

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

We do not have practice today! The final run through is NEXT SUNDAY!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who brought in shoeboxes and helped in the Relay Center last week! GU's grand total of boxes was **405!!**



All men are invited out for dinner this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship with other GUC men.



Our Annual Ladies' Christmas Party is **NEXT SUNDAY!** For our gift exchange this year we'll be bringing Christmas stockings! 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 in the lobby with what you'll be bringing. Contact Karen Poley at karenmomm@live.com, or Ashley Daniels at patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com with any questions. You can also find more details on our FB page!

Christmas Season

at  GraceUnion
CHURCH

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

The Christmas Season is upon us! We have a great Christmas schedule of events coming up! It all starts next Sunday with the first of "The Gift" message series. We hope you'll join us as we focus on the true Gift of Christmas.

STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM

PRESENTED BY 

Sunday December 9
9am & 11am

Cookies and pictures with Santa following each performance.

Our annual Children's production will take place December 9th with TWO SERVICES. **NOTE: The PreK/K performance will only be during the 9am service.** The Elementary performances will be identical; just choose the time that works best for your family. Free cookies and photos with Santa will be in the Family Room after each performance!



water BAPTISM

12.18.18

Contact Pastor Bob at
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Water Baptism is a public declaration of one's newness of life in Christ. If you would like to take this important step of faith, contact Pastor Bob at bobpoley78@gmail.com.

SLUGGARD

Proverbs 6:9

How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep?

Proverbs 13:4

The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.

Proverbs 20:4

The sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing.

Proverbs 21:25

The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.

Characteristics of a Sluggard:

1. Lack of **DESIRE**.
2. Unrealistic **EXPECATIONS**.
3. Inactive & **REACTIVE** (to Situations)
4. Blind **CONFIDENCE**.

Characteristics of King Josiah's Actions:

1. Find a **MENTOR**.
 - a. Find someone that has been where you're at.
 - b. Share your **STRUGGLES & LIFE** with them.
 - c. **LISTEN** to them when they speak.
2. Seek God's Direction
 - a. Take things **TO GOD**.
 - b. Spend time in **PRAYER**.
3. **PURGE & CLEANSE** your Life.
 - a. Josiah did something different.
 - b. Know the difference between **REMOVING** and **DESTROYING**.
4. **ROOT** yourself in Scripture.
 - a. View Scripture as life-giving, not a chore.
5. Tell others about your Faith.

2 Chronicles 34:1-7,19-21

- 1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.
- 2 And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father; and he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.
- 3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet a boy, he began to seek the God of David his father, and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the carved and the metal images.
- 4 And they chopped down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and he cut down the incense altars that stood above them. And he broke in pieces the Asherim and the carved and the metal images, and he made dust of them and scattered it over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.
- 5 He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.
- 6 And in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, and as far as Naphtali, in their ruins all around,
- 7 he broke down the altars and beat the Asherim and the images into powder and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.
- 19 And when the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his clothes.
- 20 And the king commanded Hilkiyah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying,
- 21 "Go, inquire of the Lord for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the Lord that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord, to do according to all that is written in this book."

2018 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

DECEMBER

- 2 Healthcare Team Meeting
- Ladies Christmas Party
- Children's Final Sunday Rehearsal
- 8 Children's Dress Rehearsal
- 9 Straight Outta Bethlehem (9a & 11a)
- 18 Water Baptisms
- 22 Men's Breakfast (Golden Corral)
- 24 Christmas Eve Service (6p)
- 31 Youth Lock-in
- 3,10,17 Food Addicts Anonymous

JANUARY

- 6 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 24 Men's Dinner
- 30 Wednesday Night Experience
- 7,14,21,28 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

WAYS TO GIVE



ENVELOPE
Offering/Giving Box



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