

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

WHO WE ARE LUNCH - TODAY

If you would like to find out more about Grace Union and meet some of our leaders we invite you to stay with us after service for lunch in the GUSudents Auditorium.

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE - TODAY

Today's, and all of the remaining, practice is for EVERYONE. Also, Saturday, 11/23 at 9am is a set work day! Adults with skills and abilities to build, wallpaper, etc. are needed to get the play set ready. Contact Karen at karenmomma@live.com or Mindy at mindyadams82@gmail.com with any questions.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

We had a great packing party last week! Our shoebox total is 346. Let's get that number to 500 to slime our pastors. We still need sponsors to cover shipping of the shoeboxes (\$9). You can bring in your own packed boxes by Sunday, November 24. Help would be appreciated loading the shoeboxes that day. Contact Chris Pahner at craftycrispy@yahoo.com.

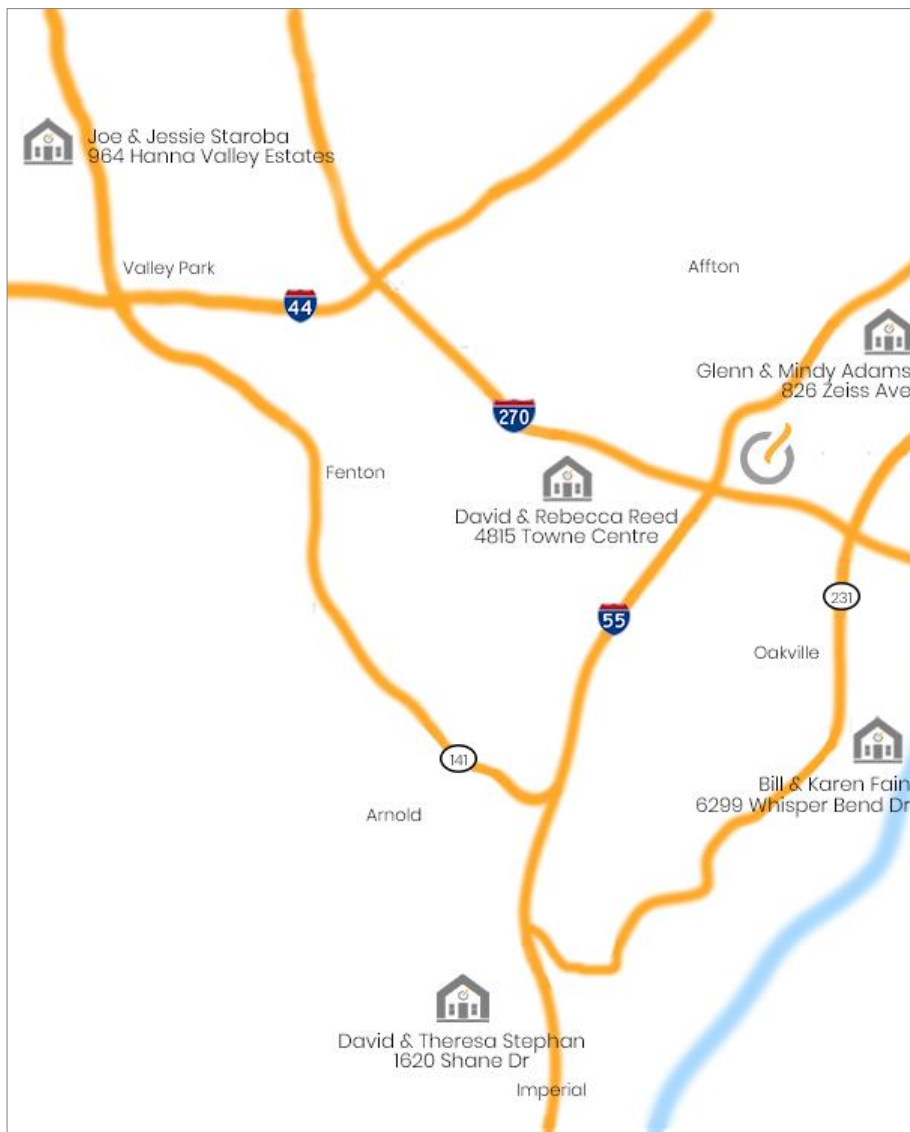
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Be sure to pick up a copy of *The Screwtape Letters* in the lobby today! The current Spiritual Warfare message series coupled with reading this powerful book could be life altering! This is a one-time meeting, so read the book and come ready to discuss at the location/time most convenient for you. The cost of the book is \$15.



The Screwtape Letters book study groups:

- November 17 @6:30pm:** Glenn & Mindy Adams
826 Zeiss Ave., St. Louis 63125
- November 19 @6:30pm:** Bill & Karen Fain
6299 Whisper Bend Dr., St. Louis 63129
- November 23 @7pm:** Joe & Jessie Staroba
964 Hanna Valley Estates Dr., St. Louis 63021
- November 30 @7pm:** David & Rebecca Reed
4815 Towne Centre Dr., St. Louis 63128
- December 5 @6:30pm:** David & Theresa Stephan
1620 Shane Dr., Imperial 63052



Exposing the Enemy: Yes and No

I. **Problem: Temptation doesn't have to be Sophisticated if it's relentless.**

A. But is there a way to shut down the Relentless attacks?

Luke 10:19-20

- 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.
20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

II. **The same authority Jesus wielded over the enemy has been Conferred on us.**

A. So what is the key to living in the Authority given to us?

James 4:7-10

- 7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you doubleminded.
9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.
10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

III. **Submission to God, combined with Resistance of the Enemy, will send him packing.**

A. Resistance without submission is like peanut butter without jelly.

B. This word, "submit" was actually a Greek word, "hypotasso," which technically meant to arrange people into military formation.

- To submit, as it's used here, is to arrange your life according to God's Pattern.

C. Why does he even need to say, "Submit to God?" Isn't Christianity a life of Submission to God?

- Yes, but, we often give "Passes" to particular areas of our lives.

D. God's grace and forgiveness are big enough even for this type of thing, but we are Forfeiting the Spiritual Authority God intended us to have.

E. When we are saying, "Yes and No," our Enemy will continue to press us, knowing that we will eventually just say, "Yes."

IV. Is there hope? If so, what are the steps to secure that Hope?

- A. Come near to God, and he will come near to you.
 - Relational Closeness WITH God empowers Obedience TO God.

- B. Wash your Hands you sinners.
 - If we want the authority to send our Enemy Packing, there has to be some Reality to our Remorse.

- C. Purify your double-minded heart.
 - When we live in willful disobedience our hearts and minds warp how we think and feel to justify our actions to ourselves.

 - When you take action to "Wash Your Hands" it opens the door for your mind to come back to an Honest, Un-conflicted position.

- D. Double-minded living is TAXING on your soul.
 - When you decide that the days of DISTANCE from God are Done, when you decide to Wash your Hands, and when you Stop trying to hold Incompatible ways of life: GOD SHOWS UP IN POWER IN YOUR LIFE.

- E. Now, your No means No, and the Enemy Knows it.
 - When we Live in such a way that our no means no, the authority of Jesus flows through us, sending the enemy packing.

2019 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- 1 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 7 Children's Dress Rehearsal
- 8 Children's Christmas Play
- 15 Ladies' Christmas Party
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 28 Men's Breakfast (Golden Corral)
- 31 GUSTudents NYE Lock-in
- 2,9,16,23,30 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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