

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

DESIGNED FOR LIFE CONFERENCE

It's time for our annual Ladies Retreat! We will spend 3 days at the Designed for Life conference in Springfield, MO, October 10-12. The total cost is \$279, payable at registration, and includes the conference and hotel. Sign up in the lobby **next Sunday through September 29th**. Contact Karen for more information at karenmomma@live.com.



PARENTS AND STUDENTS grades 1st-12th! This year's Christmas play is open for all students through high school. Anyone interested in the play should stay for the **viewing party & tryouts SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**. The viewing party is for students interested in being in the play, as well as **students and adults who are interested in helping!** **Practices begin Sunday, 9/15** in the main Auditorium. Contact Mindy Adams at mindyadams82@gmail.com or Karen Poley at karenmomma@live.com.



REGIONAL PARTIES



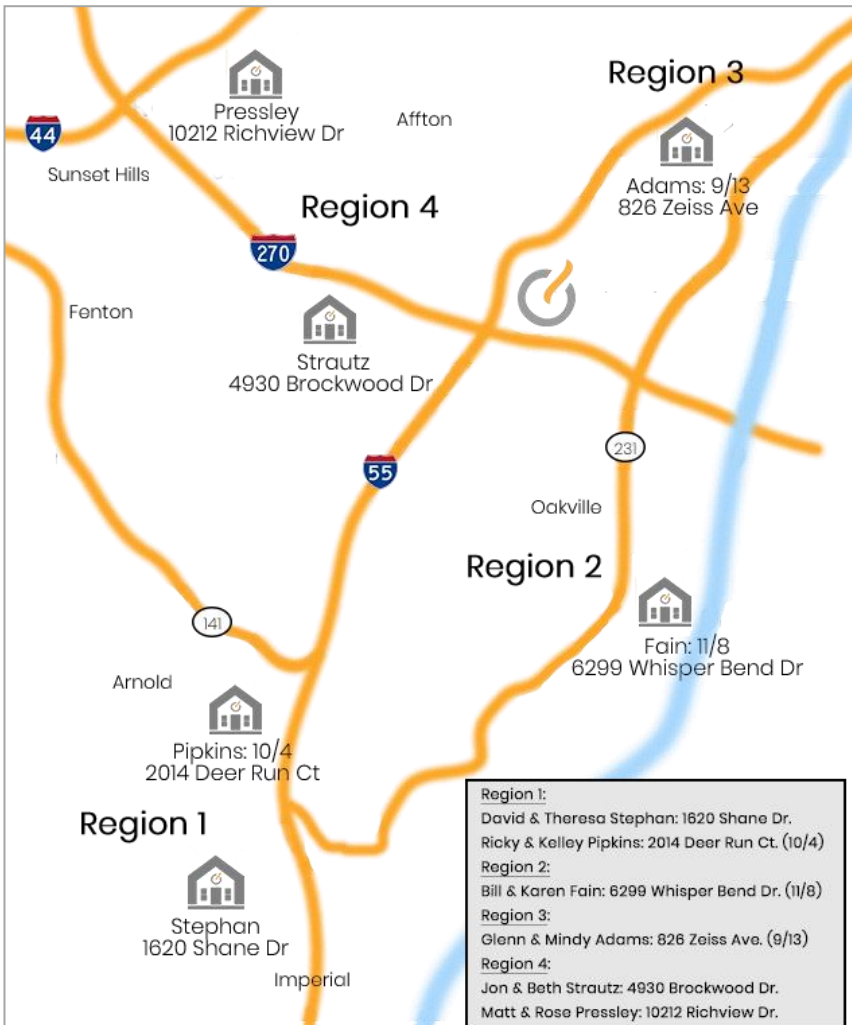
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

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: Honest to God

Matthew 5:33-37

- 33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.'
34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne;
35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.
36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.
37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

I. The Ancient Jews developed their own version of Honest to God.

- A. That is how this whole thing got started, but eventually they ended up with a complex verbal obstacle course.
- Precisely how people said things determined the trustworthiness of their statement.
- B. **Jesus is condemning this system of oaths because it makes people's words meaningless.**
- C. **Jesus is also condemning the system of oaths because it is born from a desire to control other people.**
- D. Jesus was not ok with his followers using their words in either way.
- E. *Honest, Grace-Filled Speech*: words that are true in reality and intention; and words that honor the freedom and capacity of others.

II. Honest and Grace-Filled Speech is difficult when we are playing God.

- A. God is the only one who has the right to Override human characters in the story. (Because He is the author.)
- B. When we lie or use words to manipulate situations, we are playing God.
- C. **Regardless of what you say or how you say it, this desire to control is evil.**
- Jesus said, "Let yes mean yes and no mean no, anything else comes from the evil one."

III. Recognition of God's Sovereignty and Trust in his Goodness make us capable of Honest, Grace-Filled Speech.

- A. Sovereignty is God's territory.
- B. Speaking the truth and refusing to leverage manipulation requires us to REALLY BELIEVE God is in control.
- C. Do I really believe that I can lie or manipulate my way into a more blessed existence than God's Favor will bring?

Proverbs 3:5-6

- 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
 - 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
- D. This change will not come through just trying harder.
 - You must learn to recognize when you are trying to be God.
 - Then you have to trust that he is in control, and that he has your best interests at heart.

If we fill our speech with grace and truth, God will fill our lives with blessing and goodness.

2019

PRAY PURSUE PARTY

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- 4 Regional House Party (Pipkins)
- 6 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 10 Ladies Retreat
- 19 Men's Breakfast
- 26 TRUNK OR TREAT
- 7,14,21,28 Food Addicts Anonymous

* 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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