

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



 Grace Union

WHO WE ARE

lunch

AUG 18 11:30 AM



VOLUNTEER & LEADERSHIP

party

AUG 23 6:30 PM



BAPTISM

8.25.19



LADIES RETREAT

DESIGNED FOR LIFE 2019 / OCT 10-12 / \$279
REGISTER SUNDAYS AUG 25 - SEPT 29



LABOR DAY

Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

REGIONAL PARTIES



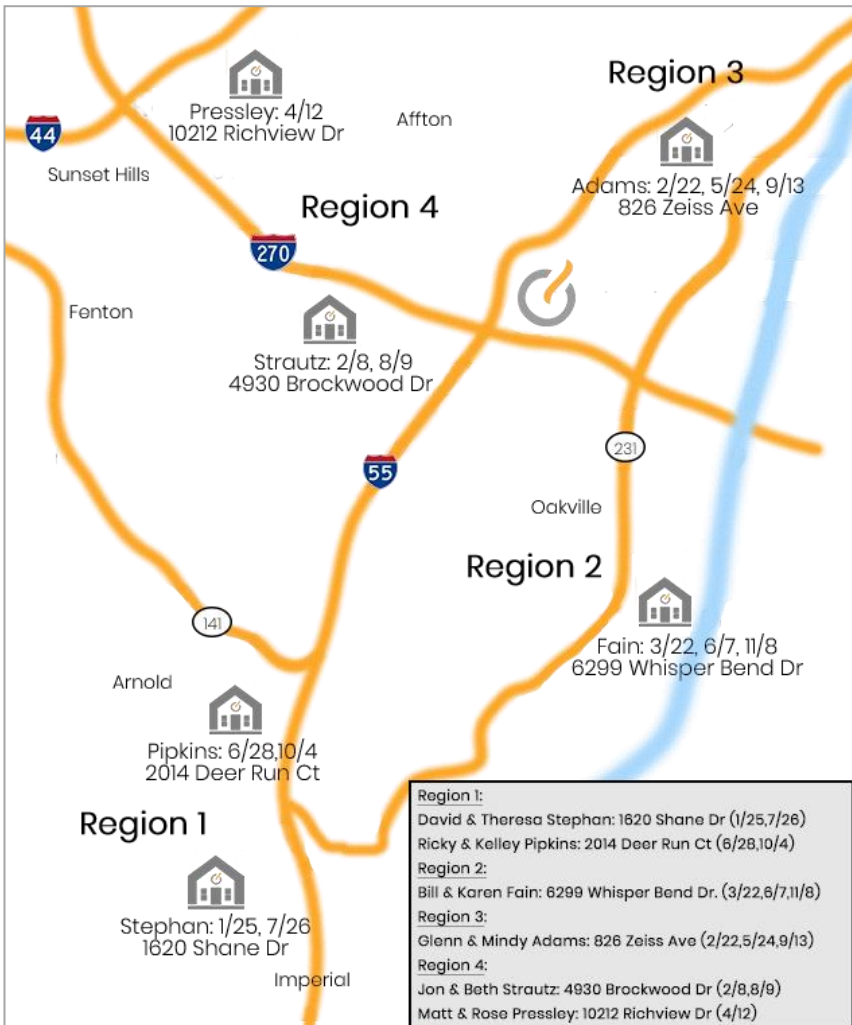
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

UPCOMING PARTIES:

Sep 13: Region 3 - Glenn & Mindy Adams

Oct 4: Region 1 - Ricky & Kelley Pipkins

Nov 8: Region 2 - Bill & Karen Fain



Come and Become: Cultivated Lust

I. **Problem: Our society has normalized the Constant Cultivation of Sensual Desire.**

Matthew 5:27-32

- 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'
28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.
30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.
31 "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'
32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

II. **Jesus challenges our narrow focus.**

III. **Jesus says the sin starts much farther back, and when unchecked, it carries us somewhere we would never choose to go.**

- A. In those verses Jesus establishes a continuum that starts in our thoughts but progresses until it culminates into action.
- What is required to produce excitement in us is always progressing.
 - Thoughts and desires eventually progress into some form of action.
 - The nature of the thoughts themselves is always progressing.
 - The nature of the actions resulting from the thoughts is progressing as well.
- B. Jesus warns that if we don't interrupt this continuum our whole body will be thrown into hell.
- Hell = Gehenna
 - In one sense, being thrown in Gehenna represented your life being tossed on the Garbage heap of society: wasted, ruined, worthless, putrid.
 - In the other sense, Gehenna was a physical picture of the eternal state of a soul that refuses God.

- C. We are setting ourselves up for misery when we train our desires on things that are not available to us in real life.
- Or if they are available, they will carry us outside what is good for us, our spouse, our family.

IV. What starts in the heart needs to be stopped in the heart.

- A. Sin does not begin with what we do with our privates, but rather with our eyes and our minds.
- B. Once we have Cultivated desire around things other than our spouse we have doomed ourselves to perpetual dissatisfaction with our real life.

Proverbs 5:15-18

- 15 Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.
16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares?
17 Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers.
18 May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.

The thoughts of today seed the patterns of tomorrow.

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 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



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