

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



PARENTS AND STUDENTS grades 1st-12th! Practice today is for students with speaking parts in **scenes 4-5**. 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.

ATTENTION LADIES ATTENDING THE DESIGNED FOR LIFE RETREAT!

We are having an informational meeting in Conf. Room A immediately following this morning's service!

WATER BAPTISMS - NEXT Sunday, 10/14

Water baptism is a public declaration of one's newness of life in Christ. If you have any questions or would like to be baptized next Sunday, contact Pastor Bob at bobpoley78@gmail.com.



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



4PM TO 6PM | SATURDAY OCTOBER 27
* FEATURING JUGGLING JEFF *



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.

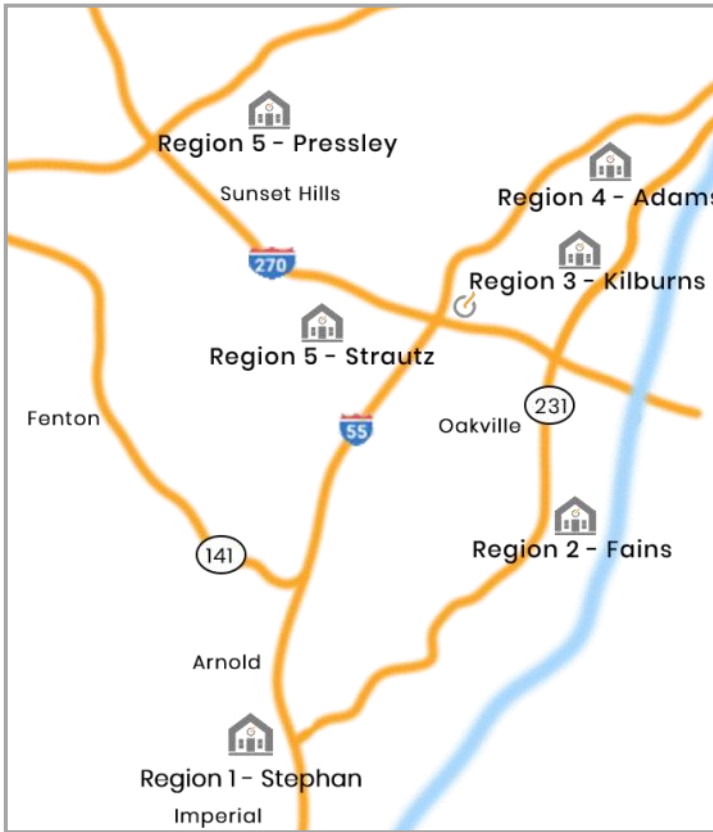


OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!! On Sunday, October 21st please stay with us after service for a reception in the lobby. We will also have a basket for cards of appreciation. Let's show our pastors how much we love them.

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: Unswerving

I. Question: Can we “Fall out” of Christianity like we can a truck?

Hebrews 10:18-22

18 And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary. 19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings

- A. So right off the bat this scripture seems to be saying that you cannot Fall Out Of Jesus.
- B. Verse 23 says, “Let us Hold unswervingly to the hope we profess...verse 38 & 39, “God takes no pleasure in those who SHRINK BACK and are destroyed.”
 - To swerve would be a choice to turn aside.
 - Shrink back is more of a Passive separation: following a group that goes somewhere you cannot bring yourself to follow.

II. Answer: We cannot “Fall out of Jesus,” but we can turn away or shrink back.

- A. To follow Jesus or Not follow Jesus is a choice made over and over again.
- B. Throughout church history there have been countless times and cultures where following Jesus **Cost Something**.
- C. **So the warning of this scripture was for Christians to not Shrink back. The warning is not to get to a place where your courage runs out and your commitment fails.**
- D. Keep following Jesus because the Costs, while big, are all Temporary, and the Rewards are Bigger and Eternal.

III. You are not counting on your ability to hold onto God. You are counting on God’s ability to hold onto you.

John 10:27-29

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.

- A. But however you got there, it is not you holding yourself there now. He holds you.

IV. The Endurability of Salvation is linked to our Sincerity in Following.

- A. Verse 22 – “let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings”
- B. Sincere: “that which has not only the name and resemblance, but the real nature corresponding to the name, in every respect corresponding to the idea signified by the name, real, true genuine”
- C. This is Salvation: when we put faith in Jesus, Submitting to his Lordship, God accepts Jesus' righteous life as Our Own, and accepts Jesus' Death as SUBSTITUTION FOR OURS.
 - If that is the state of your heart then you are absolutely safe in Jesus because His Righteous life has already been accepted.

V. This warning in Hebrews is about protecting our repentant heart.

Hebrews 10:26-31

26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. 28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge his people.” 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

- A. Continued, willful, deliberate sin hardens your heart toward God.
 - We all fail. We all fall into sin. We all at times succumb to temptation.
 - There is a grave difference between losing a Battle and Surrendering.

1 John 1:9 – “if we confess our sin he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”

Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- B. The more you face temptation, sin, opposition, and difficulty, **the more you need the church!**
 - Be deliberate. Prioritize your involvement.
 - Don't just attend; get involved, volunteer, serve, make friends.
 - Eat meals with other Christians.
 - Actively figure out ways to Encourage One another toward LOVE and GOOD DEEDS.

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
28	Membership Meeting
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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