

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



All men are invited out to enjoy good food and fellowship with other GUC men and guests. This Thursday we'll be at Feraro's Pizza (11726 Baptist Church Rd.) You can contact Dale Dean at daleandkirstie@att.net.



Water Baptism is a public declaration of one's new life in Christ. If you would like to take this step of faith **NEXT Sunday, May 26th**, fill out a Connection Card noting "Baptism," and place it in the offering during service or in the lobby.



Movie Night is **NEXT Sunday, May 26th**. All are welcome for a FREE family movie night on the lawn. Crafts for the kids start at 7 p.m. We'll also have snacks available for sale. "The Empire Strikes Back" will start at 8 p.m.



YOUTH CAMP registration for Middle-High schoolers is open! Camp is June 10-14, and registration is \$185. See Caleb McFarland today, or you can contact him at macc0027@gmail.com. You can find out more about the Southern Missouri Youth camp at smymonline.org/youthcamp.



It's **KIDS CAMP time!!** Your kids will have a blast and grow closer to God through an amazing variety of fun activities and ministry opportunities. Registration is open **NOW**, and the cost is \$260. You can pay \$100 to Grace Union now with balance due June 3rd. *Scholarships available.* **Contact Lisa Spindler at spindlers@gmail.com for more info. Details are also on our FB page and website.**

REGIONAL PARTIES



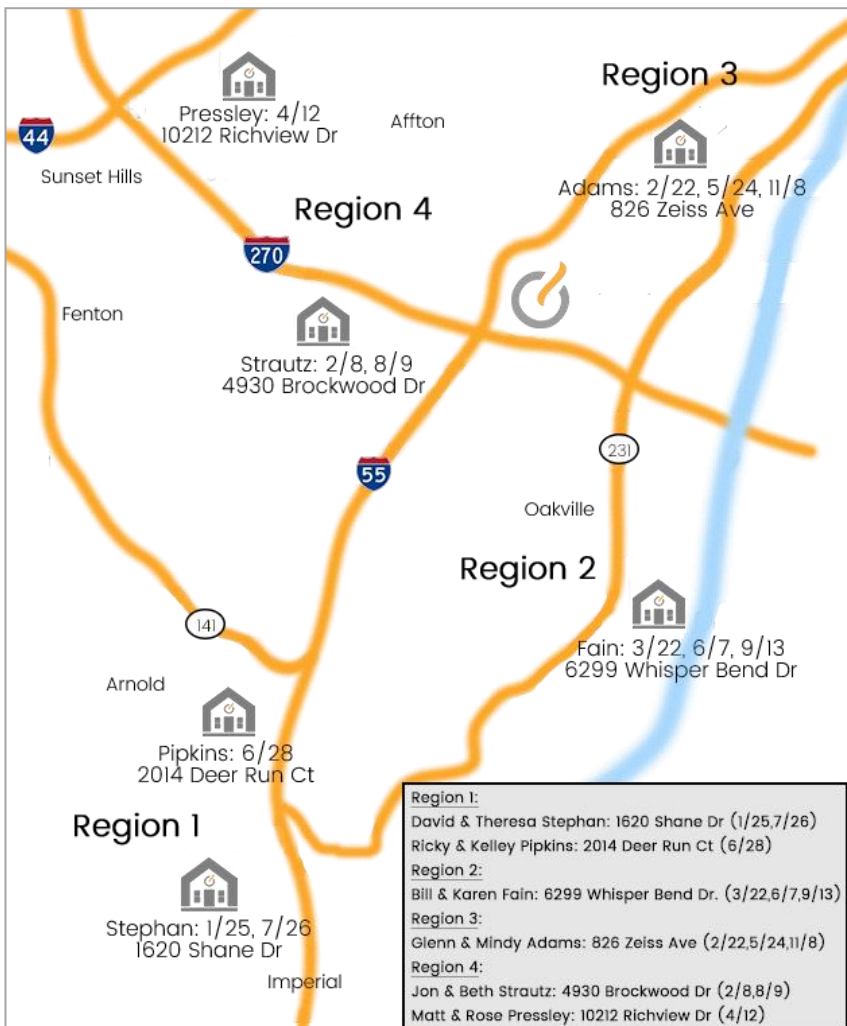
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

UPCOMING PARTIES:

May 24: Region 3 - Glenn & Mindy Adams

Jun 7: Region 2 - Bill & Karen Fain

Jun 28: Region 1 - Ricky & Kelley Pipkins



Come and Become Part 3: The Healing of the World

- I. **Whether you consider yourself a Sinner or a Saint, we all must Repent to participate in God's Kingdom.**
- II. **Jesus' invitation was NOT for us to BECOME something and then COME to him. He invited us to Come and then THROUGH HIM we would Become something.**

Matthew 5:3-16

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- 13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
- 14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
- 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
- 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

A. The order and sequence of the Sermon on the Mount is intentional and crucial to understanding it.

III. **After coming to Jesus our first assignment is to be Salt and Light.**

IV. **What are Good Deeds?**

A. Jesus used two metaphors to describe Good Deeds:

- 1) **Salt:** In the ancient world salt was a preservative. By inviting us to be salt Jesus is inviting us to live in such a way that our actions COUNTERACT the CORRUPTIVE Effect of sin in the world.
- 2) **Light:** When you lit a candle you placed it up on a stand, and the light would fill the house, so you could see. (it improved your own life...)

- There was an even greater **cumulative effect**: As hundreds, even thousands in a city lit candles, that city would GLOW at night.

B. Our Good Deeds carry the potential not just to preserve but to serve as a GUIDING BEACON for wandering pilgrims around us.

V. What do Good Deeds Ultimately Accomplish?

- A. The ancient Jews had a word for Good Deeds: *Mitzvah*
- It is the same word used for the Old Testament Law.
 - But there was also a deeper more nuanced understanding of the word Mitzvah.
 - To observe mitzvah was to Participate with God in the healing of the world.
- B. Ultimately our good deeds will help Unspoil the world by bringing people into the transformational Embrace of Jesus.

VI. The difference between the Good Deeds people had been doing and the ones Jesus called for was in the Motivating Factor.

- A. When your religion is only Vertical it becomes easy to stray into self centered motives.
- Doing good deeds of whatever kind can become all about RAISING YOUR HOTNESS SCORE with God.
 - So no matter what good things you end up doing, the dominating motive will really be how these good deeds will Obligate God to me.

VII. Problem: Good Deeds that are solely Vertical in motivation will always be limited to what we feel is Required of us.

- A. Jesus gave 2 Motives that should drive every good thing we do:
- 1) Love God with all your heart, mind, and strength.
 - 2) Love your neighbor like you love yourself.
- B. Good deeds that lack robust Horizontal motive will always end up hollow.
- That is how SALT LOSES ITS SALTINESS and HOW a LIGHT IS PUT UNDER A BOWL.
- C. But when Radical, God-inspired, Neighbor-love overflows into actions, those actions have a Transforming, Preserving, Light Giving Effect.
- D. Those actions are how all of us, even though we are the POOR IN SPIRIT, can participate in THE HEALING OF THE WORLD.

2019 PRAY PURSUE PARTY

MAY

- 20 Food Addicts Anonymous
- 23 Men's Dinner
- 24 Regional House Party (Adams)
- 26 Water Baptisms
- 26 Family Movie Night

JUNE

- 2 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 7 Regional House Party (Fains)
- 9 Membership Meeting
- 10 Youth Camp Week
- 16 Father's Day
- 17 Kids Camp Week
- 22 Men's Breakfast (Golden Corral)
- 26 Wednesday Night Experience

* 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
Adults Group @ 9am



SUNDAYS (Middle School) @ 10:15
WEDNESDAYS (Gr 6-12) @ 6:30PM

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