

Welcome

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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



IT'S PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY! What a blessing the Poley, Myers and Quicks are to our church family! Stay with us after service for refreshments in the lobby.



SIGN UP TODAY! Trunk or Treat is Grace Union's biggest community outreach event of the year. We expect over 1,000 people to attend. There are a lot of opportunities to serve. Please sign up to help today. Your help is what will make this event a success! We also need a lot of folks to donate candy. There is a donation box at the GU Kids Check-in area.

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE—TODAY

Today's practice is for everyone. Kids can be checked out from elementary after service and brought in to the Main Auditorium. Contact Karen at karenmomma@live.com or Mindy at mindyadams82@gmail.com with any questions.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We'll be having a shoe box packing party Sunday, November 10th and are in need of 12 packs of soap and toothbrushes. There is a collection box in the lobby. We plan to pack 300-350 boxes at the packing party! Contact Christine Pahner for more information about OCC and the packing party at craftercrispy@yahoo.com.

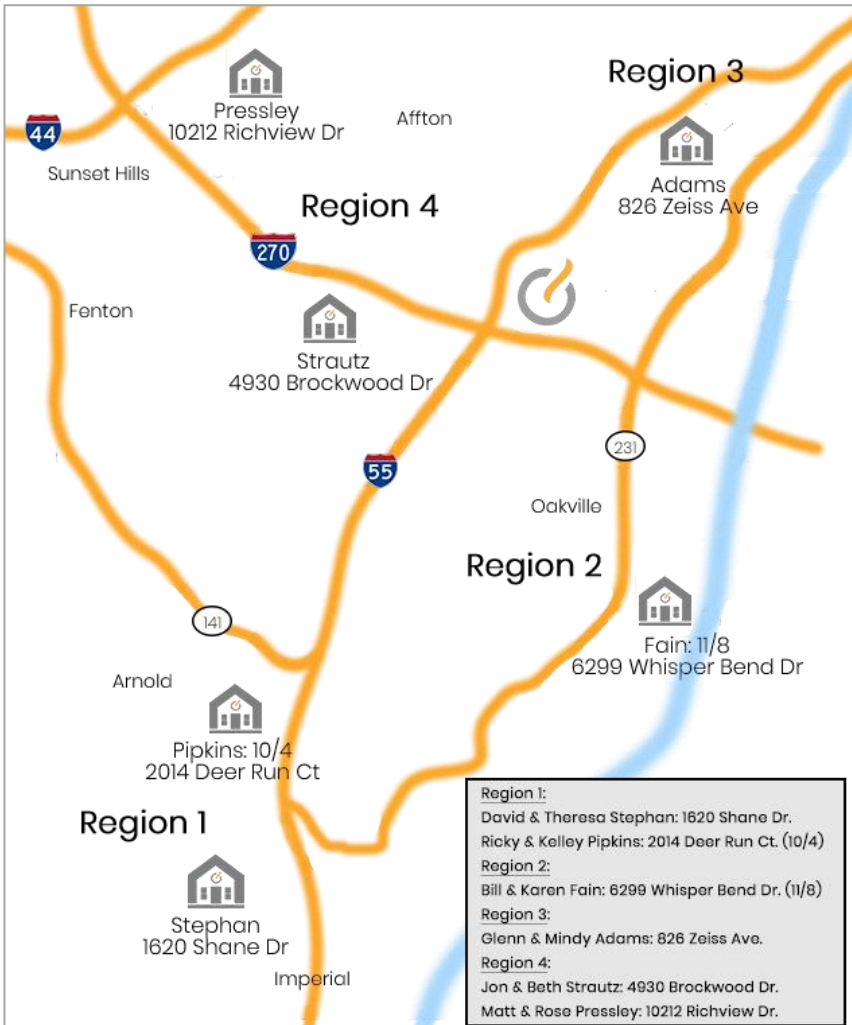
REGIONAL PARTIES



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:

Nov 8: Region 2 - Bill & Karen Fain



Come and Become: A Measured Heart

I. Identifying and Understanding Reality becomes more difficult as light is replaced with Darkness.

- A. What about our perception of cultural and spiritual realities?
- B. What about our understanding of the internal realities of our heart and character?
- C. What about our understanding of other people and our interactions with them?
 - Is it possible that our understanding of these realities is negatively impacted by some form of Darkness?

Matthew 6:22-24 - 22 "The eye is the lamp (light) of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

- Eye is the light of the body.
- D. Generosity ushers in the Light by which we can live well. Stinginess, or a Measured Disposition, ushers in a Darkness that hinders our understanding of Reality.
- E. A Measured, Stingy disposition can cause enough darkness that we can be mistaken about the actual direction of our life.

II. Cluelessness is the danger of a Measured Disposition.

- A. Because we are conditioned by this world, we naturally relate with a Measured disposition.
- B. But Jesus warns us that this style of relating to others does not allow enough light into our heart and mind.

III. A Measured Heart will Endear you to a Master you don't even know you are Serving.

- A. "Mammon" originally simply meant material goods.
- B. Over the centuries the meaning of "Mammon" began to change from "that which is entrusted" to "that in which a man puts his trust."

IV. Relating to the world around you with a Measured Heart puts an Improper Emphasis on the Purely Physical World.

- A. Measured living acts as if what happens now is all that matters.
- B. But to live as part of God's Kingdom recognizes that the most important factor in this exchange is God's Response.

Luke 6:36-38 - 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

V. What does it look like for me to have a Generous Heart?

- A. A truly Generous Heart Liberally gives the Tangibles and Intangibles.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 - 17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Romans 12:13 - Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

- B. Practicing Hospitality is to a Generous Heart what Chewing is to Eating.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 - 10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion,

- C. A real key to Having a Generous Heart is knowing the difference between Bread and Seed.

A Generous Heart is the key to so many things:

- It will determine your legacy.
- It will determine the level of Generosity God uses in dealing with you.
- It will determine what our Functional Master is.
- The Generosity of our Heart will Determine Our Ability to Perceive Reality.
 - Are your hands full of something Sweet or Stinky?
 - Are you walking toward Traps or Treasures?
 - **Only the Generous know for sure.**

2019 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

OCTOBER

- 4 Regional House Party (Pipkins)
- 6 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 10 Ladies Retreat
- 19 Men's Breakfast (Golden Corral)
- 20 PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY
- 26 TRUNK OR TREAT
- 6,13,20,27 Christmas Play Rehearsals
- 7,14,21,28 Food Addicts Anonymous

NOVEMBER

- 3 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 8 Regional House Party (Fain)
- 10 OCC Packing Party
- 15 Volunteer Appreciation Night
- 17 Who We Are Lunch
- 21 Men's Dinner (Hunan Royal)
- 24 Water Baptisms
- 27 Last Fall Wed. Night Experience
- 3,10,17,24 Christmas Play Rehearsals
- 4,11,18,25 Food Addicts Anonymous

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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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