

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

STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM - Christmas Program

PARENTS AND STUDENTS grades 1st-12th! Today's practice is for **all students with speaking parts**. If you have any questions please contact Mindy at mindyadams82@gmail.com or Karen at karenmomma@live.com.

OCC RELAY CENTER

The Relay Center will be open today and tomorrow! If you'd like to help collect and pack shoeboxes received from our community, please see Dale or Kirstie today. Be sure to visit graceunionstl.org for all of the OCC details!

Relay Center Schedule

Sun	Nov 18	12-3 pm
Mon	Nov 19	10 am - 12 pm



It's our 21 Days of Thanks! We invite you to visit us online this week to see videos from our GU members sharing what they are most thankful for!

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If you are new to GU, we invite you to lunch after service in the Youth Game Room. You'll be able to get to know the pastors and ask any questions. We look forward to meeting you!



If you don't have family in the area or plans for Thanksgiving, Lance & Carrie would love to have you at GU. The Family Room and kitchen will be open at 2 p.m. Come have some food, fun and football! Please see Carrie today if you'll be coming!



Our annual Ladies Christmas Party is in two weeks! For our gift exchange this year we'll be bringing Christmas stockings! Fill a stocking with \$15 (max) of things you think another woman would love, and we'll have a fun swap.

Dinner will be potluck style, and you can sign up with Carrie Clifton in the foyer after service with what you'll be bringing. You can contact Karen Poley at karenmomma@live.com or Ashley Daniels at patrickdaniels1137@gmail.com with any questions. All of the details are on our Facebook event!



We have a great Christmas schedule of events coming up! It all starts December 2nd with the first of "The Gift" message series. Our annual Children's Production will take place December 9th with TWO SERVICES. They will be identical; just choose the time that works best for you family. We hope you'll join us as we focus on the true gift of Christmas.

THANKFUL (Part 3): Prideful or Thankful

Daniel 2:20-23

- 20 "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.
- 21 He changes times and seasons he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.
- 22 He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.
- 23 I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king."

- The beauty, power, and splendor of Babylon should point to the greatness of God. HE GAVE US THIS TREE THAT CAN BE SEEN ALL OVER.
- In that field, Nebuchadnezzar was experiencing what he was capable of, on his own, without God's gifts and blessing.

I. Our tendency toward Thanksgiving is multiplied when we clearly understand who is responsible for what.

Psalms 18:39

You have armed me with strength for battle, you humbled my adversaries before me.

Psalms 144:1

Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- A. When good things come to pass, through our efforts, we have to remember that not all of God's gifts are delivered from Heaven by angels.
- A good Chunk of what God wants to give the world he gives through things he has wired you to do.
- B. **There is nothing good in you that is not God's doing.**

II. Another reason to be thankful: Much of what is Good about You came from a source other than you.

- A. To a certain degree we owe how wonderful we are to people who pointed us in good directions early in life.
- B. They are components of a life we should be THANKFUL FOR NOT PROUD OF.

III. The Bottom Line: We are the Instrument, and God is the Musician.

- A. If you understand the relationship between the Instrument and the Musician, recognition of good things will Humble you and fill your heart with Thanksgiving.

Daniel 4:34-37

- 34 His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.
 - 35 All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"
 - 36 At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before.
 - 37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.
- B. When God is not constantly having to humble us, we are in a position to experience Blessing and Fruitfulness in greater ways.

2018 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

NOVEMBER

- 19 OCC Relay Center Open (10a-12p)
- 22 GU Thanksgiving Dinner
- 26 Food Addicts Anonymous

DECEMBER

- 2 Healthcare Team Meeting
- Ladies Christmas Party
- 8 Kids Dress Rehearsal
- 9 Straight Outta Bethlehem (9a & 11a)
- 18 Water Baptisms
- 22 Men's Breakfast
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 31 Youth Lock-in
- 3,10,17 Food Addicts Anonymous

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SUNDAYS @ 10AM
Nursery-Elementary



PRAYER NEEDS
Email: gucprayer@gmail.com



SUNDAYS
Adults Group @ 9am



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



6:30pm
Nursery Care | PreK/K Awana | Elementary Awana
Adult Service (Main Auditorium)

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