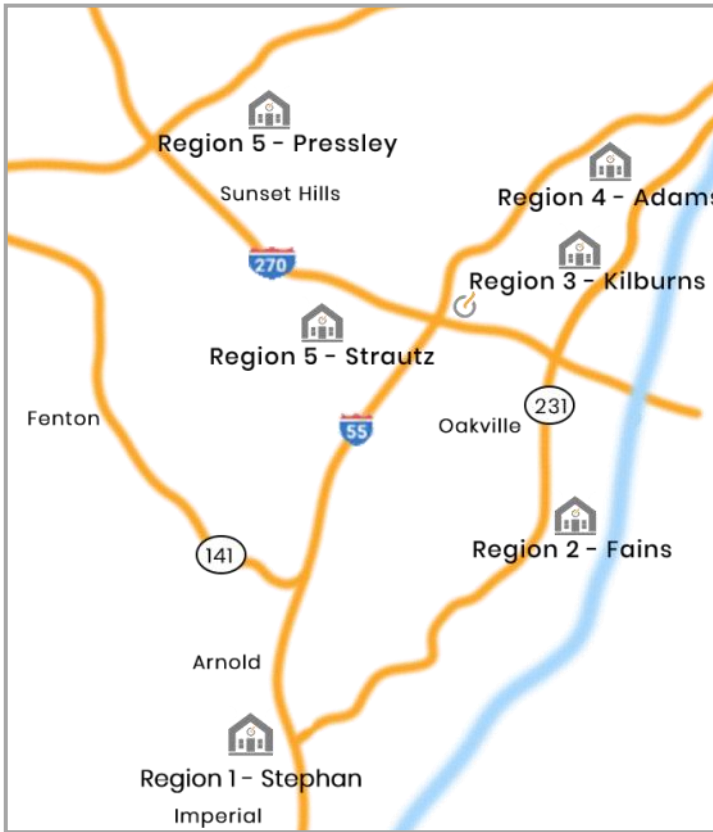


OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!! MORE DETAILS TO COME!!

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

Hebrews: Presence

Introduction: What is the reality of God's presence?

- Is he ever with us?
- Is he with certain people?
- Is he with us all the time or only when we specifically ask?

One of the most significant changes from Old Testament Judaism to New Testament Christianity has to do with God's presence with people.

I. How did God's presence work in the Old Testament?

- A. Even though God was with them, he was not with them in the way we think of today.
 - God did not reside with people, but rather in the Temple itself.
- B. In the Old Covenant the only place where Heaven and earth intermingled on a consistent basis was the Temple.

Hebrews 8:8-13

- 8 But God found fault with the people and said: "The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.
- 9 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.
- 10 This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.
- 11 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, "Know the Lord," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.
- 12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."
- 13 By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

II. Jesus' sacrifice cleansed people in a way that animal sacrifices never could.

Hebrews 10:4 – it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Hebrews 10:14 – For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those what are being made holy.

III. Because Sin has been dealt with God's presence can reside with God's people.

1 Corinthians 6:19 – your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God

Ezekiel 36:26-27

- 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
- 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

- A. Before God only gave us laws, now God gives us a heart that desires his law.
- He Fused himself to you...by putting the Holy Spirit in you.
- B. Now God gives us the Law and the desire and ability to begin to obey.

John 16:7 – But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

IV. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit changes everything about how we relate to God.

- A. Obedience to God is now as much an internal thing as an external.
- B. We now have 2 desires or 2 Natures at work in us.

Galatians 5:16 – “live by the Spirit you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature”

- Obedience is not just an issue of reading a rule and following it, it is an issue of living your life in connection to the Holy Spirit in you, letting that Nature be lived in and lived out.

John 14:26 – “the Holy Spirit will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I said”

Hebrews 8:10 – “I will be their God and they will be my people”

- Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, now we will actually be capable of Living out our Agreement with God in a meaningful and powerful way.

B. Because of Jesus, God is now present with you All The Time.

- You are a walking talking Mobile Temple.
- His presence with you means that Anything is Possible.

Ephesians 5:18 tells us to “be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

- As we walk in the Spirit, Heaven and Earth Intermingles in our life.

2018 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

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

NOVEMBER

4	Healthcare Team Meeting
11	GUstudents Guys Night
18	Who We Are Lunch
18	GUstudents Girls Night
5, 12, 19, 26	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
Nursery-Elementary



PRAYER NEEDS
Email: 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)

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ENVELOPE
Offering/Giving Box



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