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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



**Goliath**  
**Must**  
**Fall**

JUN 23-AUG 1  
Winning the Battle Against Your Giants

**Fear. Rejection. Addiction. Anger. Comfort...Must Fall.** These adversaries establish a foothold, holding us back from the freedom that Jesus intends for us. This message series and small group study will help us learn how to break out of these patterns once and for all! Study guides are available for purchase in the lobby.

**\*\* Children (Nursery-Elementary) and Youth ministries will also be Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**



**NERF**  
**BATTLE**

JULY 14  
11:30 AM

1st-5th grade. Bring your own Nerf guns. Darts & safety glasses provided.



**MEN'S DINNER**

JULY 25 | 6:30 PM

Concord Grill - 11427 Concord Village Ave  
Contact Dale Dean at [daleandkirstie@att.net](mailto:daleandkirstie@att.net).

# Goliath

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JUN 23-AUG 1  
SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

DAY/TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Sundays @9am	GU Church Ministry Hub	Bill & Karen Fain billfain7@gmail.com 314-420-2115 (Bill) 314-724-8488 (Karen)
Sundays after church	Pipkins Home 2014 Deer Run Ct. Arnold, MO 63010 314-686-8626 (Ricky)	Kelley & Ricky Pipkins kellpipkins@gmail.com 314-403-3457 (Kelley)
Sundays @6pm	Strautz Home 4930 Brockwoond Dr. St. Louis, MO 63128	Jon & Beth Strautz jbstrautz@gmail.com 314-575-6258 (Jon) 314-761-7472 (Beth)
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Wednesdays @6:30pm	GU Church Ministry Hub	Bob Poley bobpoley78@gmail.com 314-712-8500 (Bob)
Thursdays @6:30pm	Cox Home 425 Washington St. Herculaneum, MO 63048	Shane & Jennifer Cox shanecox198324@gmail.com 636-575-9061 (Shane)

# REGIONAL PARTIES



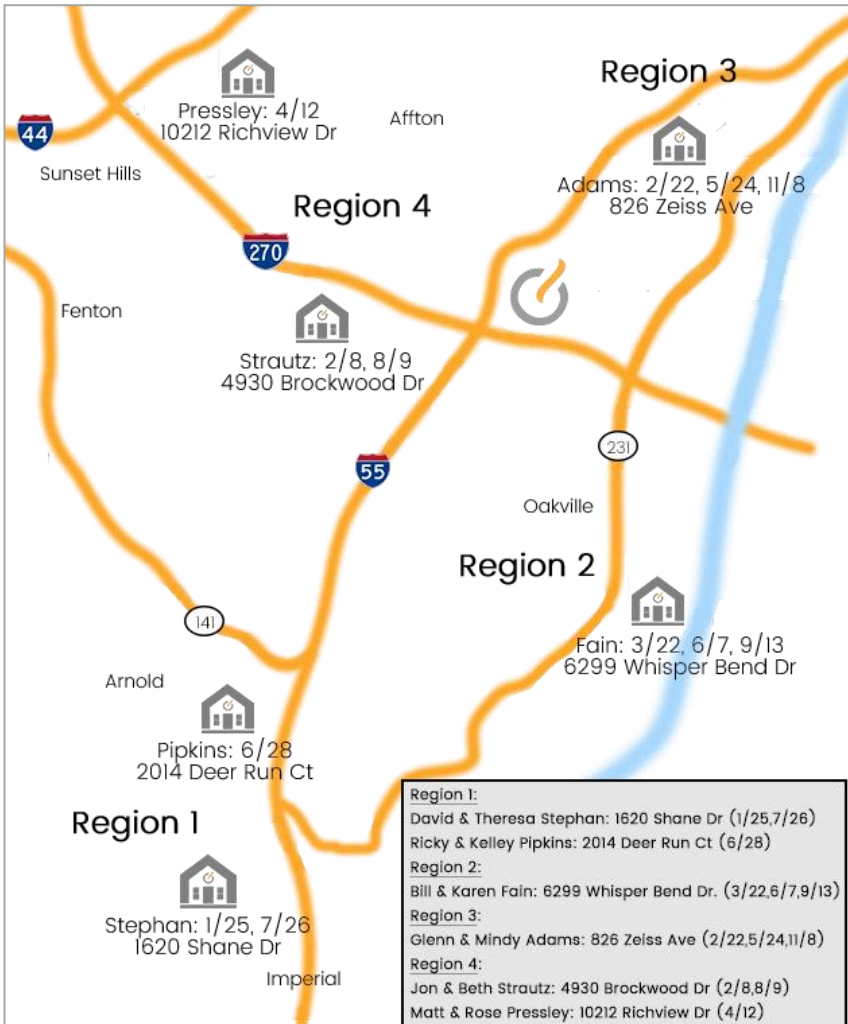
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

## UPCOMING PARTIES:

**Jun 28:** Region 1 - Ricky & Kelley Pipkins

**July 26:** Region 1 - David & Theresa Stephan

**Aug 9:** Region 4 - Jon & Beth Strautz



# Goliath Must Fall (Part 1): Do I Have a Giant?

400 years before David and this story, The Israelites had come out of Egyptian Slavery as FREE PEOPLE.

God led them to Canaan and commanded them to defeat and drive out the people who lived there. They basically did that, but not completely.

*1 Kings 17:1-11 (Common English Bible)*

- 1 The Philistines assembled their troops for war at Socoh of Judah. They camped between Socoh and Azekah at Ephes-dammim.
- 2 Saul and the Israelite army assembled and camped in the Elah Valley, where they got organized to fight the Philistines.
- 3 The Philistines took positions on one hill while Israel took positions on the opposite hill. There was a valley between them.
- 4 A champion named Goliath from Gath came out from the Philistine camp. He was more than nine feet tall.
- 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore bronze scale-armor weighing one hundred twenty-five pounds.
- 6 He had bronze plates on his shins, and a bronze scimitar hung on his back.
- 7 His spear shaft was as strong as the bar on a weaver's loom, and its iron head weighed fifteen pounds. His shield-bearer walked in front of him.
- 8 He stopped and shouted to the Israelite troops, "Why have you come and taken up battle formations? I am the Philistine champion, and you are Saul's servants. Isn't that right? Select one of your men, and let him come down against me.
- 9 If he is able to fight me and kill me, then we will become your slaves, but if I overcome him and kill him, then you will become our slaves and you will serve us.
- 10 I insult Israel's troops today!" The Philistine continued, "Give me an opponent, and we'll fight!"
- 11 When Saul and all Israel heard what the Philistine said, they were distressed and terrified.

**I. Point: Israel was supposed to destroy and drive out the enemy, but the enemy is proposing terms for compromise.**

- A. 2 Reasons God told Israel not to make compromises with the inhabitants of Canaan:
  1. If the inhabitants remained, Israel would be negatively impacted by their influence.
  2. What is allowed to remain does not stay confined to where you leave it
- B. What if we are not that different than Israel? What if we have little areas of our lives where enemies impose their will on us.

## II. Point: The Longer Issues Remain, the harder they are to Root Out.

- A. We tell ourselves that we are going to get serious and just do whatever it takes to deal with that issue, but *life is going on*, we are busy, and that just seems so drastic.
- B. We get to where it is normal to have **ENEMIES MULTIPLYING WITHIN OUR BORDERS.**
- C. **Once we start accepting things in our lives that hurt us, we also start developing strategies for compartmentalizing.**
- D. **You may not consider it a giant now, but Goliath was NOT BORN 9ft TALL.**
- E. The problem with allowing enemies to grow is that Giants are demoralizing.

## III. Question: How do we know when we have a Giant?

*Romans 6:15-16*

- 15 Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!
- 16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?
  - A. Even though Israel has the military advantage, Goliath dictated the terms.
  - B. When our issues begin to reorder our lives, we have a giant.

*Hebrews 12:1*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

## IV. God has set you Free; do not accept anything less for your life.

- A. Now here they are, a few generations later on a Field of Decision: would they rediscover the life of Freedom and Blessing God had already given them?
  - **How they respond to this giant will determine the answer to that question.**
  - The same is true for us.

# 2019 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

## JUNE

- 23 Food Addicts Anonymous
- 26 Wednesday Night Ministries
- 28 Regional House Party (Pipkins)
- 30 Elementary Move-up Day!

## JULY

- 7 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 14 GU Kids Nerf Event
- 25 Men's Dinner (Concord Grill)
- 26 Regional House Party (Stephan)
- 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**  
**WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM**  
Nursery-Elementary



**PRAYER NEEDS**  
Email: [gucprayer@gmail.com](mailto:gucprayer@gmail.com)



**SUNDAYS @ 9AM**  
**WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM**



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

## WAYS TO GIVE



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*Offering/Giving Box*



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*314.888.5188*  
*Tithe-Missions-Hub*



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