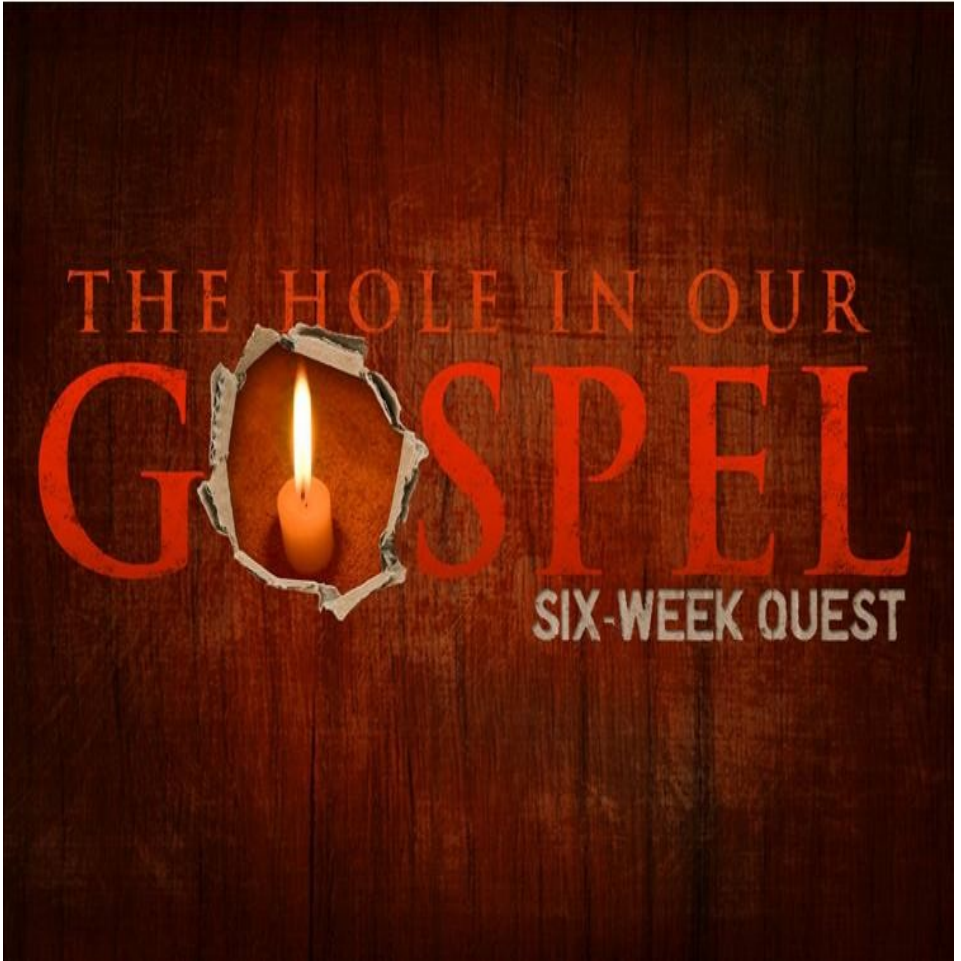




Grace Union church

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Connections “HOLES” Kick-off

Stay after service today to talk to a group leader and sign up for a Connection Group

Welcome to Grace Union

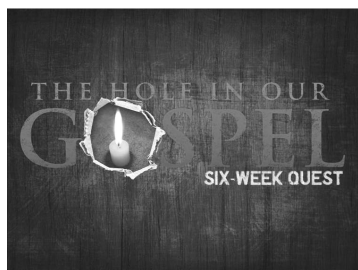
If you're a guest - HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY

- **Praise & Worship**
- **Welcome/Announcements**
- ***The Path of Trust - Rinnea Wetter***
- **Offering - for GU Regular attenders**

Connections fall semester begins 9/25

"The Hole In Our Gospel" message series will tie in with group studies.

To get a list of all other groups and their activities pick up a **CONNECTIONS BROCHURE** in the **Lobby**. Our **SIGN-UP EVENT** (to sign up for all groups) will be **Sunday, September 18th** after the service. Our group leaders will have various snack items that represent "holes." So be sure to join us and sign up for a group to do the study.



The Hole in Our Gospel Book and Study Guide

for the small groups are bundled together and on sale for \$7.50 starting today in the lobby. The Hole in Our Gospel study groups are held weekly for six weeks only, beginning Sunday, 9/25.

Groups to attend weekly:

Sundays @ 9:00a – M & M Village* - Conference Room C

Men Alive in Christ* - Conference Room B

@ 11:30a -12:30p – six week only, light lunch will be served. Child care will be provided through 5th grade. (*sign-up starts today for this group*)

Wednesdays @ 6:30p – six week only, light supper will be serviced. Pre-school care & HighPoint for elementary kids. (*sign-up starts today for this group*)

**M&M Village and Men Alive in Christ groups will continue beyond the six weeks with other curriculum.*

Night of Worship for the entire family

Sunday, 10/16, 5p

Load up the kids and come back to church Sunday evening, October 16th from 5-6pm for a special night of worship. No formal childcare will be provided but children are welcome and will be included in our worship time together in the sanctuary. Afterwards those that want to can meet up at McAlister's for dinner or a Sunday night treat.

Healthy, warm, long-term relationships make life work well. Being part of a network of good friends provides us with strength, confidence, and joy. Nothing else short of faith in Jesus gives us such incredible, life-altering blessings as being deeply and positively connected with other people. Grace Union Connections Groups are semester based. Pick up the latest brochure listing the groups at the information Kiosk in the lobby or on line at graceunionstl.org.

CONNECTIONS

Small Group Gatherings

connect - kids play *open to all moms with preschool children*

Wednesday, 9/21, 10a - GU Kids Rock Jr.

All moms and kids are invited to join us this Wednesday for a play date right here at Grace Union. We will meeting at Kids Rock Jr. from 10-11:30am for some indoor play fun and stress free mommy conversation time. We would love for you to join us! Plan to come in the side entrance of the building that day.

Shannon Haviland, s.haviland@att.net or Rebecca Skinner, quetzal_joy@hotmail.com

young families *20's and 30's with children*

Wednesday, 10/5, 6:30p, Conference Room B at GU

We will be reading and discussing *The Five Love Languages of Children* by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell. Those who are interested in participating should order their books in the next couple weeks. It is available in many formats (paperback, CD, e-book) on Christianbook.com. Childcare available.

**Lance and Carrie Clifton, 703.863.5632, lcclifton@aol.com,
Join the Young Families Group on Facebook**

Serving Opportunities

Serving others is one of our core values here at Grace Union. If you are not serving in some capacity, we'd like to invite you to step up and join us as we connect with the people at Grace Union and in our community. We have various areas and ways that you can serve:

- **Cleaning Crew** - for building (excluding children & youth areas) - to work 2-3 hours, 1 week/month in the Auditorium, Kitchen or Family Room.
Pastor Earl at 314.732.7204, earl@graceunionstl.org
- **Cleaning Crew (Kids Rock)** – 1-2 hours weekly or biweekly, sanitizing toys and cleaning restrooms in Nursery through Kindergarten areas.
Pastor Tim at 314.972.4016, tvance@graceunionstl.org
- **Operation Honor - 3rd Precinct Car Wash**
Saturday, 9/24, 9-5p, 3rd Precinct in Afton on Gravois
Here's your opportunity to honor those who protect and serve us. Join us as we wash police cars at the 3rd Precinct. Come out have some great fun while you work hard to clean the cars. This is a great family activity.
Janet McFarland, 314.448.9691, janet.Mcfarland@cigna.com

guest information

If you're a guest...

- + We want you to know that we appreciate the time you've taken out of your day to be with us today.
- + If you would like to receive more information regarding Grace Union or any of our Connections Groups, please call us at 314.732.7204 or email us at any of the staff emails listed below.
- + Our Website is loaded with great information and ways to get connected. Go to **www.graceunionstl.org**

OUR STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

Office: 314.892.2757 Fax:314.892.3230

- **Rev. Earl Wetter, Lead Pastor**
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- **Rev. Bob Poley, Youth Pastor**
bpoley@graceunionstl.org, x202
- **Rev. Tim Vance, Children & Family Pastor**
tvance@graceunionstl.org, x201
- **Kevin Andrews, Worship Arts Leader, 314.892.2757**
- **Lori Borah, website & e-newsletter**
314.497.7822, lborah@graceunionstl.org

**If you have a prayer request -
please contact Jena Cook,
leader of Connections - Prayer Warriors group
314.954.1228 or jesago@aol.com**

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

3 WAYS YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DONATIONS TO GRACE UNION:

1. Pick up a giving envelope at the Information Table in the lobby. PLEASE, fill out the information on the outside of the envelope, then place it in the bag that is passed during our adult worship service.
2. Mail a check to the church through your online banking or directly to:
3900 UNION ROAD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63125
(Please be sure to indicate any designated monies).
3. Go online to use your Discover, MasterCard or Visa Credit Card (or Debit Card) at www.graceunionstl.org, then click on 'Donations'.

Thank you for your faithfulness!

The Path of Trust

Jeremiah 17: 5-8 (NASB)

⁵ Thus says the LORD, "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁷ "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD and whose trust is the LORD.

Habakkuk was a man who trusted.

Let's look and see his Path of Trust!!

Habakkuk 1:2-4 (NASB)

² How long, O LORD, will I call for help, And You will not hear? I cry out to You, "Violence!" Yet You do not save. ³ Why do You make me see iniquity, And cause me to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me; Strife exists and contention arises. ⁴ Therefore the law is ignored And justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore justice comes out perverted.

He put His focus right back on God.

Habakkuk 1:12 (NASB) Oh God he said, "Are you not from everlasting, O Lord my God, my Holy One!! We shall not die!!!"

He is going to wait to hear from God.

Habakkuk 2:1 I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me.

Habakkuk 2:2-4 (NASB) ² Then the LORD answered me and said, "Record the vision And inscribe it on tablets, That the one who reads it may run.

³ "For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.

⁴ "Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.

God told Habakkuk to live by faith!

Habakkuk is human just like us.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NASB)

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom And there be no fruit on the vines, Though the yield of the olive should fail And the fields produce no food, Though the flock should be cut off from the fold And there be no cattle in the stalls,

¹⁸ Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.

¹⁹ The Lord GOD is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' feet, And makes me walk on my high places. For the choir director, on my stringed instruments.

Habakkuk told his honest doubts to God, he resolved to wait on God and he chose to trust God as he walked his path of life!!

The best way to learn to trust is to have to do it!!!

P is Place

A is All

T is trust

H is Him

I Timothy 6:15

tells us that God is the blessed controller of All things!!

In time of trouble say, I am here:

- **By God's appointment** - God brought me here. It is by His will I am in this strait place: in that I will rest.
- **In his keeping** - He will keep me here in his love and give me grace in this trial to behave as his child.
- **Under His training** - He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me lessons he intends me to learn, and working in me the grace he means to bestow.
- **For His Time** - In His good time he can bring me out again. How and when he knows.

Here is a homework assignment for you.



The Hole in Our Gospel - Outreaches Fall Semester:

**Kids & Families @
Foodbank**
St. Louis Area Foodbank
Saturday, 9/24 @ 10a-1p

September 24 — Kids & Families @ STL Food Bank

Saturday, Sep. 24, 10:00 am—1:00 pm, kids and their families will be sorting and packaging food for distribution to local food pantries. We need 25 for this serving event. Signup in advance.

Leader: Tim Vance,
tvance@graceunionstl.org

October 8 — Walk for Water

The Walk for Water will be on Saturday, October 8th, @ West County Center.

Grace Union is raising over \$7,500 to drill a well to provide fresh clean water to a village in Southern Africa. Walkers can check in at 8:30 a.m. in the food court. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. be for one hour. Please sign up to walk and collect donations from friends, neighbors, family and work associates. Walk for Water t-shirts can be ordered for \$7.50 at the Walk for Water table in the foyer.



**GRAB YOUR SNEEKERS
AND JOIN US ON SAT 10/8 @ 9A**

**WALK FOR WATER
2011**

Leader: Earl Wetter, earl@graceunionstl.org

September—November Operation Christmas Child

We will be receiving donations of Christmas gifts for needy children through this awesome program by Samaritan's Purse. Bring your shoebox filled with gifts for a boy or girl and drop off in the foyer.

Leader: Carrie Angus, vocalmusic1@gmail.com

November 12—19, City of Refuge Orphanage, Jamaica

We're sending a team of 7 to Jamaica to assist in construction projects for a week. Their work will aid this vital ministry to the children of Jamaica.

Leader: Tim Vance, tvance@graceunionstl.org

October 16, 23, 30, World Vision Child Sponsorship

You will have the opportunity to sponsor a child through World Vision. Your sponsorship will provide food and clothing for a needy child who otherwise might have no help.

Leader: Melanie Terry

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK ...

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MON-19

TUE-20

WED-21

THUR-22

FRI-23

SUN-25

SUN-25

Connections - Bringing A Smile
9a, 314-329-6347
Connections - Prayer Warriors
Every other week
7p, Grace Union
314.954.1228
Connections - Financial Peace University
6:30p, 314.732.7204

Connections - Moms Connect - Kids Play
10a, GU Kids Rock
quietzal_joy@hotmail.com
Connections - Adult Bible Study
7p, Conf. Room off lobby
Connections - The Core
7p, The Auditorium

Connections - Chi Alpha
12p & 7p, UMSL
MSC 315, 314.872.8682

The Crusaders
8:30a, Conf. Room A off main Lobby,
314.892.4961
Connection-M&M Village
9a, Conference Room in Youth Wing,
314.329.6347
Connections - Men Alive In Christ
9a, Grace Union Cafe
315.481.1425
Connections - Nations Loving Jesus
9a, sfxa@sbcglobal.net

SAT-24

Connections - Total Wellness
9a, The Family Room
314.409.1458
Operation Honor
9a, 3rd Precinct in Afton
Kids & Families @ STL Food Bank
10a, St. Louis Food Bank
636.223.0159

Adult Worship Service - Pastor Earl
10a, Auditorium
Fusion Service - Pastor Bob
10a, Youth Area
Kid's Rock Live Service - Pastor Tim
10a, Kid's Rock
Kid's Rock Jr. - Sheri Vance
10a, Kid's Rock Jr.
Nursery
10a, Kid's Rock area
Connections - The Whole in Our Gospel
11:30a, 314.732.7204
Connections - Homebuilders
12:15p, 636.223.0159

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