

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 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 **THIS FRIDAY!**

MEN'S EVENT - SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH



All guys are invited to STL Sharp Shooter after church on the 27th. The cost is **\$45** and includes BBQ lunch on site and all equipment (firearm, ear protection, targets, etc.). *Ammunition purchased separately.* We need a minimum of 20 people! You can sign up in the lobby **TODAY**, or note on a Connection Card, and place it in the offering.





WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
EXPERIENCE

BEGINS
JAN 30



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WHO WE ARE
lunch

FEB 17 11:30 AM



water
BAPTISM
2.24.19





Trivia Night
Friday, March 2
Benefitting Africa Oasis Project

Beginner's Guide to Predicting Your Future:

Part 1 - Should Have Seen it Coming

We have all found ourselves in situations we **should have seen coming**.

Problem: There is sometimes a disconnect between where we want to end up and the Path we are walking.

- Most personal problems cannot be fixed, but they can be avoided.

Reality of Life: Direction determines destination.

- Realities are simply what is.
- We either leverage reality for our benefit or we ignore reality to our demise.

I. Jesus offered a Path to Follow rather than Solutions to Problems.

Matthew 7:24-29

- 24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
- 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.
- 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.
- 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."
- 28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,
- 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

A. Jesus offers us the Exposed Bedrock of Life.

- **His teaching gives us reality.**
- We can BE WISE and build on it and benefit GREATLY.
- Or we can be foolish ignoring reality to our demise.

B. **We want a Push Button Problem Solver, but God offers forgiveness and a Path toward wholeness and peace.**

C. God forgives our sin, but a life of peace and wholeness is the result of adherence to Reality.

D. **If you change direction, your circumstances will eventually change.**

E. **Teaching of Jesus** (*Directions toward Living in Line with Reality*):

- Let Your Light Shine by good deeds—Matthew 5:16
- Be Reconciled with the one you offended—Matthew 5:24–25
- Cut off the source of temptation—Matthew 5:29–30
- Say what you mean and mean what you say —Matthew 5:37
- Love Your Enemies—Matthew 5:44
- Don't lay up treasures on earth but in heaven—Matthew 6:19–20
- Live in Generosity, not in self seeking Greed - Luke 12:16–12
- Seek Above All God's Kingdom, and God will provide materially— Matthew 6:33
- Fear God, Not Man (be mindful of who you are performing for)—Matthew 10:26 and Matthew 10:28
- Go to Those Who Wrong You And Confront Over Their Wrong— Matthew 18:15
- Forgive Those Who Wrong You, even if they keep wronging you over and over—Matthew 18:21–22
- Stay Married—Matthew 19:6; 5:31–32
- In humility choose low positions, prefer others—Matthew 20:26–28
- Invite To Meals The Poor, the Lame, etc.—Luke 14:12–14
- Love Your Neighbor—Matthew 22:39
- Use the gifts and resources God has given you to produce spiritual fruit. (Matt. 25:29. & 13:12)
- Build other up spiritually—John 21:15–16
- Be baptized. Lead others to faith, and baptize them—Matthew 28:19
- Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.—John 13:34.

II. **Foolish People Live Life as if it is Disconnected.**

- A. A foolish person knows there are storms:
- They know those storms erode soil.
 - They know their house is built on soil.
 - They even know people who's homes have collapsed.
 - **But they do not draw the connecting lines between their choices and results.**
- B. When you see people who's lives are marked by Peace and Wholeness they are NOT LUCKY!
- C. Foolish people don't connect the dots between their individual choices, and the house those choices combine to build.
- D. DIRECTION determines Destination.
- Direction is nothing more than a collection of seemingly unconnected individual choices.

2019 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

- 1 Ladies Event
- 3 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 8 Regional House Party
- 17 Who We Are Lunch
- 22 Regional House Party
- 23 Men's Breakfast
- 24 Water Baptisms
- 4,11,18,25 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

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