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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

STRONGER MEN'S CONFERENCE - April 26-27 - REGISTER TODAY!

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. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER!**



FAREWELL
TO THE
DANIELS FAMILY

Wednesday, April 17
Reception in the GU Students area
following evening services.

The card features a dark blue background with a pattern of white leaves and yellow flowers on the right side.



EASTER

AT GRACE UNION CHURCH

APRIL 21 EGG HUNT
8:30 & 11:00AM PETTING ZOO

The poster has a background of colorful, abstract brushstrokes in shades of purple, blue, green, and pink.



family MOVIE NIGHT

STAR FRIDAY, MAY 3 WARS

7pm Snacks & Crafts 8pm Movie begins

The poster is designed to look like a movie ticket stub with a yellow border. It features a yellow delivery truck with the word 'family' written on its side.

REGIONAL PARTIES



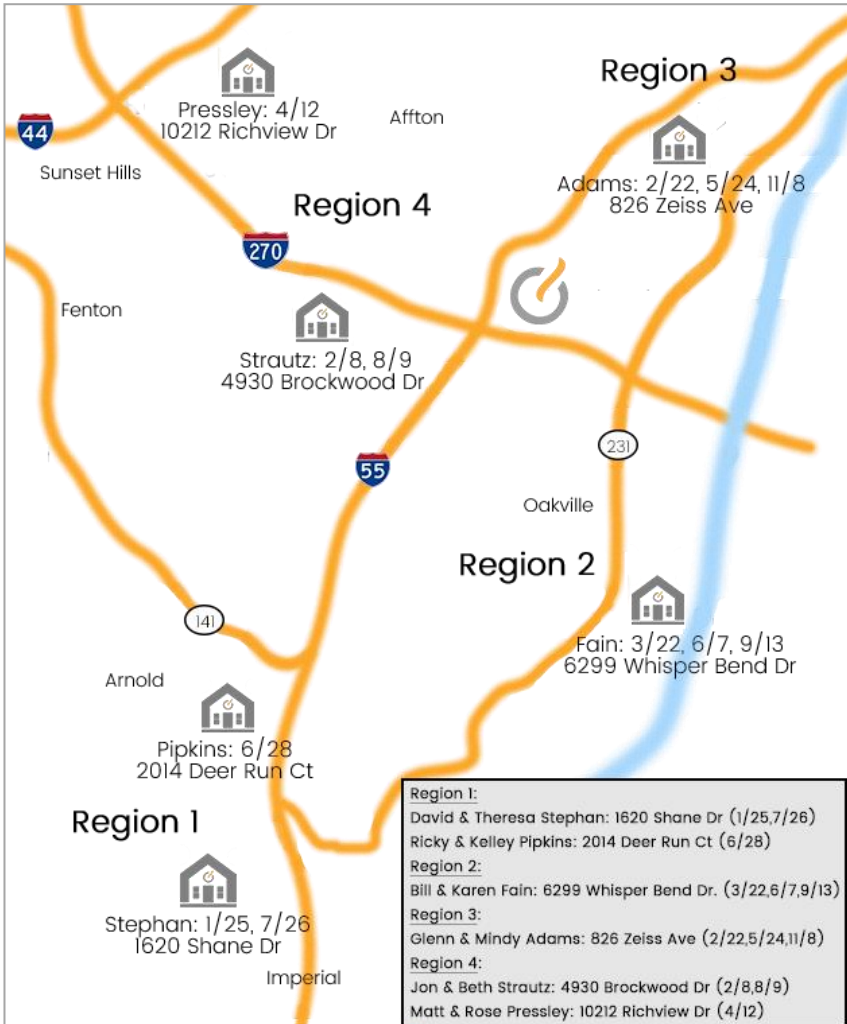
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

UPCOMING PARTIES:

May 24: Region 3 - Glenn & Mindy Adams

Jun 7: Region 2 - Bill & Karen Fain

Jun 28: Region 1 - Ricky & Kelley Pipkins



Brand New (Part 3): Thirsty Souls

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 21:1-6 - 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." 6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

James 4:1-2a,5-6 (The Voice) - 1 Where do you think your fighting and endless conflict come from? Don't you think that they originate in the constant pursuit of gratification that rages inside each of you like an uncontrolled militia? 2 You crave something that you do not possess, so you murder to get it. You desire the things you cannot earn, so you sue others and fight for what you want...5 Do you think it is empty rhetoric when the Scriptures say, "The spirit that lives in us is addicted to envy and jealousy"? 6 You may think that the situation is hopeless, but God gives us more grace when we turn away from our own interests.

II. People have Thirsty Souls.

- A. We are in constant conflict because our hearts just want.

III. Thirsty souls can drive us toward all kinds of madness.

- A. When we connect that want to the wrong thing, the compulsive patterns can make huge messes in our lives.
- B. As we do this stuff we are trying to scratch an itch that will not go away with things that will eventually hurt us.
- C. "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." -C.S. Lewis

IV. Point: As his Image Bearers we were created to Receive and Reflect the Glory of God.

- A. There was something that was included in our original design that is now lacking or insufficient, and it causes a constant desire in our inner most being.
- B. What is it that we are missing?
- You were created in God's image to be shined upon by the light of his glory and goodness.
 - Once shined upon, you were specially crafted to receive the warmth and beauty of him and to REFLECT it outward on creation.
- C. Here is where our problem comes in. Just like solar panels need full sun to work well, we need to be fully immersed in God's presence for our Receiving and Reflecting to function well.
- Originally before Sin, Humanity lived in the Uninterrupted Presence of God.
 - Sin brought separation between Humanity and God.
 - There is some of the Light and Brilliance of God's presence shining on us, but not enough to keep our batteries from operating at a deficit.

V. In the Resurrection the light and warmth that our batteries were built to run on will exist in full Abundance.

- A. It is like our souls have a 6th Sense. And only in Eternity, in the Full and Actual presence of God will we find the Sensation this sense was built to process.
- B. In Eternity this Itch, this thirst, this hunger will be fully and finally satisfied.

2019 PRAY PURSUE PARTY

APRIL

17 Night of Worship
17 Daniels Family Farewell
21 EASTER SUNDAY (8:30a, 11a)
26 Men's Conference Weekend
15,22,29 Food Addicts Anonymous

MAY

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

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