

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.

News & Events

DEC

29 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

If you would like to find out more about GU and membership, please stay with us after service this morning.

31 GUSudents NYE Lock-in

There is still time to register for the New Years Lock-in for students grades 6-12 THIS WEDNESDAY. The cost is \$30. Real Life Mario Party 9pm-12am and Epic6, 1-5am. Pickup is at 6am. Email Pastor Josh Quick at jquickgu@gmail.com.

JAN

5 LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The GU Ladies Party has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 5th at 5 p.m.! You can still sign up for a food item to share in the lobby. Bring a \$15 (max) gift to exchange during the party. All ladies are invited out for this night of fun games, yummy food, and time together.

24 GUSudents Winter Retreat

All students grades 6-12 are encouraged to come to this winter retreat January 24-26 at Lake Williamson. Services will be led by Catalyst from Evangel University. The cost is \$100. Email Pastor Josh at jquickgu@gmail.com.



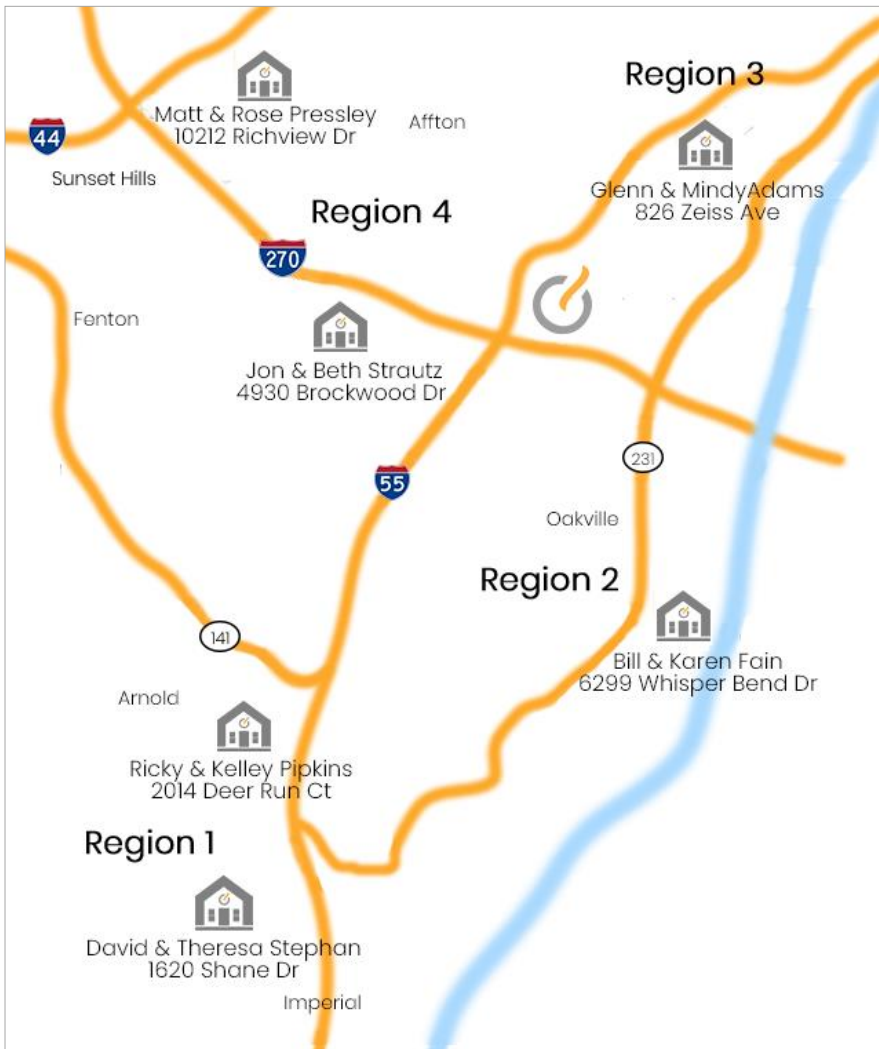
REGIONAL PARTIES



Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2020 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:

Jan 24: Region 1 - David & Theresa Stephan



Looking...Ahead?

I. The idea of Substantive Self Improvement

James 4:13-15

- 13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."
14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.
15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

Psalm 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

II. Human work was intended to be a combination of our action and God's direction.

- A. When it comes right down to it, futile and pointless actions can be traced back to a lack of Divine direction.
- B. As God pours into you it is supposed to be formative and directive for what then flows out of you.

III. Before we focus on tomorrow, it is helpful to remember what God did yesterday.

- A. At significant moments, when God worked on Israel's behalf, God would instruct them to build something lasting in that place as a reminder of what he did.
- B. What you are willing to believe God for is very different in the light of what he has already done!
- C. You will know that you have looked back long enough when you can no longer restrain yourself from dreaming about what might be ahead.

IV. A God-shaped vision for our future is less about specific goals and more about an imagination for the possibilities inherent when Godly direction is coupled with faith-filled action.

V. Besides lacking a memory of God's goodness, our other issue is that we sometimes lack Divine direction.

- A. Jesus told Peter, "Your spirit is willing but your flesh is weak."
(Matthew 26:41)
- B. When our spiritual activity level exceeds our spiritual input level for too long, our efforts become hollow and fruitless.
- C. Burnout is not the result of too much activity. It is the result of too much futility.
- D. When action exceeds revelation, the solution is an increased discipline in the 3 P's: Pray, Pursue, Party.
- E. Your ability to LIVE FOR God and DO FOR God are dependent on His continual fresh revelation in your life.

2020 PRAY PURSUE PARTY

JANUARY

- 5 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 5 Ladies Christmas Party
- 23 Men's Dinner
- 24 Regional House Party (Stephan)
- 24 Youth Winter Retreat
- 6,13,20,27 Food Addicts Anonymous

FEBRUARY

- 2 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 9 Who We Are Lunch
- 12 Growth Track Begins
- 16 Baptism Sunday
- 22 Men's Breakfast (Golden Corral)
- 23 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
- 3,10,17,24 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
Nursery-Elementary



SUNDAYS @ 9AM
Adults (Ministry Hub)



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



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