

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

HILLJACK HOUSE OPPORTUNITY

Hilljack is a Clean Living Facility that helps people fighting their way back from Addiction have a place to stay that will aid them in their Recovery and Return to whole living. We are so excited to partner with people who are doing such valuable work in St. Louis. We are volunteering to help them restock their **Donation Room**, which provides basic living necessities for men and women as they move into the facility. **We will be collecting the 10th and the 17th.** *Items needed are: men and women's disposable razors; shaving cream; lotion; shampoo and conditioner; paper towels; toilet paper 4 or 8 pack; laundry detergent; dish soap; bedding (full & queen).*

WHO WE ARE LUNCH - Sunday, February 17th

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.

WATER BAPTISM - Sunday, February 24th

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, please fill out a Connection Card (noting Baptism) and place in the offering.

GU ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Immediately following Baptisms on the Sunday the 24th, we will gather back in the Auditorium for our Annual Business Meeting. You do not have to be a current member to attend. Pastor Bob will share ministry reports from 2018, we'll present the financial report and budget, as well as the vision and emphasis for 2019!

11TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT!

We are hosting our 11th Annual Trivia Night, **Friday, March 1**, in the Family Room. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Trivia begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person, with a maximum of 8 players per table. Soft drinks will be available; however, you may bring food and drinks for your table to share. All proceeds will benefit the Africa Oasis Project to dig another fresh-water well in Africa. We will need volunteers to collect answer sheets, keep an eye on and refresh the drinks, and help with registration & selling the raffle tickets.

Reservations will take place in the Grace Union lobby prior to and following Sunday service, or you may contact Chuck Forbes at 314.378.2348 or chuckforbz@gmail.com for more information, or to reserve your spot.

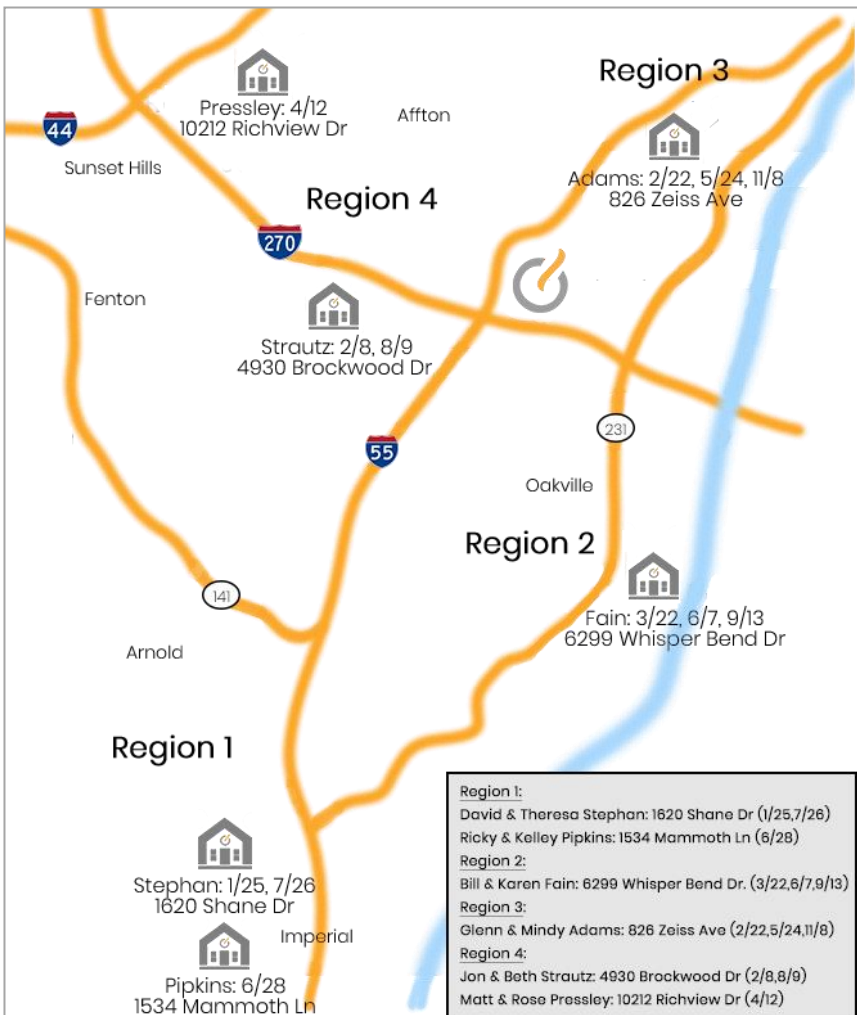
REGIONAL PARTIES



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:

- Feb 8:** Region 4 - Jon & Beth Strautz
- Feb 22:** Region 3 - Glenn & Mindy Adams
- Mar 22:** Region 2 - Bill & Karen Fain



Leveling Off or Adding On

Peter's Story

- Peter has grown a lot and has changed A LOT over these last few years, but will he Level OFF here, or will he Keep ADDING ON.

2 Peter 1:3-8

- 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.
- 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
- 5 For this very reason, **make every effort to add to** your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;
- 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;
- 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.
- 8 For if you possess these qualities in **increasing measure**, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I. The Finished Work of Jesus is the Standard Issue Tool Chest given to Every Christian.

- A. What Jesus contributes to Your Spirituality has been Universally Given.
 - We simply need to avail ourselves to it.

II. The Jesus Life is, by nature, a Life of Adding To.

- A. Life in Jesus was designed to be a Journey, not an Accomplishment that gets checked off a list.
- B. "Bend all your energy to the task of equipping your faith with:"
 - Knowledge, self control, perseverance, Godliness, mutual affection, love
- C. According to Peter, all of those things together equals Spiritual Growth.
- D. **But the continuation of this process is the most crucial part.**
 - This is a Journey where every continued step of Obedience is as powerful as the ones before it.

III. If we are Growing, then our Faith will be Effective and Productive.

- A. God's initiative through Jesus is all about bringing life to Lost people, and greater degrees of wholeness and blessing to those who are Found.
 - GU mission: "Encountering Grace right where we are, and being moved by Grace toward all God has for us."
- B. If we are growing in our faith then we will get better at life; and we will be instrumental in others finding life in Jesus themselves.
- C. God's plan is as much about you as it is about the world out there. And it is as much about the World out there as it is about You!

Back to Peter's Story:

- Paul confronted Peter about his sin, and Peter GREW FROM IT.
- Peter helped settle the dispute in the church, and OPEN THE DOOR WIDE for the Non Jewish world to come to Jesus.
- When we grow Better our lives get better, and God's Kingdom Gets Bigger.

2019 PRAY PURSUE PARTY

FEBRUARY

- 3 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 8 Regional House Party (Strautz)
- 10,17 Hilljack House Collection
- 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 Anonyms

MARCH

- 1 TRIVIA NIGHT
- 3 Child Dedication
- 8,9 Fine Arts Festival
- 16 Marriage Event
- 20 GUS students Event
- 22 Regional House Party (Fain)
- 28 Men's Dinner
- 31 21 DAYS OF PRAYER BEGINS
- 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 @ 9AM
Adults Group



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



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Offering/Giving Box



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