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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

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTORS: Once again Grace Union Church has gone above and beyond in making us feel loved and appreciated. Thank you all so much for being such a fantastic church to be a part of. We definitely feel the love from you all. THANK YOU! Pastors Bob, Jason, Patrick and families.

NEW MEMBERS MEETING - TODAY

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

STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM - Christmas Program

PARENTS AND STUDENTS grades 1st-12th! Today's practice is for **ALL STUDENTS**. 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.

OCC PACKING PARTY - Sunday, 11/4

We invite anyone who is able to stay after service next Sunday to pack Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. You can bring your own items, or we'll have plenty of items to help fill. Pizza and salad lunch will be provided. Stop by the OCC table in the lobby today, or you can contact Chris Pahner at craftycrispy@yahoo.com.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GARY BROWN

For all who are able to come and support Linda, Gary Brown's memorial service will be **this Monday** at Jefferson Barracks. We will meet at the JB Reception area at 10 a.m. A luncheon will follow here at Grace Union at 11:15.

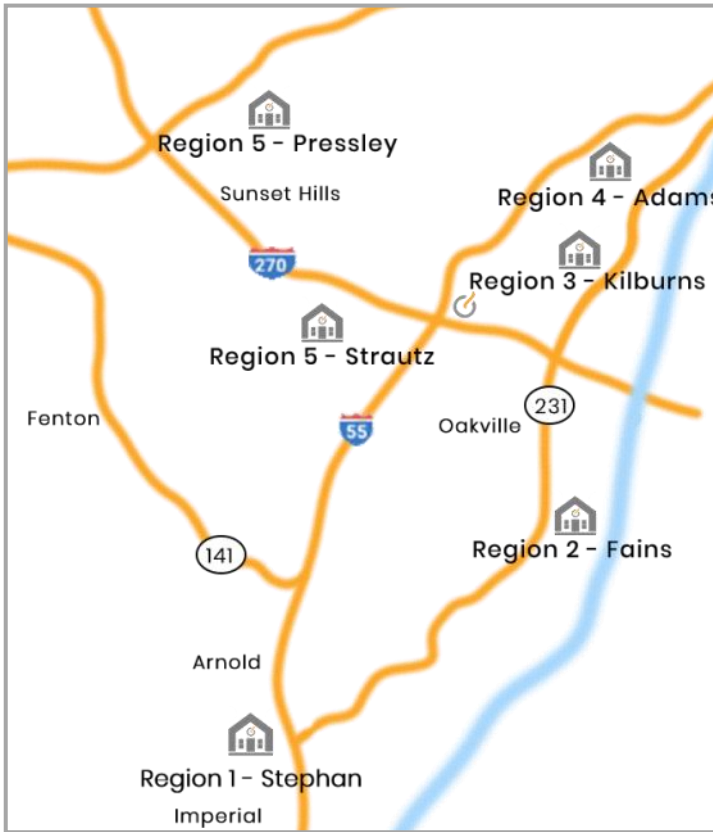


Lance & Carrie Clifton will be hosting a GU Family Thanksgiving dinner here in the Family Room. If you don't have family in the area, are a single parent, or don't have a traditional dinner planned, we'd love for you to celebrate with us! We'd like everyone who is able to bring a side to share. Please RSVP to Carrie by November 18th. Call or text 314.280.3459, or email lcclifton@aol.com.

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

SCARY

2 Kings 6:24–7:20

"The siege lasted so long that a donkey's head sold for eighty pieces of silver, and a cup of dove's dung sold for five pieces of silver."

I. People do scary and terrible things when we have no hope.

- A. These women knew there was nothing in their power that could fix their situation.

Colossians 3:2–4

- 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.
- 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.
 - Who you really are will be unfolded and made clear as you follow Jesus, that is the only way that any of us ever uncover our real identity.

II. Hopelessness can cause us to do our enemy's work for him.

III. One of the biggest reasons that we struggle to maintain hope is that we often forget; we are not the only player in this game.

Psalms 46:1 & 5 – God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. 5 God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed.

- A. What God contributes is the most significant component of our circumstance.
- B. *Often, since there is nothing we can do, we get confused and think that there is nothing that can be done.*

IV. The unquenchable Hope in life is that there is a solution and it is completely outside of us.

- A. Your hope is bigger than you. It is better than you. It is smarter than you. It has solutions to problems that you haven't even dreamed of.

V. The only losers in this story, sadly, were the ones who thought that their hope had to come from something they themselves figured out.

Proverbs 14:12 – There is a way that seems right to person but in the end it leads to destruction.

- A. Everyone who trusted and waited was wealthier after the siege than they were before.**
- B. Hopelessness is scary, but so are the results when we accept life on our enemies terms.
- C. There is a solution, and you cannot even see it right now, because it doesn't come from you.
- D. Maybe you are a Christian but you struggle in one of those areas I mentioned. Maybe you have accepted less than God's best, but you just don't know how that will ever change.

Philippians 1:6 – I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Isaiah 40:29-31

29 He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

30 Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion.

31 But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

This is the gospel:

Jesus fought the battle and LEFT THE SPOILS FOR ALL US LEPERS TO COLLECT.

Our Enemy has been Eternally Defeated. All that you need is sitting there for the taking. Through faith in Jesus it is all yours.

2018 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

OCTOBER

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH
29 Food Addicts Anonymous

NOVEMBER

4 Healthcare Team Meeting
4 OCC Packing Party
18 Who We Are Lunch
22 GU Thanksgiving Dinner
5,12,19,26 Food Addicts Anonymous

DECEMBER

2 Healthcare Team Meeting
2 Ladies Christmas Party
8 Kids Dress Rehearsal
9 Straight Outta Bethlehem (2)
18 Water Baptisms
22 Men's Breakfast
24 Christmas Eve Service
31 Youth Lock-in
3,10,17 Food Addicts Anonymous

* See graceunionstl.org or [Facebook.com/graceunionstl](https://www.facebook.com/graceunionstl) for details about these and other GU Events! *

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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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