

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

GU BIBLE READING PLAN

We are so excited to start the GU 2020 Reading Plan of the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs through the YouVersion Bible app. See our Facebook Page or website for the invite link, and we can read along together, and share comments and questions.

JAN

5 LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY – TONIGHT

The GU Ladies Party is tonight at 5 p.m.! Bring a \$15 (max) gift to exchange during the party if able. All ladies are invited out for this night of fun games, yummy food, and time together.

18 HILLJACK HOUSE OPPORTUNITY

The Hilljack House is a clean living facility serving the St. Louis area. They are in need of volunteers for their annual Trivia Night Saturday, January 18 at Crestwood Community Center. If you would like to volunteer please note "Hilljack volunteer" on a Connection Card, and place it in the offering or in the Giving Box in the lobby.

23 MEN'S DINNER

All men are invited out to dinner at Si Senor (227 Arnold Crossroads) Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship with other GUC men. You can contact Dale Dean at daleandkirstie@att.net.

24 GUS tudents 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 jquikgu@gmail.com. You can also register in the lobby.

COMING IN FEBRUARY

Wednesday Night
Growth Track

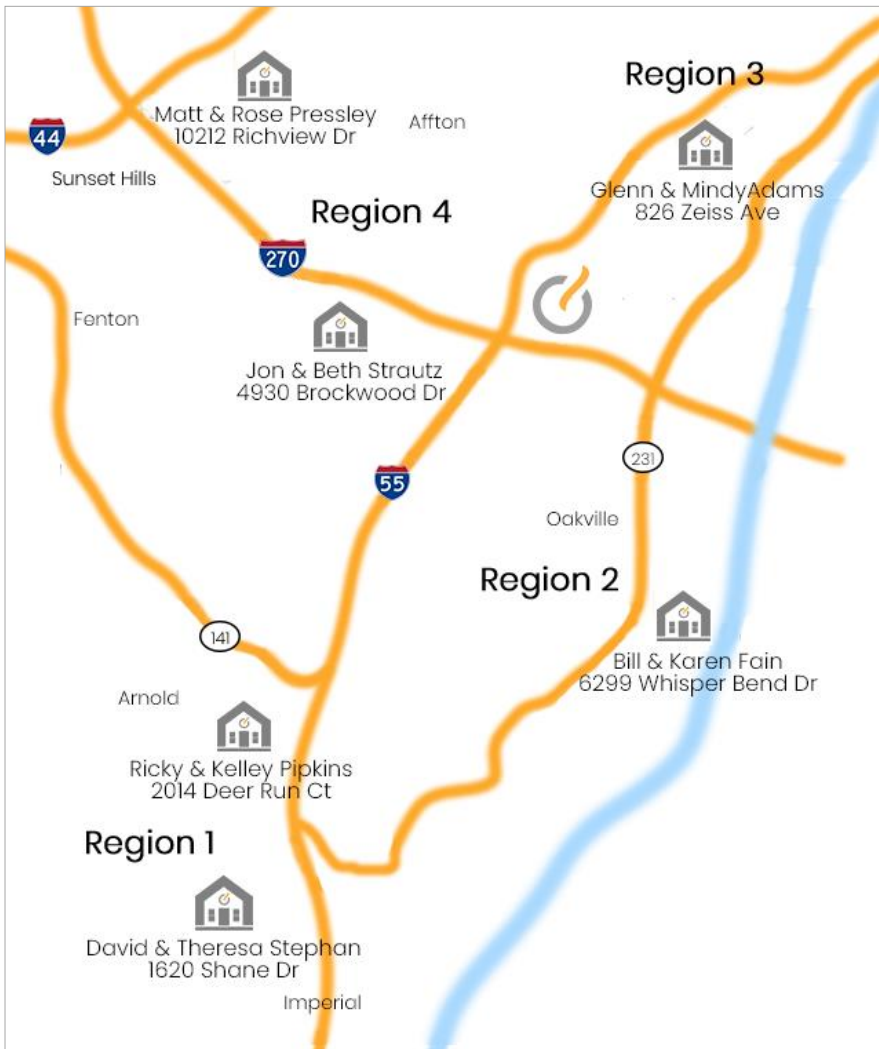
REGIONAL PARTIES



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



Whatever It Takes Part 1: Our Macedonia Man

I. There are times in life when we reach a Tipping Point.

- A. When you get to the tipping point, that is when you hold nothing back, and you send that thing over the edge.

Philippians 1:21-25

- 21 For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.
22 But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better.
23 I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me.
24 But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.
25 Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith.

- B. Paul's life CENTERS ON THE MISSION OF JESUS.

Luke 19:10 - Jesus said that he came to seek and to save the lost

II. Paul understood that following Jesus meant prioritizing what Jesus prioritized.

Mark 10:45 - the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give himself as a ransom for many

Luke 19:10 - Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

- A. Surprisingly, this NON-RELIGIOUS, NON-JEWISH version of following Jesus scratched Paul where he itched.
- B. Then God calls Paul to leave Antioch and spread what is happening there throughout the Roman Empire.
- C. The conflict and confusion over Gentile Jesus-followers threatens to DERAIL CHRISTIANITY.
- D. The Jerusalem council decided Gentiles could approach God through Jesus right where they were!
- Faith in Jesus was all it took for people to have a restored relationship with God.
- E. The door is now wide open for the non-Jewish world to know Jesus.
- F. So Paul hits the road on his second missionary journey, but something unexpected quickly happens.
- God gives Paul a vision in the night of a man from ACROSS THE SEA in Macedonia.

III. Through most of this journey, Paul had no idea what was coming, where he was going next, or when he might see home again.

- A. He would simply follow the path of opened doors and opportunities.
- B. When what he desired to do after prayerful consideration lined up with opportunities he had in front of him, he saw that as God's direction.

IV. What drives a person to such lengths? Paul loved Jesus deeply enough that it caused him to love what Jesus loved.

- A. God's plan for you and I will be different than Paul's but not less crucial.
- B. What if your current life and circumstances are your "Macedonian man crying out for help?"
- C. Jesus' entire life was devoted to seeking and saving his lost kids.

2020 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

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
 5 Growth Track Begins
 9 Who We Are Lunch
 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



DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN
 YouVersion app (NT, Ps, Prov)



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