

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

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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 Kids Elementary** is asking for Nerf gun donations. They can be new or used (if in working condition). Toys need to use typical Nerf bullets. Nerf guns can be dropped off in the Elementary room.

A banner for a lunch event. The background shows a person's hands preparing food, including a bowl of nuts and a plate of bread. The Grace Union logo is in the top right corner.

**WHO WE ARE**  
*lunch*  
AUG 18 11:30 AM

A banner for Leadership Appreciation. The background features a blurred bokeh light effect.

**LEADERSHIP  
APPRECIATION**  
AUG 23 6:30 PM

A banner for Labor Day Picnic. The background shows a red and white checkered picnic blanket on a wooden surface.

**LABOR DAY**  
*Picnic*  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

A banner for Ladies Retreat. The background is a bright yellow rectangle with blue and red corner accents.

**LADIES  
RETREAT**  
DESIGNED FOR LIFE 2019 / OCT 10-12 / \$279

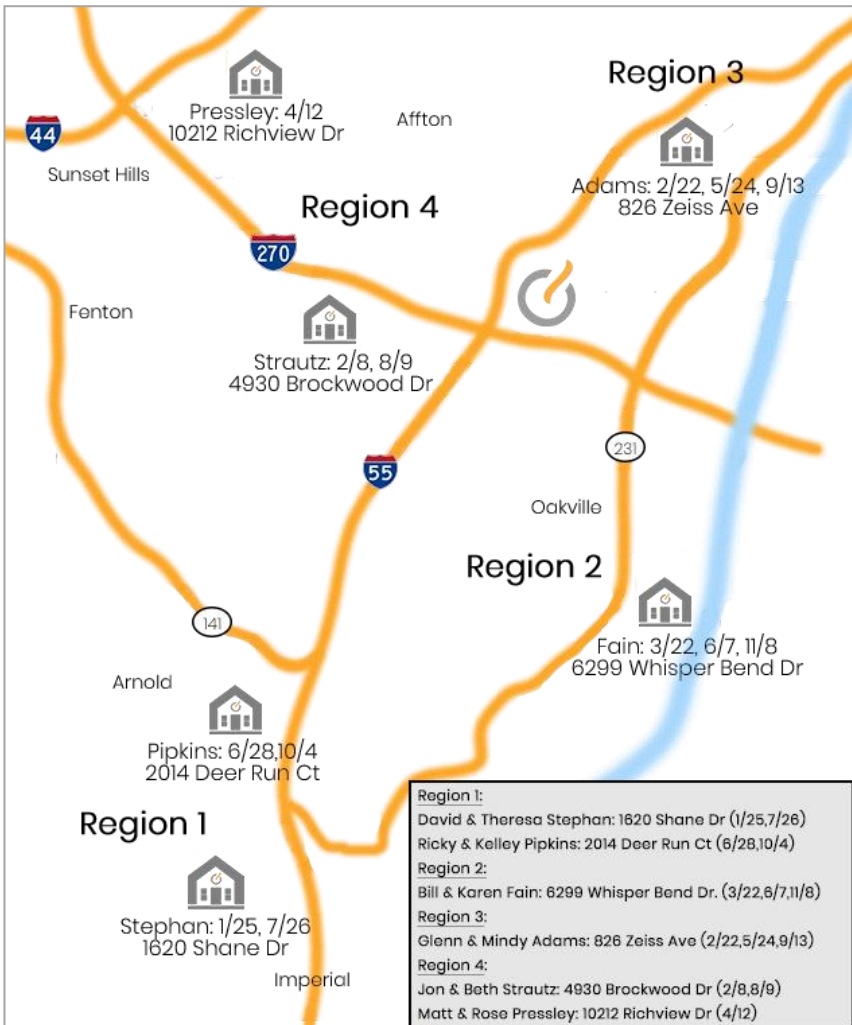
# REGIONAL PARTIES



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:

- Aug 9:** Region 4 - Jon & Beth Strautz
- Sep 13:** Region 3 - Glenn & Mindy Adams
- Oct 4:** Region 1 - Ricky & Kelley Pipkins



# Feed One Sunday: Image-Based Value

## Housing Market Values

- Two houses can look identical but have very different values based on market factors.
- Sometimes a house's value can vary without the traditional factors based, instead, on who once lived there.

*Luke 15:1-2, 8-10*

- 1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.
- 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."
- 8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?
- 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'
- 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

In this parable we see God's heart for people who may appear to matter less.

### **I. Darkness is the state of this world but not an indictment of God.**

- A. There are a lot of conditions in this world that could be considered darkness.

*Genesis 1:27-28*

- 27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
- 28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

- B. When the people, cultures, and countries of the world are broken and ugly things happen; did God allow it, or did we allow it?
- C. We are the assigned caretakers. Jesus has come to shed light on God's heart again so that we can cultivate this world into something that will honor God.

### **II. God's value system is all together different than ours.**

- A. Our cultural Value System looks a lot like the Housing Market.
- B. This is an inherited system. Feeling guilty about it makes as much sense as feeling guilty about your shoe size.
- C. But Jesus told this parable to point out this system and invite us to walk toward something better.

- D. This single coin had a value to this woman unrelated to its financial value.
- E. Every human being was made from a DEPOSIT of the IDENTITY of God himself.
  - Our value to God is uniformly derived from that.
- F. The heart of God breaks for every person who dies of starvation, water-borne illness, or is trafficked and exploited, the same way our heart would break if it were our child.

### **III. Jesus invites us into God's value system.**

- A. Jesus' entire life is a picture of God's value system
  - Hungry
  - Sick
  - Morally corrupt and confused
  - Valuing children, women and other people thought to be inconsequential
  - Lepers, crippled people, and beggars
  - Zealots Fishermen Prostitutes Prophets like John the Baptist
  - Traitorous Tax collectors Hypocritical and misguided pharisees
  
  - They were all the focus of Jesus's time, energy, attention, and LOVE. They all mattered.
- B. As we live in relationship with Jesus, learning from his teaching and imitating the things he did, we will move toward God's Value System.

### **IV. Closing**

Remember the Johnny Cash house: Its value is derived completely in whose it was. There is not a person with breath in their lungs who is not the PRICELESS Son or Daughter of God.

# 2019 PRAY PURSUE PARTY

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 LABOR DAY PICNIC
- 8 Kids Christmas Play Viewing
- 11 Fall Wednesday Night Experience
- 13 Regional House Party (Adams)
- 15 Christmas Play Practice
- 22 Child Dedication
- 26 Men's Dinner
- 27 Family Movie Night
- 29 Ladies Retreat Deadline

\* 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 @ 6:30 PM**  
Nursery-Elementary



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



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



**DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN**  
[americanbible.org](http://americanbible.org)



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

## WAYS TO GIVE



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