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to



**GraceUnion**  
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Being moved by Grace toward all God has for us.

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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

### GU ELEMENTARY FRIEND DAY/NERF BATTLE - July 14 | 11:30 a.m.

Next Sunday elementary kids and friends are having lunch & Nerf battle right after service. See Lisa Spindler for details! [spindlers@gmail.com](mailto:spindlers@gmail.com). Bring your own Nerf guns. Darts & safety glasses provided.

### MEN'S DINNER! - July 25 | 6:30 p.m.

All men are invited out for dinner at Concord Grill on Thursday, July 25th. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship with other GUC men and guests. Contact Dale Dean with any questions at [daleandkirstie@att.net](mailto:daleandkirstie@att.net).

### 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](mailto:mindyadams82@gmail.com). **There are two spots available. There will be another training in August.**



**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 is helping 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.**



EVERYONE IS INVITED to celebrate Pastor Jason's 40th Birthday **Sunday, July 21st!** We'll have cake and punch in the Family Room right after service!

# REGIONAL PARTIES



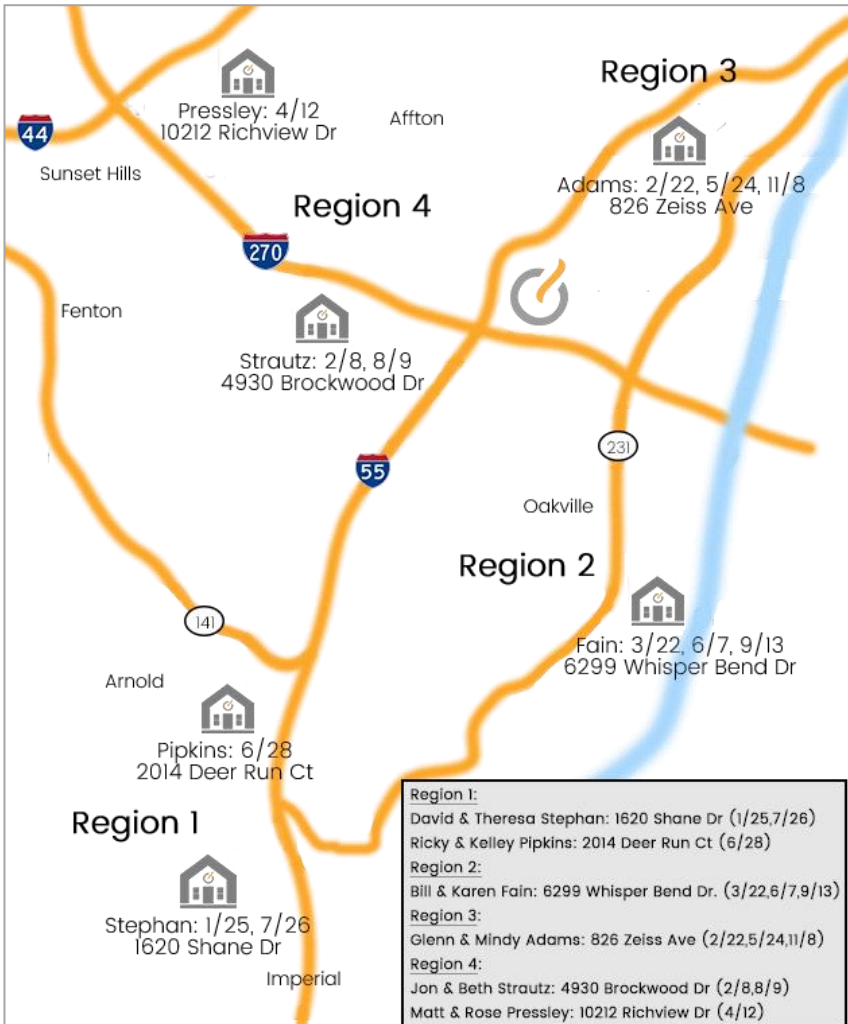
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

## 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 3): Perspective

## I. Sometimes what happens in life depends on who we share life with.

*Romans 12:4-5*

- 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,
- 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

*1 Samuel 17: 2-12*

- 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.
- 12 Now David

A. In today's scenario we are Saul and those soldiers. God has a plan for our freedom and blessing, but his plan involves someone else helping secure it for you.

## II. Problem: we often don't want help from outside of ourselves.

A. Is it possible that you have been losing to your Giant all this time because God has prepared an answer, but it is located in someone else?

### III. In many ways Self Sufficiency is Insufficiency.

- A. *Thomas Merton* (No man is an Island) - "We will see that we are human, like everyone else, that we all have weaknesses and deficiencies, and that these limitations of ours play a most important part in all our lives. It is because of them that we need others and others need us. We are not all weak in the same spots, and so we supplement and complete one another, each one making up in himself for the lack in another."
- B. God designed us to supplement and complement each other, making up for the lack in each other.

### IV. What did God bring through David that was lacking? Perspective

- A. In the same way that you can have a broken arm, you can have a broken perspective.
- B. David, on the contrary, had seen a little bit of victory so his perspective was completely different.
  - David's perspective: "God is bigger than any problem we run into."
- C. There are people around you in which God has been building the perspectives you need to see your Giant Fall.

*Proverbs 29:18 (Msg.)*

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

- D. Saul and the soldiers were weak because they lacked Perspective of what God could do. And perspective is not something you can just conjure up.
  - If you lack it, it must be shared with you from one who has it.
- E. You cannot do it alone. The life you are living is tied to the perspective you carry...If you want a different life you will need to borrow the perspectives God has placed in some lives around you.

# 2019 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

## JULY

- 14 GU Kids Nerf Event
- 21 PASTOR JASON BDAY CELEBRATION
- 25 Men's Dinner (Concord Grill)
- 26 Regional House Party (Stephan)
- 27 CPR Training
- 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

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## 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



**ENVELOPE**  
*Offering/Giving Box*



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*314.888.5188*  
*Tithe-Missions-Hub*



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