

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

MEN'S DINNER - THURSDAY, 1/24

At 6:30pm - Crusoe's (5591 Oakville Shopping Ctr). Contact Dale Dean at daleandkirstie@att.net

STL SHARP SHOOTER - Sunday, 1/27

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.* You can sign up in the lobby.

WOMEN'S POTLUCK - Friday, 2/1

All ladies are invited to warm up from the cold over a potluck dinner, and enjoy getting to know each other. Bring soup or chili to share. You can sign up in the lobby, or note on a Connection Card and place in the offering. Contact Ashley Daniels at ashleydaniels1137@gmail.com or 314.403.3821 with any questions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE

The Wednesday Night Experience kicks off January 30th at 6:30 p.m.! There are programs for all ages: Nursery-PreK; Awana for Elementary; GUStudents service for grades 6-12; and adult service will be in the Auditorium with a great time of worship, testimonies, and prayer.



If you are new to GU and would like to know more about us and some of our leaders, we invite you to lunch after service Sunday, February 17th. Please fill out a Connection Card noting Who We Are Lunch, and place it in the offering.

REGIONAL PARTIES



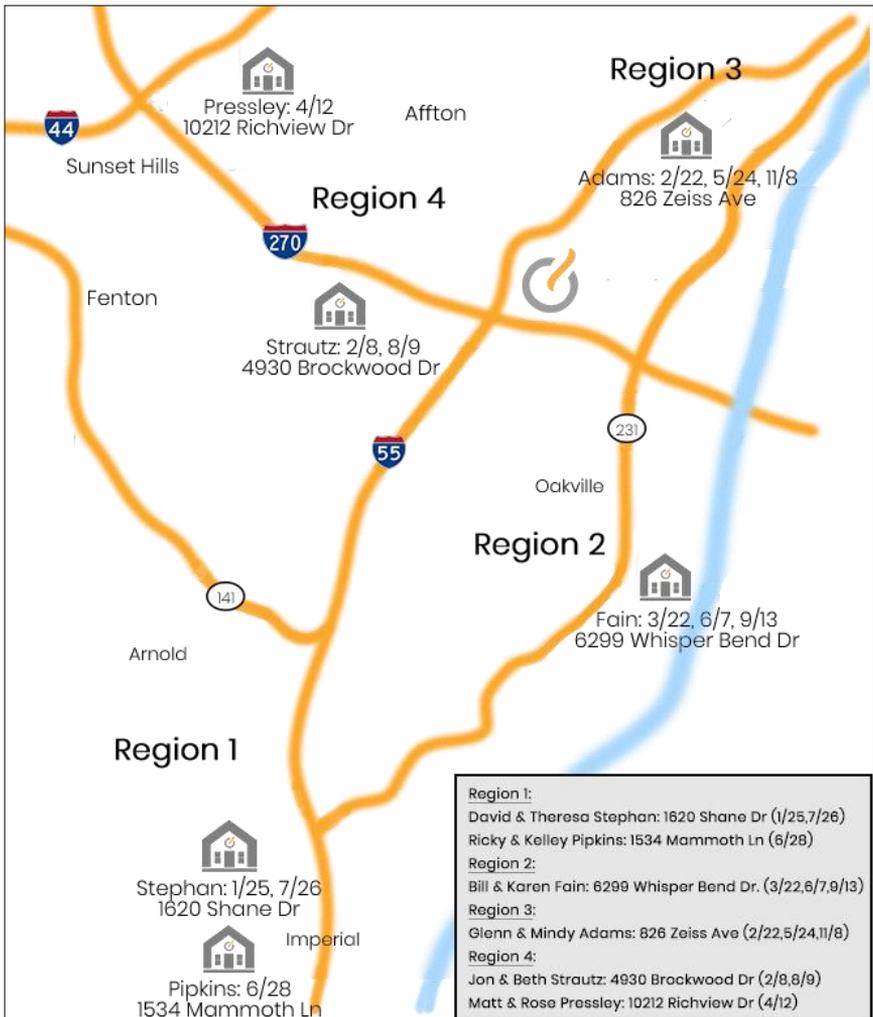
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

UPCOMING PARTIES:

Jan 25: Region 1 - David & Theresa Stephan

Feb 8: Region 4 - Jon & Beth Strautz

Feb 22: Region 3 - Glenn & Mindy Adams



Beginner's Guide to Predicting Your Future:

Part 3 - Followers

Following the Direction of another is in many ways liberating, but you have to **trust** and **submit** to the direction and preference of the one you are following.

John 6:1-6

- 1 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias),
- 2 and a great crowd of people followed him **because they saw the signs he had performed** by healing the sick.
- 3 Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples.
- 4 The Jewish Passover Festival was near.
- 5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"
- 6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

John 6:24-28,30-31

- 24 Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.
- 25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, **when did you get here?**"
- 26 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.
- 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.
- 28 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."
- 30 So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"
- 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

- Once they realized that Jesus was not a "stuff distribution center" they stopped following.

John 6:67-69

- 67 You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.
- 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
- 69 We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

- The 12 don't understand where Jesus is taking them, but they have learned to trust his Direction.

I. The crowd was following Jesus in pursuit of their own agenda.

- A. They don't want a Leader or a Lord, they want a Cosmic Butler.
- B. So often the reason we are tempted give up on Faith, stems from the fact that we don't really understand what it means to Follow.

II. But, If not Jesus then What?

- A. Peter knew that following something was Assumed, the only question was who or what that would be.
- B. As it turns out the crowd was never following Jesus to begin with.
 - They were following what they wanted.
 - For a time Jesus happened to be giving out what they were in search of.

III. Jesus offered himself as the Source Eternal of Life.

- A. Jesus says:
 - Some of what I lead you into is harder for you temporarily, but better for you in Eternity.
 - You may be called to push through things you don't like NOW in exchange for what you REALLY NEED LATER.
 - Sometimes my ways will also benefit you here and now, in the Finite things.
 - But they will always be for your good INFINITELY; starting now and lasting on into Eternity.
 - Don't choose what seems good now but will be worthless Later.

IV. Following Him means Following Even when we would rather not.

- A. When we do that then ALL of OUR LIFE is built on ROCK...(in line with reality).
- B. The blessing of living in that way starts now and grows exponentially into eternity.

Will you put your car behind Jesus' and trust him enough to follow all that he teaches?

Will you accept his sense of where your life needs to go and Follow him there?

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.

2019

PRAYPURSUEPARTY

JANUARY

- 24 Men's Dinner
- 25 Regional House Party (Stephan)
- 27 Men's Event - STL Sharp Shooter
- 30 Wednesday Night Experience
- 14,21,28 Food Addicts Anonymous

FEBRUARY

- 1 Ladies Event
- 3 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 8 Regional House Party (Strautz)
- 17 Who We Are Lunch
- 22 Regional House Party (Adams)
- 23 Men's Breakfast
- 24 Water Baptisms/
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
- 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

WAYS TO GIVE



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Offering/Giving Box



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