

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

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Sundays, 9am

The Sunday morning Men & Women's group is starting *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



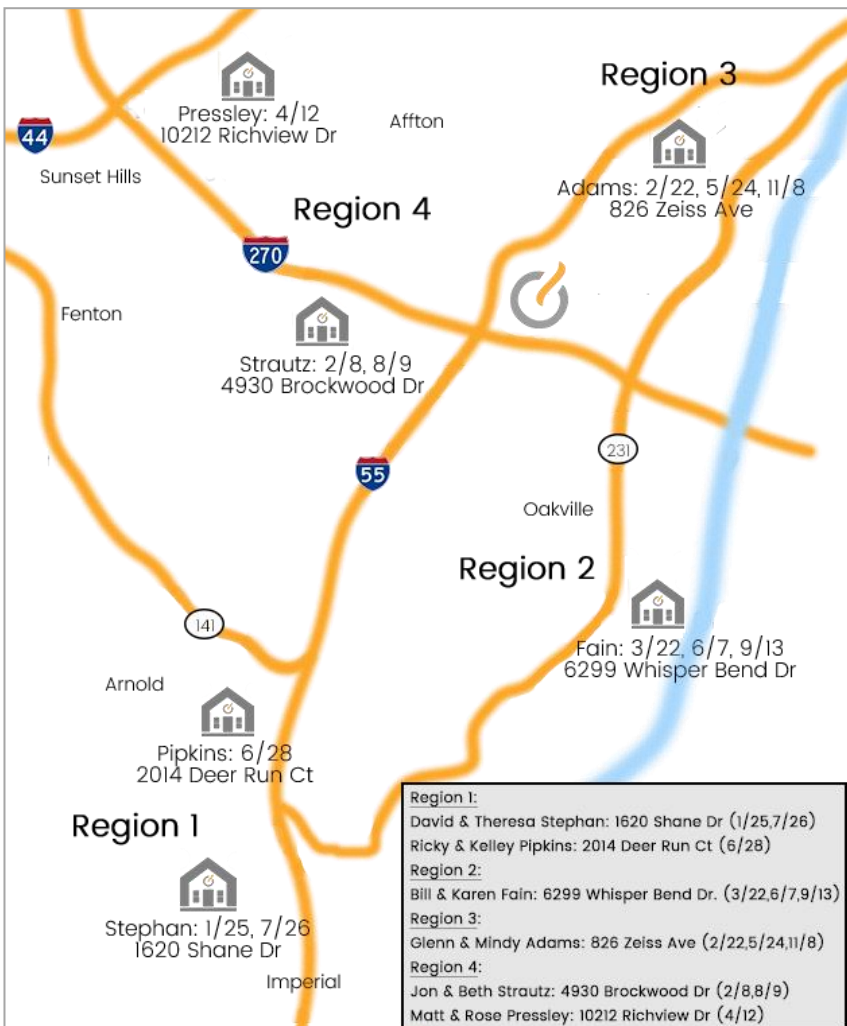
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

## 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 2): Unfrustrated

*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 promise of Easter is more than just going to heaven some day. We will be raised to Eternal, Physical, Incorruptible life.**

*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!"

- II. **The Resurrection will bring an end to Lamenting and Frustration.**

- A. The sad reality is that there is often great distance between what should be and what is.

- The Level of our Frustration or Lamenting depends on how large the distance is between what we expect and what comes to pass.

B. As a result of people's sin the work of People's hands is now Frustrated.

- Nothing that we put effort into works as it should.

### **III. On our own we have no workable solutions to this.**

A. The fact that you feel frustration for the state of the world is evidence that it has not always been this way.

- You feel frustration because your heart knows there should be more.

*Romans 8:19-21*

- 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.  
 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope  
 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

### **IV. In the Resurrection God will Un-Frustrate all of Creation.**

*Amos 9:13-15*

- 13 The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills,  
 14 and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. "They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit.  
 15 I will plant Israel in their own land never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,"

### **V. In the Resurrection there will no longer be any Gap between what should be and what is.**

- No personal Gap.
- No Gap in other people.
- No gap for the physical world.

**Question:** How does this help us now?

**Answer:** Peace comes Here and Now when we stop expecting this world to be what only The Resurrection will make it.

# 2019 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

## APRIL

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

## MAY

- 3 Movie Night (Empire Strikes Back)
- 12 Mother's Day
- 15 GUStudents 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

\* 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*



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

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