

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

STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM - Christmas Program

PARENTS AND STUDENTS grades 1st-12th! Today's practice is for **ALL STUDENTS**. NEXT SATURDAY, Nov. 17, 9am-12pm, we will construct and paint the set and props. Anyone with tools or willingness to help is welcome! If you have any questions please contact Mindy at mindyadams82@gmail.com or Karen at karenmomma@live.com.

OCC RELAY CENTER

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Packing Party last week! We packed 205 shoe boxes, so we're over halfway to our 400 goal!

Grace Union will be a Relay/Collection Center again for the area beginning Monday. If you would like to help receive shoeboxes see Dale or Kirstie Dean today, or contact them at daleandkirstie@att.net. The schedule is below. Be sure to visit graceunionstl.org for all of the OCC details!

Relay Center Schedule

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| M-F | Nov 12-16 | 4-7:30 pm |
| Sat | Nov 17 | 12-3 pm |
| Sun | Nov 18 | 12-3 pm |
| Mon | Nov 19 | 10 am - 12 pm |



Over the next few weeks we invite you to visit us online to see videos from our GU members sharing what they are most thankful for!

Graceunionstl.org | [Facebook.com/graceunionstl](https://www.facebook.com/graceunionstl)



If you are new to GU, we invite you to lunch after service **NEXT** Sunday, November 18th. You'll be able to get to know the pastors and ask any questions. We look forward to meeting you! Contact Pastor Bob at bobpoley78@gmail.com.



Thanksgiving Dinner

GU FAMILY ROOM – 2 PM

HOSTED BY: LANCE & CARRIE CLIFTON

RSVP TO: 314.280.3459 | LCCLIFTON@AOL.COM

For individuals/families who have no other local family, are single parents, or are in a situation not allowing for a home-made meal. Celebrate with us!

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. Carrie will also be in the lobby after service.



Ladies Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

5 PM | FAMILY ROOM

Our Annual Ladies' Christmas Party is right around the corner. For our gift exchange this year we'll be bringing Christmas stockings! You'll fill a stocking with \$15 of things you think another woman would love, and we'll have a fun swap.

Dinner will be potluck style, and you can sign up with Carrie Clifton after service with what you'll be bringing. Contact Karen Poley at karenmomm@live.com, or Ashley Daniels at patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com for more details. You can also find more details on our FB page!



Christmas Season

at  **GraceUnion**
CHURCH

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|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>The Gift Series</i> | <i>Children's Production</i> | <i>Christmas Eve</i> |
| DEC 2,16,23 | DEC 9 | DEC 24 |
| 10AM | 9AM & 11 AM | 6PM |

THANKFUL (Part 2): Starving Entitlement

Luke 17: Story of the 10 Lepers

- Jesus restored the physical feeling of all 10 men, but only 1 seemed to have a heart that could feel.
- A grateful heart is a blessing that just keeps on giving!

I. Entitlement numbs our sensitivity, and places Gratitude outside of our reach.

- A. If you are frequently frustrated with or disappointed in other people that is often rooted in a sense of Entitlement.
- B. If you Frequently feel sorry for yourself it is often rooted in a sense of Entitlement.
- C. **Entitlement turns Blessings into Luggage and gifts into wages.**
 - When that happens nothing in real life can rise to the level necessary to trigger Gratitude, Joy, or Celebration.

II. Fictitious Reality: God owes me at least a base level "good life" because I am a good person. // Truth: Death and Destruction is what we are owed.

Romans 3:10b-18

- 10b "There is no one righteous, not even one;
11 there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.
12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."
13 "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips."
14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.
15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;
16 ruin and misery mark their ways,
17 and the way of peace they do not know."
18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

- A. Does God think you are a "good person?" **According to that verse it doesn't seem like it.**
- B. What then do those lives Entitle us To?
 - *Romans 6:23* – For the wages of Sin is Death.

III. Anything that comes our way, from People or God, that is not Death, Judgment, or Loss, is a Gift of Grace that we are not Entitled to.

- A. Every Breath that we take after having committed our first sin is unearned favor from God.
- B. Anything that happens to you above ground is a Blessing.
 - Because death is the only thing we have earned.
- C. We don't deserve or earn any level of consideration or treatment from other people, based on how we have acted.
 - Whatever treatment you owe Jesus, Jesus says you can settle up by paying that treatment out to other people.
 - Because of that, anything good that comes to you from people is also a Gift of Grace from God.

Romans 6:23 – the wages of sin is death, but the Gift of God is eternal Life in Jesus Christ our Lord

- D. **Because you are “In Jesus” God is inclined to respond to you with Blessing rather than Judgment.**

Philippians 2:13 – for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

IV. When we surrender to Jesus it is actually his will desiring good through us and His Spirit enabling the execution of it.

- A. When we have a desire to do good, rather than feeling good about ourselves we should feel thankful that God has done such a work in us.

V. CLOSING:

- A. I suspect the other 9 lepers were not all that Thankful, because they saw the healing as God finally giving them what they deserved.
- B. The truth is, **leprosy was them getting what they deserved, the Healing was what Jesus earned for them....They GOT GRACE.**

2018 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

NOVEMBER

12 OCC Relay Center Open
 14 Wednesday Night Experience
 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 (9a & 11a)
 18 Water Baptisms
 22 Men's Breakfast
 24 Christmas Eve Service
 31 Youth Lock-in
 3,10,17 Food Addicts Anonymous

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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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