

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



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!! Please stay with us after service for a reception in the lobby. Let's show our pastors how much we love them. (Lead Pastor) Bob & Karen Poley; (Associate Pastor) Jason & Crystal Myers; (Youth Pastor) Patrick & Ashley Daniels.

STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM - Christmas Program

PARENTS AND STUDENTS grades 1st-12th! Today's practice is for students with speaking parts in **Scenes 6 & 7**. We could still use volunteers (especially if you don't have kids in the program!) to help during practices and performance day as we'll have two performances. If you have any questions please contact Mindy at mindyadams82@gmail.com or Karen at karenmomma@live.com.

GU HOST TEAM MEETING - TODAY

If you are currently on any of the GU Host teams (ushering, greeting, café, security) or would like to find out more please join us for lunch in the Family Room following the Pastors' reception.

NEW MEMBERS MEETING - Next Sunday

If you would like to find out more about GU or are interested in becoming a member please stay with us after service next Sunday in Conf. Room A.



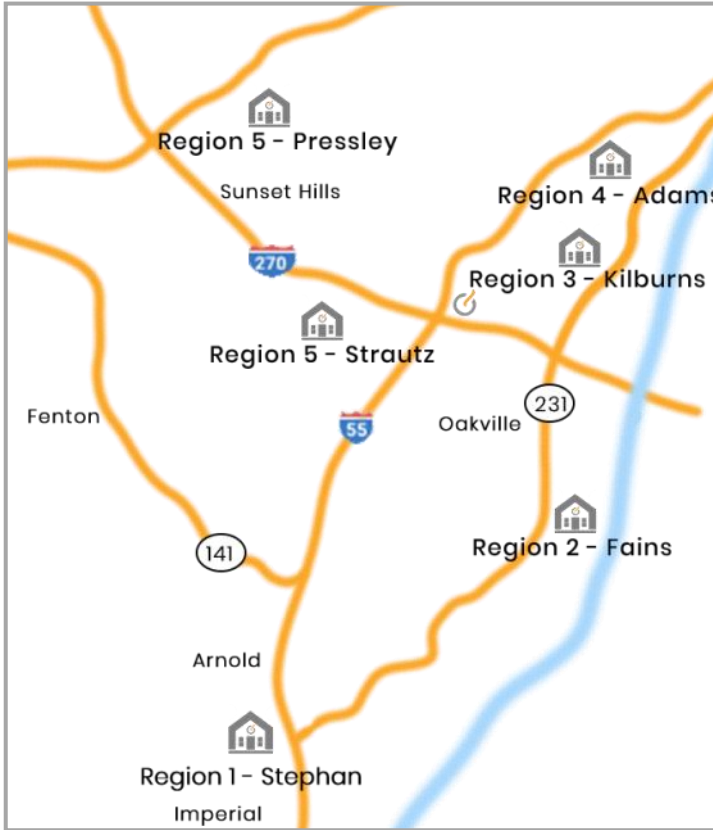
Our annual **TRUNK OR TREAT** is SATURDAY! This is our biggest community outreach of the year, and we need your help! You can donate candy in the kids check-in area, or sign up in the lobby to host a trunk or volunteer during the event.

Linda Brown would like to let everyone know that her husband of 43 years, Gary Brown, passed away on Wednesday, October 17. While we hurt now, Gary has been healed, and he celebrates the Victory of Jesus in the presence of the Father. Gary was a very special man who actively lived his God-given calling to serve others. He was both a nurse and a psychologist who loved to help, especially those in disadvantaged situations. He made a great impact on this earth and will be missed. Linda would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for all of the prayers and kindness shown to her during Gary's illness. Please continue to pray for Linda as she moves forward through the grief of such a great loss.

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: How to Break Your Life

Hebrews 12:16-17 (NLT)

- 16 Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal.
- 17 You know that afterward, when he wanted his father's blessing, he was rejected. It was too late for repentance, even though he begged with bitter tears.

Immoral: This is someone who has given up control of themselves to another, like being bribed, they have surrendered the independent exercise of their will and their faculties.

Godless: Everything is common, nothing is sacred.

Esau:

- Esau won and was born first, and from an early age it was clear that this boy would have it all.
- Esau was heavily driven by his physical appetite.
- There was no thing that was absolutely right or absolutely wrong. Life was governed by what he felt and wanted at any given moment.
- There came a moment for Esau when something that he should have protected was put up against a desire that he was accustomed to satisfying.
- Even though this status was integral to his charmed life Esau failed to protect it because it came into competition with his Appetite.

I. Unchecked Appetites sacrifice all that could ever be for something that could never last.

- A. It is so easy to think Esau is an Extraordinary Idiot, but we make similar trades.
- B. Often the damage done in Esau moments is permanent.

Hebrews 12:14-16

- 14 Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.
- 15 Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.
- 16 Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal

II. Part of protecting the life you want is devoting yourself to the Mission of God.

- A. Holy things were things devoted to a specific purpose, and they were only used for that purpose.

- B. Being holy means that you are devoted to the purposes of God for you.
 - Lifestyle worship: honoring God in how you conduct yourself.
 - Working to further his agenda: hope, forgiveness, salvation to the world.
 - Loving and serving your fellow man rather than yourself.
- C. To live life with an obvious and tangible devotion to those things is what it means to be Holy.
- D. Holiness has to be protected (think toothbrush).

2 Timothy 2:20-21

- 20 In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use.
- 21 If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

III. Protecting the Life you Want also means being a Peacemaker.

Romans 12:18 – Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

- A. All I get to control is what I do.
 - So for my part I am going to do my best to live at peace.
- B. Other people are absolutely essential to the full exercising of God's plan and his goodness in your life.
- C. Relationships are the Infrastructure for the Blessing and Power that God wants to communicate to you, from him; and from Him, through you, to others.
- D. *As we make every effort to be Holy, God's power and blessing are free to reside in us. And as we make every effort to live in peace then that blessing and power is able to move through the network, bringing uninterrupted light everywhere.*

2018 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

OCTOBER

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

22 Food Addicts Anonymous

23 Men's Breakfast

(8am Golden Corral)

27 TRUNK OR TREAT

28 New Members Meeting

NOVEMBER

4 Healthcare Team Meeting

11 GUSTudents Guys Night

18 Who We Are Lunch

18 GUSTudents Girls Night

22 GU Thanksgiving

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)

WAYS TO GIVE



ENVELOPE

Offering/Giving Box



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