



ENCOUNTERS
with **JESUS**

WELCOME TO GRACE UNION

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

- ➔ Praise & Worship
- ➔ Welcome/Announcements
- ➔ Offering
- ➔ Message: Pastor Jason Myers



Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here. If this is your first time with us, please visit the Welcome table in the front lobby. We have a gift for you and would like to meet you.

NEWS & EVENTS



GU STUDENTS are leaving for camp **TOMORROW AT 8 AM!** All parents MUST see Patrick before they leave to make sure they have signed all the registration forms and contact information. All camp fees will be due at that time. If you need a packing list or itinerary, they will be available in the youth room after service.

Let's keep the youth in our prayers this week for protection and a mighty move of God in their lives!

ELEMENTARY KIDS CAMP

It's almost time for kids camp! There are a few things you need to know:

- Please be at GU by **8:30 a.m. next Monday, June 19th**. Departure will be **9 a.m.**, and we will return Friday the 23rd around 2 p.m.
- Boys and Girls 3rd-6th grade are **TAN** this year.
- PLEASE PICK UP A CONTACT & PACKING LIST from the Elementary Check-in area!

GU SMALL GROUPS

KEENAGERS (50+) - Thursday, 6/15

If you are 50 or older, please join the Keenagers small group this Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Cafe area. Come enjoy a time of fellowship, good food, devotions and games. Contact Jean Myers at 636.296.4643.



A portion of our service next Sunday will be dedicated to honoring all the dads! We'll be bringing on some friendly competition and have prizes for our dads, so you won't want to miss it.

water BAPTISM

06.25.17

Contact Pastor Bob at
bobpoley78@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Now planning for the July 2nd BBQ!

Contact Karen at karenmomma@live.com to be a part of the team.

THE GOD QUESTIONS

BEGINNING JUNE 25TH

Do you ever feel uncomfortable asking "simple" questions because you think you should know the answer as a Christian? Questions like, "What happens when I die?" "Did God create evil?" Or have you ever thought, "Is there really only one way to heaven?" We'll be opening a dialogue to answer these honest questions beginning Sunday, June 25th! Visit the God Questions table in the lobby for more information!

We are looking for new home group leaders for this series! Begin to think about and pray for those friends and neighbors who would come to your home to talk about their "God Questions." Please see or contact Pastor Jason for more information.

OUR MISSION

We are helping people to live in union with Christ by grace.

- Union with God through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Union with Others through investing in people through Biblical community.
- Union with Ourselves with a wholeness found in a new identity in Christ.
- Union with our Broken World by being an agent of change in our society by caring for and serving those who are poor, oppressed or marginalized.

We value sharing the love, life and power of God to our communities and world, joining Christ in his mission to rescue fallen humanity.

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For any special needs, please email our Prayer Team at gucprayer@gmail.com.

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Matthew 9:1-13

- 1 And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.
- 2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."
- 3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."
- 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"
- 5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?
- 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." – he then said to the paralytic – "Rise, pick up your bed and go home."
- 7 And he rose and went home.
- 8 When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.
- 9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." and he rose and followed him.
- 10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.
- 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
- 12 But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
- 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

I. Jesus has the AUTHORITY to Forgive.

- Who is Jesus?
- Jesus wasn't saying, "God forgives you." He was saying, "I forgive you."
- Jesus speaks as one who is divine.

II. We Must . . .

- OVERCOME not SUCCUMB to Obstacles.
 - The paralytic had physical & proximity obstacles to get to Jesus.
 - What obstacles do you have?
 - There will always be obstacles...Some that reappear from time to time.
- Surround ourselves with ENCOURAGERS not ENABLERS.
 - There are people that will push you to become the best person you can be.
 - There are also people that will hold you back.
 - Invite the former; set boundaries for the latter.
- Follow HIM by committing our WORKS not just our WORDS.
 - Notice what Jesus DOESN'T say...
 - Compare to verse 6.
- Have all the QUESTIONS not all the ANSWERS.
 - Who are the righteous in this scene? Who are the sick?
 - What makes these two groups different in the story?
 - Jesus looks for those who have it all apart, not all together.

III. Jesus has the DESIRE to Forgive.

- Relationships are limited by the elephants in the room...that which goes unspoken.
- Above all else, Jesus wants a (close) relationship with you.
- Jesus desires "mercy, not sacrifice."

NOTES

Thank you for joining us today. This, and all of our message recordings, can be found on our website, graceunionstl.org.

THIS WEEK

Visit us online for information about these events and more.
graceunionsil.org or facebook.com/graceunionsil

MONDAY (6/12)

Alcoholics Anonymous (GU Family Room) - 7 pm
(Led by Jeff Hall - 314.620.6635)

TUESDAY (6/13)

Mother's Milk Ministry (GU Kids) - 10 am

WEDNESDAY (6/14)

Drive-By Prayer (Main Auditorium) - 4-7 pm
GU Students (Youth Auditorium) - 6:30 pm

THURSDAY (6/15)

FRIDAY (6/16)

SATURDAY (6/17)

SUNDAY (6/18)

FATHER'S DAY

GU Small Groups

M&M Village Women's Group (Conf. Room B) - 9 am
Men Alive in Christ (Conf. Room C) - 9 am

Adults/Students Service (Main Aud.) - 10 am
GU Kids (Early Childhood-Elementary) - 10 am

SAVE THE DATES

6/25 - Summer Series Begins
Water Baptisms

7/2 - Church BBQ

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