

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



RESCHEDULED! We have amazing, dedicated volunteers and leaders here at GU. If you serve in **ANY** capacity (children's ministry, greeting, usher, café, youth, worship) we invite you to a night of food and fun **THIS WEDNESDAY!**

MEN'S DINNER - THURSDAY, 1/24

At 6:30pm - Crusoe's (5591 Oakville Shopping Ctr). Contact Dale Dean at daleandkirstie@att.net

STL SHARP SHOOTER - Sunday, 1/27

All guys are invited to STL Sharp Shooter after church on the 27th. The cost is **\$45** and includes BBQ lunch on site and all equipment (firearm, ear protection, targets, etc.). *Ammunition purchased separately.* We need a minimum of 20 people! You can sign up in the lobby **TODAY**, or note on a Connection Card, and place it in the offering.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE - BEGINNING JANUARY 30TH!

Our Wednesday Night Experience kicks off Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m.! We'll have programs for all ages: Nursery-PreK; Awana for Elementary; GUStudents service for grades 6-12; and adult service will be in the Auditorium with a great time of worship, testimonies, and prayer.

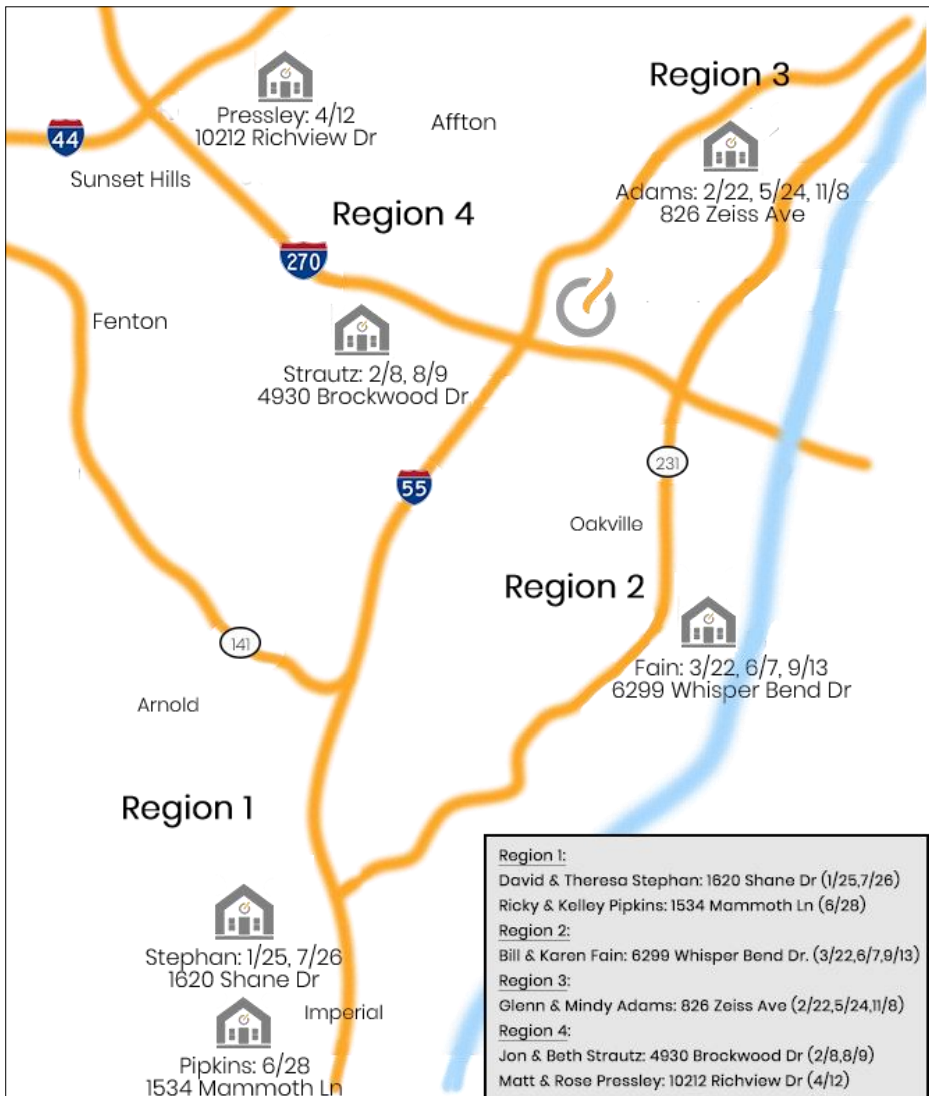


REGIONAL PARTIES



Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m.

The first party of 2019 will be Friday, January 25th at David & Theresa Stephan's home in Imperial. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!



Beginner's Guide to Predicting Your Future:

Part 2 - Good Intentions

"Direction Determines Destination"

Matthew 7:24-29

- In that passage Jesus tells us his Teaching is a Path or a Direction for us to Follow.
- If we Follow that direction, we are Wise and our lives will be Blessed.

As you can tell I come from a very sophisticated segment of society :) The point I am trying to make isn't how big of hoosier I was...I want to tell you a few things I have come to know about getting Lost:

Facts about Getting Lost:

- We don't get lost on Purpose.
- We are lost before we know it.
- We wind up where the road we are on ends up.

I. We wind up where the road we are on ends up.

A. Intentions often have little impact on outcomes.

Direction Determines Destination

-Financially -Relationally -Spiritually
-Morally -Professionally -MarriageALLY

B. There is often a disconnect between what we intend and the Direction our lives are actually moving in.

Proverbs 7:6-18

- 6 At the window of my house I looked down through the lattice.
7 I saw among the **simple**, I noticed among the young men, a youth who **had no sense**.
8 He was going down the street near her corner, walking along in the **direction** of her house.
9 at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in.
10 Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with **crafty intent**.
11 (She is unruly and defiant, her feet never stay at home;
12 now in the **street**, now in the **squares**, at every **corner** she lurks.).
13 She took hold of him and kissed him and with a brazen face she said:
14 "Today I fulfilled my vows, and I have food from my fellowship offering at home.
15 So I came out to **meet you**; I **looked for you** and have **found you**!
16 I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt.
17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.
18 Come, let's drink deeply of love till morning, let's enjoy ourselves with love!

II. Choices Inconsistent with our direction can seem fun, if we Zoom in and ignore the rest of the story.

A. We cannot surgically separate the Fun from the Fallout.

Galatians 6:7 NLT - Do not be misled you cannot mock the justice of God, you will always harvest what you plant.

Proverbs 7:19-26

- 19 My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey.
- 20 He took his purse filled with money and will not be home till full moon."
- 21 With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk.
- 22 All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose.
- 23 till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life.
- 24 Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say.
- 25 Do not let your heart turn to her **ways** or stray into her **paths**.
- 26 Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng.

III. Nobody sets out with the Intention to Lose.

A. "her slain are a mighty throng;" Those people all thought they would they would only stay a little while and then they would move back toward their destination.

IV. It is sneaky and subtle, but Diversions often become Destinations.

Proverbs 7:27 - Her house is a **highway to the grave**, leading down to the chambers of death.

A. Things that we do, thinking they are for a Season, quickly become Standard.

We can only wind up where the road we are on ends up.

Direction, NOT INTENTION, determines Destination.

2019 PRAYPURSUEPARTY

JANUARY

16 GU Leadership Night
24 Men's Dinner
25 Regional House Parties Resume
27 Men's Event - STL Sharp Shooter
30 Wednesday Night Experience
14,21,28 Food Addicts Anonymous

FEBRUARY

1 Ladies Event
3 Healthcare Team Meeting
8 Regional House Party
17 Who We Are Lunch
22 Regional House Party
23 Men's Breakfast
24 Water Baptisms
4,11,18,25 Food Addicts Anonymous

MARCH 1—GU Trivia Night

* 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



PRAYER NEEDS
Email: gucprayer@gmail.com



SUNDAYS
Adults Group @ 9am



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

WAYS TO GIVE



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