

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

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Thank you for joining us today! If it's your first time here, please stop by the Connect Center in the lobby for a free gift. We'd love to meet you. If you're new to GU, want prayer, or need to update your info, fill out a Connection Card, and put it in the Offering or the Giving Box in the lobby.

## GU News & Events

### GU SUMMER SERIES - "AHA"

It's never too late to join a small group to dig deeper into our current "AHA" series. You can find more information about the current groups in the lobby.

### DESIGNED FOR LIFE WOMEN'S RETREAT

You can register for this year's women's retreat in Springfield in the lobby today! **FULL payment must be made at the registration table only. JULY EARLY BIRD COST is \$235** and includes the conference and hotel. There will be other opportunities to register in August and September. Contact Karen Poley (karenmomma@live.com) or Carrie Clifton (lclifton@aol.com) for more information.

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING - TODAY

If you are interested in joining GU in membership or would like more information about the church, please stay with us after service today in Conf. Room A (off the front lobby).



In August we will be having a special, church-wide focus on Prayer, the gospel of John, and the Lord's Prayer. It is our hope that as you grow in the practice of prayer, that your faith be multiplied and your personal relationship with God is deepened and becomes more intimate. To help guide you, we have a GU Prayer Journal available. You can pick one up in the lobby for \$3.

### REGIONAL HOUSE PARTIES

Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! **This Friday's house party is an outdoor picnic at the home of Bill & Karen Fain (6299 Whisper Bend Dr. 63129).** Bring a lawn chair if you'd like to sit outside, a favorite board game, as well as a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming! See the enclosed schedule for all of our regional house parties!



Water baptism is a public declaration of one's newness of life through Jesus. If you would like to know more about baptism or want to get baptized in August, please contact Pastor Bob.

# PRAYPURSUEPARTY



**SUNDAYS @ 10AM**  
**WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30pm**  
 Nursery—Elementary



**PRAYER NEEDS**  
 Email: [gucprayer@gmail.com](mailto:gucprayer@gmail.com)



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



**SUNDAYS**  
 Adults Group @ 9am  
 Afternoon Home Groups  
 Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

## WAYS TO GIVE



**ENVELOPE**  
*Offering/Giving Box*

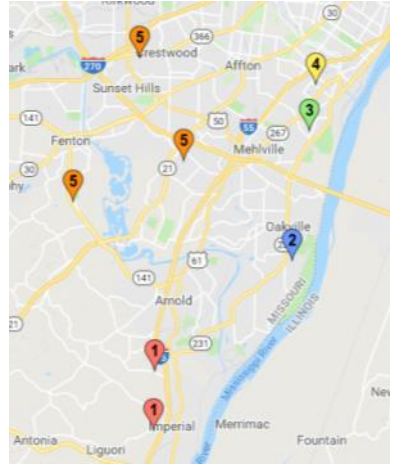


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# REGIONAL PARTIES



Hosts	Address	Dates
<b>Ricky &amp; Kelly Pipkins</b> (Region 1)	1534 Mammoth Ln., Imperial 63052	September 14
<b>David &amp; Theresa Stephan</b> (Region 1)	1620 Shane Dr., Imperial 63052	TBA
<b>Bill &amp; Karen Fain</b> (Region 2)	6299 Whisper Bend Dr., St. Louis 63129	August 3 October 26
<b>Chris &amp; Shelly Kilburn</b> (Region 3)	3020 Kreindheder Ct., St. Louis 63125	August 31 October 5
<b>Glenn &amp; Mindy Adams</b> (Region 4)	826 Zeiss Ave., St. Louis 63125	October 12
<b>Maft &amp; Rose Pressley</b> (Region 5)	10212 Richview Dr., St. Louis 63127	September 7
<b>Jon &amp; Beth Strutz</b> (Region 5)	4930 Brockwood Dr., St. Louis 63128	November 2
<b>Scott &amp; Stacey Bush</b> (Region 5)	2011 S. Old Hwy 141, Fenton 63026	TBA

# AHA Part 6: The Aha Lifestyle

- I. **Wherever you are, my prayer is that you continue taking steps, because the process ends in celebration.**

*Luke 15: 23-24*

- 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.  
24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.
- A. God considers it cause for celebration that we WERE LOST but are NOW FOUND. We WERE DEAD but are NOW ALIVE.
- B. **God is not embarrassed by the state your story starts in, and he is not asking you to be either.**
- Understand that your story is INCOMPLETE until you go from Awakening to Honesty, and then to Action...THEN IT IS COMPLETE.

## II. We are always in need of ongoing Aha's.

*Philippians 3:12-13*

- 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.  
13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.
- A. God is very kind and merciful. He reveals sin to us incrementally and in a limited scope.
- B. If we are open to ongoing AHA Moments from God, he will go on bringing increasing degrees of Healing, Strength, and Blessing.

*Habakkuk 1:5*

For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

- The promise of what God would accomplish, mind blowing though it would be, would not take place in one installment.

### III. What character will we play as people around us experience Aha?

*Luke 15:24-32*

24 So they began to celebrate.

25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

A. Sometimes we sin like the younger son and sometimes like the older.

B. We often feel frustration or disdain for people because they are living in ways we know are wrong, and the judgment we want them to face does not seem to be coming.

- **This creates a quiet, but isolating, anger with God.**


C. Lateral comparisons are useless and misleading. The only comparison that matters is our comparison to the Perfect Law of God.

- All of us are clearly judged guilty and only deserve judgment.
- Only through the Grace of God, at the expense of Jesus, are any of us declared righteous and deserving of any reward.

D. So as it relates to other people's failures and their possible Aha moments, are we acting like the Older Brother?

We cannot be God to broken people. But we can be a brother or sister imitating the heart and posture of our Father toward those he loves.

# SAVE THE DATES



8/5	Healthcare & Safety Team Meetings
8/6	Food Addicts Anonymous
8/12	Baptisms
8/17-18	GU Students Back-to-School Lock-in
8/18	GU Students Engage the Campus
8/19	Who We Are Lunch
8/20-25	Week of Fasting & Prayer
8/19,26	Ladies Retreat Registration Days
8/24	Ladies Night at GU
9/2	Labor Day BBQ
9/28	Family Movie Night

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**LADIES**  
DATE NIGHT  
AUGUST 24TH  
6 - 9PM  
just us ladies getting to know each other deeper over a night of  
speed dating game / date night basket / conversation  
**\$15 Entry**  
18 and older please  
Contact Ashley Daniels  
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