

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



We invite you to celebrate Christmas with GU! We will have a candlelight Christmas Eve service Monday at 6 p.m. It will be a special night of music and the conclusion of "The Gift" message series. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate the true Gift of Christmas.



All students grades 6-12 are invited to a New Years Lock-in on the 31st starting at 7 p.m.-Jan. 1 at 6 a.m.! Come hang out and bring in 2019 the right way! This all-nighter is going to be a blast. We've got inflatables that will challenge you, Escape Rooms, a life-size version of MarioParty, BIG SCREEN console gaming all night long, a black light midnight party to bring in the new year, and pizza to fuel the party animal. This whole event only costs \$25! Registration includes all the mentioned food and activities. See Pastor Patrick to RSVP today (patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com)! Event details are also on the GUSTudents FB page.



Kick off 2019 with GU and a new message series! Do you want to be able to predict where and how your life ends up? Good news! Our direction determines our destination.



Beginning **Sunday, January 6th at 9 am** our Adult small group will begin a new series based on the Max Lucado book, *Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer*. Wouldn't we like to pray more? Better? Stronger? With more fire, faith, and fervency? The first followers of Jesus needed prayer guidance too. In fact, prayer is the only tutorial they ever requested. And Jesus gave them a prayer. Not a lecture on prayer. Not the doctrine of prayer. He gave them a quotable, repeatable, portable prayer. Couldn't we use the same? Join us in **Conference Room A** in the New Year!



We have amazing, dedicated volunteers and leaders here at GU. If you serve in ANY capacity (children's ministry, greeting, usher, café, youth, worship) we invite you to a night of food and fun Friday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m.

The Gift (Part 3): The Sacrificial Lamb

Gifts reveal something about the Giver and the Receiver. The gifts of the Magi showed that, at least in their minds, this Baby would hold a powerful and unique position in human history.

Matthew 2:11 – On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

I. What is the deal with Myrrh?

- A. Myrrh was used to EMBALM DEAD BODIES.
- B. Myrrh is a really weird gift for a baby!
- C. This gift seems to say, "This child will be the target of wrath from men and God".

How do these three gifts fit together?

II. Human sinfulness caused the Heart of God to be Filled with Wrath.

- A. The Wrath of God is the Injured heart of a Loving Father responding to the Sin that destroys his Loved Children. In his Justice he moves in action against it.

Genesis 6:5-7

- 5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.
- 6 The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.
- 7 So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

- The full wrath of God against sin was unleashed.

Genesis 9:11-13

- 11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."
- 12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come:
- 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

- The bow itself points at the one who would have to Die bearing the weight of Wrath against sin.

- B. Then God established the Old Testament Law and the Animal Sacrifice System as a Temporary Measure.
- C. But year after year, as hard as they tried, this system never seemed to Cleanse people or fully Alleviate the Wrath of God.

III. Jesus was God, born as a Person, in order to Bear the Weight of Wrath against the sins of people.

Matthew 20:28 – “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Romans 3:23 tells us that the Payment for Sin is Death. Jesus was born as a person to accept that death in our place

- A. When those Wise Men handed that Baby MYRRH they were recognizing the fact that God provided a way to be **Just and Forgiving** by turning his wrath on himself.

IV. Jesus came as the Sacrifice, so there can now be “Good Will Toward Men.”

- A. Jesus' sacrifice changed the nature of God's interaction with Mankind for all of Eternity.

Luke 2:14 – “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

- B. Jesus' sacrifice means that there is now GOOD WILL FROM GOD, TOWARD MANKIND.
- C. Because of Jesus, you can be assured that ALL THAT FLOWS FROM GOD TO YOU IS GOOD WILL.

2018-19 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

DECEMBER

- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 31 Youth Lock-in

JANUARY

- 6 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 11 GU Leadership Night
- 24 Men's Dinner
- 25 Regional House Parties Resume
- 27 Men's Event
- 30 Wednesday Night Experience
- 7,14,21,28 Food Addicts Anonymous

FEBRUARY

- 1 Ladies Event
- 3 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 8 Regional House Party
- 10 Who We Are Lunch
- 16 Marriage Event
- 22 Regional House Party
- 23 Men's Breakfast
- 4,11,18,25 Food Addicts Anonymous

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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

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