

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

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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

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - TODAY

Immediately following service today we will have 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! - THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 1st

We are hosting our 11th Annual Trivia Night, **THIS Friday** 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.

**You can still register with Chuck Forbes today in the lobby**, or contact him at 314.378.2348 or [chuckforbz@gmail.com](mailto:chuckforbz@gmail.com) for more information, or to reserve your spot.

### MARRIAGE EVENT - Friday, March 8th

It's time for a date night! We have tickets for 10 GU couples to attend Focus on the Family's event, Love, Laugh Pursue in Wentzville on Friday, March 8th. The **cost is \$30/couple and must be paid at the time of registration**. Sign up in the lobby today!

### WHO WE ARE LUNCH - Sunday, March 10th

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.

### CPR TRAINING - March 30 | 9a-12p | Cost \$45

GU will be hosting a CPR Certification training that will include adult, child & infant CPR and first aid. Children 6th grade and up may observe the first aid portion, but the training is for 18+. You can sign up in the lobby today, and contact Mindy Adams with questions at [mindyadams82@gmail.com](mailto:mindyadams82@gmail.com).

### EASTER EGG COLLECTION

Our GU Easter celebration is approaching!! This year we are asking for donations of plastic eggs that are stuffed with **PRE-PACKAGED candy**. **Candy must be in it's own package**. We'll be having two egg hunts again, so we appreciate your donations! Donation boxes are located in the foyer and kids check-in area.

# REGIONAL PARTIES



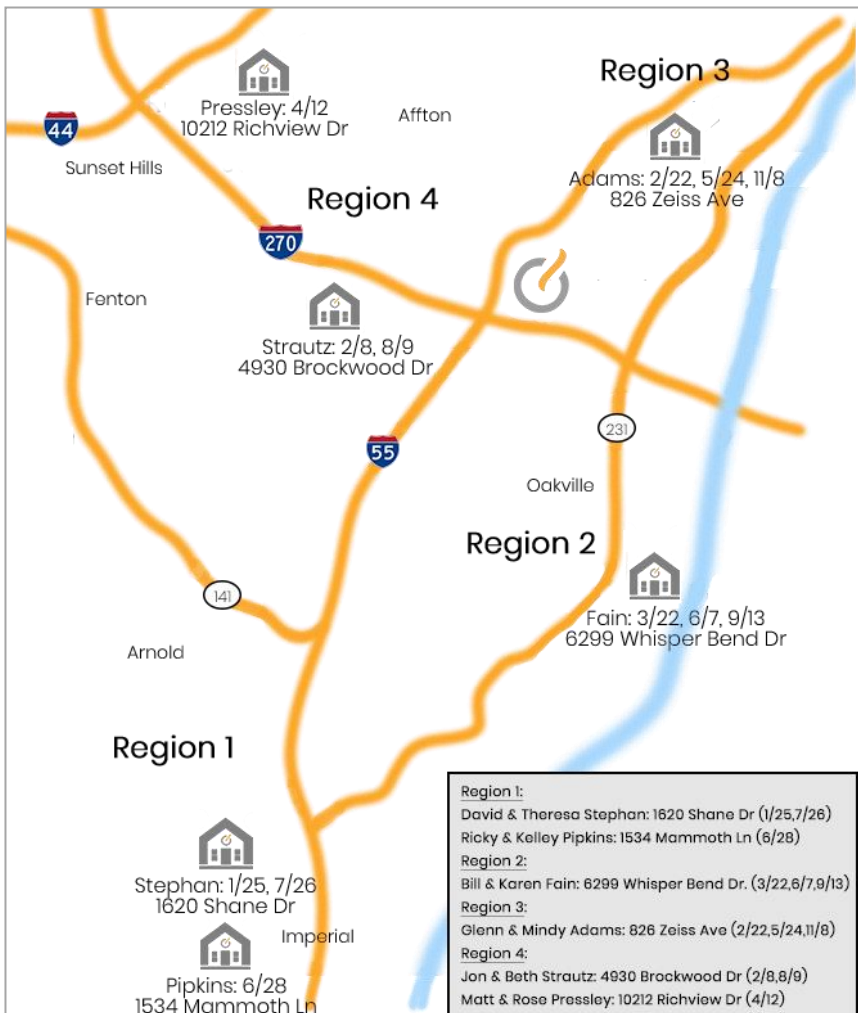
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

## UPCOMING PARTIES:

**Mar 22:** Region 2 - Bill & Karen Fain

**Apr 12:** Region 4 - Matt & Rose Pressley

**May 24:** Region 3 - Glenn & Mindy Adams



# Bridges: Pouring Out or Filling Up

## **Genesis 24:1-4**

- 1 Abraham was now a very old man, and the Lord had blessed him in every way.
- 2 One day Abraham said to his oldest servant, the man in charge of his household, "Take an oath by putting your hand under my thigh.
- 3 Swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not allow my son to marry one of these local Canaanite women.
- 4 Go instead to my homeland, to my relatives, and find a wife there for my son Isaac."

## **I. True Love is Established, not Discovered.**

- A. The concept of "The One or Soul Mate" is not what Christian scripture teaches us about love.
- B. This idea has worked its way into western culture from an Ancient Greek story.
- C. In Rebekah's story, Frank was not search for "The One" he was searching for someone who knew how to Love.

*John 3:16* - This is how we know what love is Jesus Christ laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

- D. Regardless of what anyone says they FEEL for another person, Loving is the act and pattern of putting someone else above me in my actions.

## **II. Good Love Grows When We Give First.**

- A. We don't Go First, We Give First.
- B. People who know how to love Plant Seeds of service, kindness, and consideration into their relationships.
- C. Us giving first, the kind of love that would make our relationships great, plants seeds that enable those we love to love us and others better.
- D. The sooner we stop asking the wrong questions and start sowing seeds of love the sooner we will FEEL LOVE and BE LOVED in return.

### III. But what about having my needs met?

- A. One of our greatest Relationship Problems is that we often look to people to meet needs only God is capable of meeting.
- B. We both have souls that are Hungry and Thirsty for Love. How will it ever work if we see each other as the solution to the deficit we both feel?

*John 15:5* - "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

*John 15:9-13*

- 9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
  - 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.
  - 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
  - 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
  - 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
- C. The Fueling source of your love for another person should never be their love for you. It should be Jesus' love for you.
  - D. When we worry about whether the other person will give to us in the same way, we withhold.
  - E. The act of our pouring out creates the space for God to fill us back up.

*Luke 6:32-33,38*

- 32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.
- 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.
- 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap

When I pour out, God pours in. He always runs over!

# 2019 PRAY PURSUE PARTY

## MARCH

- 1 TRIVIA NIGHT
- 3 Child Dedication
- 8 Marriage Event
- 8,9 Fine Arts Festival
- 10 Who We Are Lunch
- 20 GUS tudents Event
- 22 Regional House Party (Fain)
- 28 Men's Dinner
- 31 21 DAYS OF PRAYER BEGINS
- 4,11,18,25 Food Addicts Anonymous

## APRIL

- 5 Leadership Appreciation Night
- 7 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 12 Regional House Party (Pressley)
- 17 GUS tudents Event  
Night of Worship
- 21 Easter Sunday (8:30a, 11a)
- 26 Men's Conference Weekend
- 1,8,15,22,29 Food Addicts Anonymous

\* See [graceunionstl.org](http://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](mailto: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



**ENVELOPE**  
*Offering/Giving Box*



**TEXT TO GIVE**  
*314.888.5188*  
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## OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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