

Welcome

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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

CPR TRAINING - July 27 | 9a-12p | Cost \$40

GU will be hosting a CPR Certification training that will include adult, child & infant CPR and first aid. Minimum age 12 to attend. You can sign up in the lobby today, and contact Mindy Adams with questions at mindyadams82@gmail.com. **There are 10 spots available.**



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 are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**



REGIONAL PARTIES



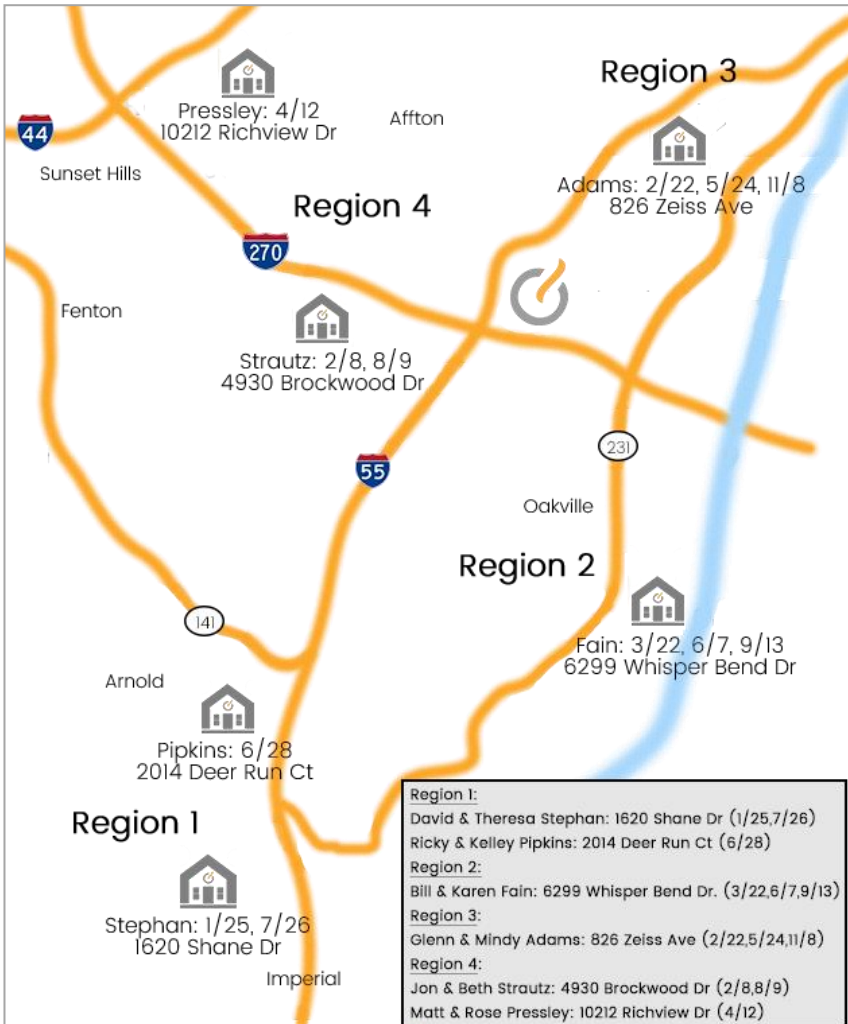
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

UPCOMING PARTIES:

July 26: Region 1 - David & Theresa Stephan

Aug 9: Region 4 - Jon & Beth Strautz

Sep 13: Region 2 - Bill & Karen Fain



Goliath Must Fall (Part 2): Demoralizing

Demoralized: having lost confidence or hope; disheartened

1 Samuel 17: 5-11,16

- 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.
- 16 For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

I. After being defeated by the same issue over and over, we end up Demoralized.

Romans 7:14-15

- 14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.
- 15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate, I do
 - A. Some of us have long since given up any hope of freedom, and we are just looking to make the best of our slavery.

II. The soldiers were right, Goliath WAS stronger.

- A. If your hope is that you are going to finally figure it out and get strong enough to beat your giant, then you have no hope.
- B. If there is no strength in me that can do this, is there a strength outside of me that can be applied?
- C. It is precisely because Israel was so demoralized that they allowed David to fight on their behalf.
 - But God's power was residing within this humble package.

III. When we reach the End of Ourselves we are able to Encounter God's Power and Provision for us.

Romans 7:24-25

24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

- A. Definition of Insanity: do what you have always done and expect different results.
- B. David somehow STRUCK those animals with a strength he did not have himself.
 - So David recognized that was God at work.
- C. Because it happened with two different animals David believed God would do something similar with Goliath

1 Samuel 17:37 - The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.

IV. Response: How does Jesus defeat our Giant?

1 John 1:8-9

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

James 5:16 - confess your sins one to another and pray for each other that you may be healed.

James 4:5 tells us that the Spirit (heart) that lives in us Envy Intensely, but God gives us more grace.

- A. When your heart is FULL of the presence of God your giant will lose the ability to order you around.
- B. Our Actions that get coupled with His Power:
 - Don't hide; confess your sin, and he will FORGIVE and CLEANSE.
 - Begin right away to FILL YOUR YEARNING HEART with JESUS.

2019 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

JULY

7 Healthcare Team Meeting
 14 GU Kids Nerf Event
 25 Men's Dinner (Concord Grill)
 26 Regional House Party (Stephan)
 27 CPR Training
 1,8,15,22,29 Food Addicts Anonymous

AUGUST

4 Healthcare Team Meeting
 9 Regional House Party (Strautz)
 18 Who We Are Lunch
 23 Leadership Appreciation Night
 24 Men's Breakfast (Golden Corral)
 25 Water Baptisms
 5,12,19,26 Food Addicts Anonymous

SEPTEMBER

1 LABOR DAY BBQ

* See graceunionstl.org or [Facebook.com/graceunionstl](https://www.facebook.com/graceunionstl) for details about these and other GU Events! *

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SUNDAYS @ 10AM
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM
 Nursery-Elementary



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SUNDAYS @ 9AM
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM



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

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