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to



**GraceUnion**  
CHURCH

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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

### CHILD DEDICATION - TODAY

All are welcome to the Family Room after this morning's service for our Child Dedication. This is a time for parents to make a public commitment to God to raise their children in His ways; and a time for Grace Union Church to join with the parents in prayer for and celebration of these children.

### LEADERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT - Friday, April 5

If you serve in ANY area at GU this night is for you! This Friday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m. we'll have an evening of food and fun, and we'll hear from our pastors on all that God is doing through GU and exciting plans for 2019!

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Sundays, 9am

Starting next Sunday the Men & Women's group will begin *The Parables of Jesus – Deeper Connections*, a dynamic, easy-to-understand study by Biblical experts. Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Each session begins in Israel, making it easier to experience and understand the cultural background of key events. Bill & Karen Fain lead this group (billfain7@gmail.com) in Conf. Room A (off the front lobby).

### EASTER EGG COLLECTION

Our GU Easter celebration is approaching!! We would appreciate your donations of plastic eggs 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.

### STRONGER MEN'S CONFERENCE - April 26-27

All men are invited to this annual conference at JQH Arena in Springfield, MO. Featuring high-energy worship and entertainment, this action-packed conference will be an unforgettable experience! Past events have included NFL Superstar Panels, Monster Trucks, and MMA Fights. The cost is \$180 and is **due at registration** (includes conference and hotel). Sign up in the lobby. Contact Jason with any questions at jscott5157@gmail.com.



# REGIONAL PARTIES



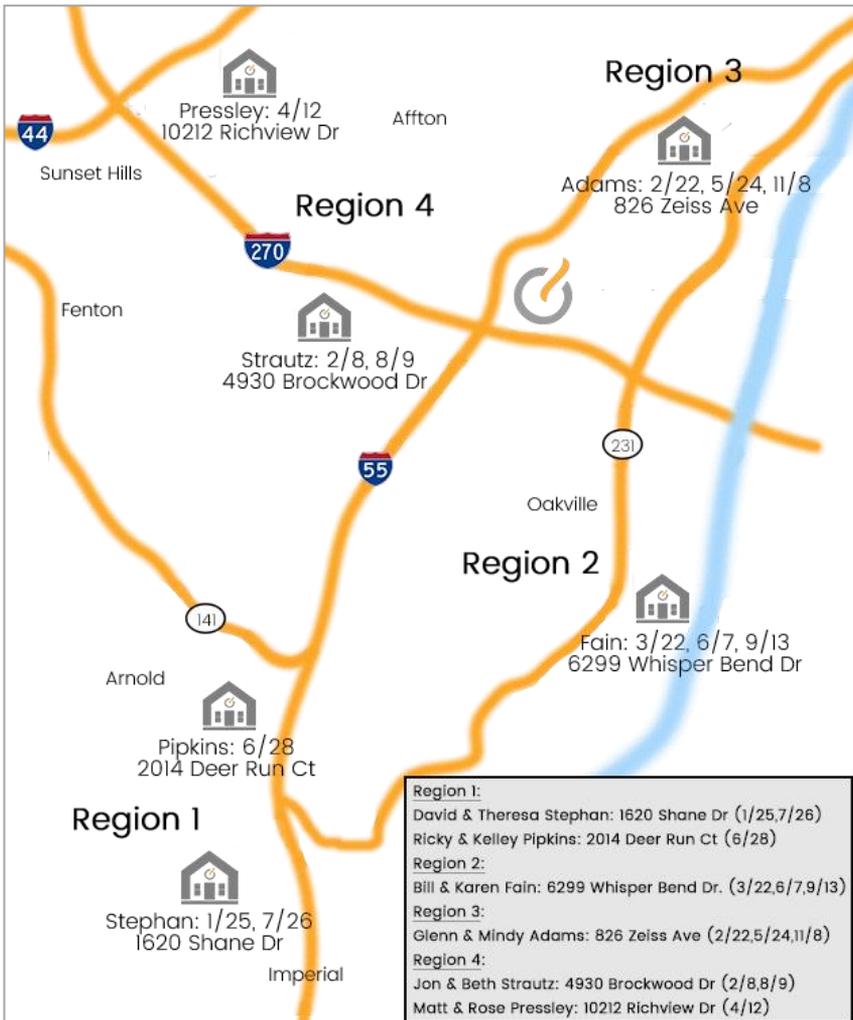
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

## UPCOMING PARTIES:

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

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

**Jun 7:** Region 2 - Bill & Karen Fain



# Brand New (Part 1): Unafraid

*1 Corinthians 15:3-6, 20-22, 51-54*

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. **22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.**

51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory.

## I. The Resurrection Changes Us

- A. When we think of going to heaven we sometimes think of a Ghostly, less-than-real existence.
- Scripture teaches that in comparison to Resurrection Reality, this world and this life seem ghostly and less than real.

*Revelation 21:1-5*

1 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

- B. We know that someday we will experience Resurrection Life, but what impact does that future reality have on life today?

*Matthew 28:1-2*

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

*Matthew 28:3-10*

3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## **II. Up until now the Jesus followers had been afraid.**

### A. Root Fears:

- We Fear Humiliation.
- We Fear Judgment.
- We Fear Loss.

### B. The Shadow cast by fear is almost always larger and more chilling than the actual event casting the shadow.

## **III. Second Hand knowledge of the Resurrection brought Mixed Emotions.**

### A. Joy mixed with fear is lightyears better than despair.

### B. Even as believers in Jesus and the Resurrection we still face life with mixed emotions.

- There is still fear of what could happen.
- There is still sadness and shock at what did happen.
- But there is Joy in seeing the beginnings of Hope and wondering what God might do with this situation.

## **IV. A firsthand experience of the Resurrection Filled them with Joy.**

### A. What they had lost was now right back in front of their face.

### B. This reality is better than the one they had before because this one has no borders.

## **V. Sadly, we have to walk through the bitterness and loss before our hope and joy become loss-proof.**

### A. The day is coming when Jesus will make All Things New!

### B. As the Resurrection becomes more real in our hearts and minds we make the Journey from Fearful to Unafraid.

# 2019 PRAY PURSUE PARTY

## APRIL

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

## MAY

- 3 Movie Night (Empire Strikes Back)
- 12 Mother's Day
- 15 GUSudents Event Night
- 17 Ladies Night
- 19 Who We Are Lunch
- 23 Men's Dinner
- 24 Regional House Party (Adams)
- 26 Water Baptisms
- 6,13,20 Food Addicts Anonymous

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## 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*



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