

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

GU Kids Elementary is asking for Nerf gun donations. They can be new or used (if in working condition). Toys need to use typical Nerf bullets. Nerf guns can be dropped off in the Elementary room.



WHO WE ARE
lunch
AUG 18 11:30 AM



**LEADERSHIP
APPRECIATION**
AUG 23 6:30 PM



BAPTISM
8.25.19



**LADIES
RETREAT**
DESIGNED FOR LIFE 2019 / OCT 10-12 / \$279
REGISTER SUNDAYS AUG 25 - SEPT 29

REGIONAL PARTIES



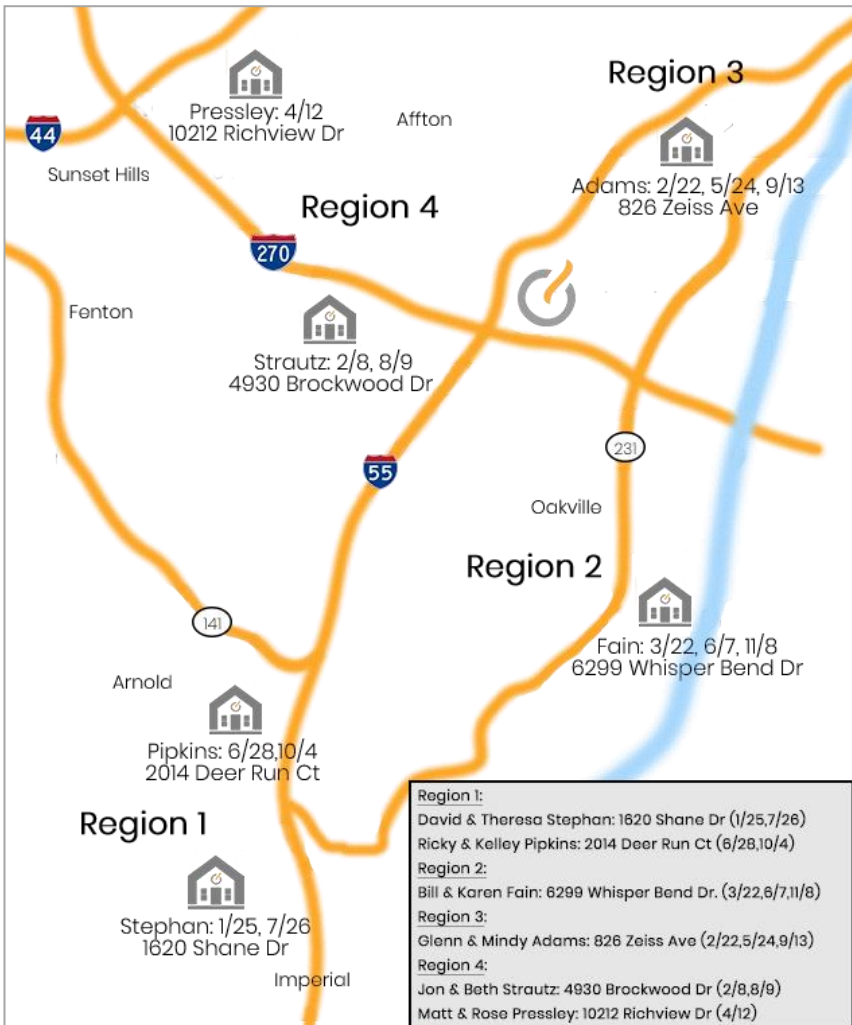
Get to know your GU neighbors with our Regional House Parties! See the map and schedule below to find your Region, host addresses and 2019 dates. Parties begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share if able. If not, that's ok. Don't let that stop you from coming!

UPCOMING PARTIES:

Sep 13: Region 3 - Glenn & Mindy Adams

Oct 4: Region 1 - Ricky & Kelley Pipkins

Nov 8: Region 2 - Bill & Karen Fain



Feed One Sunday: Impractical Love & Harvest

Statistics:

- Approximately 21,000 people a day die from hunger related causes.
- Every 3.6 seconds someone will die from hunger.
- 1 out of every 3 people on the planet is dealing with some level of food insecurity.

When the need is this big, how can we Engage without being overwhelmed?

Luke 15:3-7

- 3 Then Jesus told them this parable:
- 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?
- 5 And when he finds it he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home.
- 6 Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me: I have found my lost sheep.'
- 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

I. **God's love for people is not practical or fair.**

- A. The problem is that most of us have a fairly small number of people we are willing to be impractical for.
- B. But in this parable Jesus is calling us to a love for people that is willing to be Impractical for the Sake of others.
- C. **Problem: You cannot do this shepherd-type response for everyone, everywhere, all the time.**
- D. So when we find ourselves in situations where we could do something for One, we question whether or not we should because we cannot do it for Everyone.
- E. Grace and Mercy, by definition will never be fair.
 - Not when God pours them out on us.
 - Not when we pour them out on others.
- F. So we do for one what we cannot do for everyone, and then we trust the Vastness of God for the rest.

Galatians 6:9-10

- 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
- 10 Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

II. Opportunity is often the Invitation from God to dispense his Grace.

- A. One of the biggest causes of emotional and material fatigue is when we carry burdens for situations that we have no opportunity in.
- B. *This is one of the hurdles of the social media age: We have exposure to problems and people that we have no real influence or opportunity with.*
- C. The first thing to ask when we see a problem is whether or not we have real opportunity to do good.
- D. The next question is, what is the nature of my opportunity?
- Is this an opportunity for real material support?
 - Is this an opportunity for me to encourage this person as they navigate this?
 - Is this person looking for Direction? And are they ready to act on direction?
 - Am I qualified to give them direction?
 - These questions help determine the nature of the opportunity.
- E. If opportunity exists, then it is an opportunity to follow Jesus in God-like love.

III. Engaging with God-ordained opportunities sets a process in motion that brings Harvest.

- A. There are always seasons between our Opportunity and the development of the Harvest we hope for.
- B. When God gives us opportunity and we dispense his Grace, that is a seed sown in Soil that God himself tends.
- There will be a harvest!

2019 PRAY PURSUE PARTY

AUGUST

- 4 Healthcare Team Meeting
- 4 GUStudents City Museum
- 9 Regional House Party (Strautz)
- 18 Who We Are Lunch
- 23 Leadership Appreciation Night
- 24 Men's Breakfast (Golden Corral)
- 25 Water Baptisms
- 25 Ladies Retreat Registration Opens
- 5,12,19,26 Food Addicts Anonymous

SEPTEMBER

- 1 LABOR DAY PICNIC
- 8 Kids Christmas Play Viewing
- 11 Fall Wednesday Night Experience
- 13 Regional House Party (Adams)
- 15 Christmas Play Practice
- 22 Child Dedication
- 26 Men's Dinner
- 27 Family Movie Night
- 29 Ladies Retreat Deadline

* 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
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM
Nursery-Elementary



SUNDAYS @ 9AM
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM



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



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