

# GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

The past few weeks we have asked if you are looking for a little surprise factor in life? Of if you have wanted to get to know or spend time with some people in our church fellowship but have not made been able to make it happen? YES????

Join our "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" Event on October 27th!

Please sign up TODAY as a guest or a host. If you choose to sign up as a guest, please indicate any allergies to be considered in the menu. If you sign up as a host, please indicate the number of guests you would like to receive.

The hosts will be notified on Tuesday, October 22 (instead of the advertised Monday) of allergies to be considered in their menu planning.

The next Sunday, October 27, the guests will find out the address and phone number of where they are going for dinner at 5:30 that evening.

**?? The surprise will be for all when the door is opened to receive the guests.**

Every bead strung represents another step away from sexual slavery!

# Global Wonders

Handicraft sale

NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

FROM 7-9 PM  
AT CHURCH OF CHRIST HIGHLAND PARK



A fair trade initiative started to provide work to both women who are risk to be sexually exploited and those leaving a life of sexual exploitation. For more info check out: <http://safoundation.com>

## Contact Us

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## Serving at the Grande Prairie Church of Christ

### Ministers:

Everyone

### Full Time Ministerial Staff:

Sr. Minister & Highland Park Site: Alan Jones

Mission Heights Site: Scott Pence

Creative Arts: Jim Biggs

Young Adults & Men's Ministries: Ryan Duford

Youth Ministries: Jaron Flett

Family, Children & Women's Ministries: Mavis Wiebe

### Part Time Ministerial Staff:

Glory Garden: Karen Burns (.75 position)

### Administrative Staff:

Communications: Alison Hofstede (.75 position)

Finances: Gail Biggs: (.75 position)

Children's Ministry Administrator: Robyn Flett (.3 position)

Database & Plan To Protect: Sheena Jones (.2 position)

### Part Time Janitorial Staff:

Christina Wood

Karly George

The purpose of the Grande Prairie Church of Christ is to praise and worship God and to mature and assist others in maturing toward the image of Christ



Worship



Community



Embodiment



Benevolence



Evangelism



"COME TO ME, ALL OF YOU WHO WEARY AND CARRY HEAVY LOADS.

*I will give you rest.*

FOLLOW MY TEACHINGS AND LEARN FROM ME... YOU WILL HAVE REST FOR YOUR SOULS."

- MATTHEW 11:28-29

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2013

## Community Announcements

### Decorating Party

Anyone interested in helping decorate our church buildings (both sites) for Christmas (or any season), please contact our decor coordinator, Karen George at 780-830-0810. Karen would particularly like assistance with the decorating day she is planning for Saturday, November 16. Thanks!

### Dinner Table Discussions

Brought to you by our youth and children's ministries: Informative presentations for parents and leaders (childcare provided), then opportunity for discussions over dinner. Take-home resources will also be available. Two dates to save: **November 17** from 3:30-6pm and **February 2** from 3:30-6pm. See insert and online event for more information.

### Adoption Journey

The Hughes family invites you, as part of their church family, to stay updated on their latest adoption adventure. Check out their blog for updates while they are in the Ukraine and beyond! <http://hugsfamjourney.blogspot.ca/>

### 55+ Luncheon

Thursday, October 17 at 10:45am at Westpointe Community Church (11305 Pinnacle Blvd) Enjoy a delicious meal, testimonies and music. For more info call 780-532-7464



### Sound Board Training

Nathanael Sterr will be teaching anyone interested how to run the sound board for church. From 7-9pm on Monday, November 4, and Monday, November 11 at our Highland Park site. RSVP to Nathanael or Jim at the office. Thanks!

### Upcoming Class: "Preparing For Mission"

Alan and Scott will be teaching a second class this fall, exploring the topic of "Preparing for Mission" on November 23. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Our classes are free events and held at our Mission Heights site from 9:00am - 4:00pm with breaks throughout the day.

### Seeking House for Aurora Home Mission

If you have or know of a house that could be rented or leased to Aurora Home for a very low rate please contact Joan by telephone 780-539-1887 or by email: [aurahomeab@gmail.com](mailto:aurahomeab@gmail.com). Visit [www.nahws.com](http://www.nahws.com) to learn about this mission.

### Glory Garden Seeking Bookkeeper

Glory Garden is looking for a part time payroll/bookkeeper. 5 – 8 hours per week, \$20.00/hr. Bookkeeping experience, knowledge of the program "Simply Accounting" and formal membership of the Grande Prairie Church of Christ is required. Please hand resumes into the church office. If you have any questions please call Janice at 780-978-1200.



### It's Time for New Photos!

Stay a few minutes after church on Sunday, October 27 or Sunday, November 3 to get your photo taken for our photo boards. Photographers will be Doug Douplexis at Mission Heights and David Fast at Highland Park.

### Children's Ministries would LIKE your new photos, too!

Let's celebrate families and get to know one another in Children's Ministries! We plan to make Family Story Cards to display in Impact Studios and Preschool Plaza. Parents, please take advantage of the chance to have your family photo taken on Oct. 27 or Nov. 3 and take a story card home to complete for the display. Thanks for being a part of our family!



## From the Office...

### Bulletin Announcements

Announcements for Sunday's bulletin must be submitted to Alison at the main office by 4:00pm Wednesday. E-mail is preferred. Remember announcements should run for at least two weeks prior to an event to reach as many people as possible. Personal items (eg: Baby / Anniversary / Funeral / Needs) are only included as submissions are received at the main office.

### Offering Envelopes

Requests for envelopes can be made via the welcome cards (fill out the card inserted in your bulletin and place in the offering bag as it is passed or drop in the welcome card box at the back table). Envelopes will be placed in your mail slot. Mail slots are located by the front door at Mission Heights and by the main entrance at Highland Park.

### Planning an Event?

In the main office Alison has a master calendar to record all church events, classes and building use. To prevent conflicts and confusion, please contact her if you are hoping to use one of the church buildings, or are planning something that people from church will be invited to.

### Monthly Offering Budget

Monthly donations needed to meet budget: \$88,991.13  
Donations toward budget for OCTOBER: \$40,604.68

### Want More Information?

If you would like to know more about our church, upcoming events, becoming a member and more, check out our website, [www.gpchurchofchrist.com](http://www.gpchurchofchrist.com), or the Information Centre in the front foyer at both sites for printed information.

## Weekly Ministries Update

### Saturday Night Supper

Saturdays from 4-8pm in the Fellowship Hall at Highland Park. Come visit, play a game, wash dishes or help prepare a meal for low-income or homeless individuals in our city. Contact Jared for more info: [saturdaymeal@gmail.com](mailto:saturdaymeal@gmail.com)

### Seniors Bible Study (55+)

Every Wednesday afternoon from 1:45-2:45pm Bible study led by Alan Jones, our senior minister. Contact Betty with any questions: 780-532-2168

### Soul Sisters - Women's Ministries

Small groups are meeting throughout the week at various times and locations. If you want to get involved please contact Andrea Biette, or the main office.

### Higher Ground - Men's Ministries

Ryan is coordinating small groups for Bible studies and activities. Contact him at 780-512-7062 for more information or if you'd like to plan a "guys event".

### Young Adults (17-25ish)

Topical Study on Sunday nights from 7-9pm at 10950 O'Brien Lake Crescent. Call Ryan with any questions: 780-512-7062

### Heroes Academy (grades 1-6)

This mid-week program is an extension of our Pineridge Adventure Camp ministry. The adventure continues... Wednesday nights from 6-8pm at Highland Park. Contact Jeremy at 587-298-7463 for more information.

### Children's Ministries (nursery - grade 6)

After joining corporate worship for welcome and singing, children are invited to attend age-appropriate and fun Bible-based programs. Sign-in and sign-out are required up to grade 4 to keep our children's areas safe.

### Youth Ministries (grades 7-12)

**ignite** **IGNITE** - We are continuing our "Fuel Nights" every Friday from 7:00-9:00pm at Highland Park until further notice. Remember that pick-up time is 9:00 sharp.

**GIRLS & GUYS GROUPS** - Girls Group meets the last Sunday of each month at Robyn's house (9502-125Ave) from 7-9pm. The Guys Group will begin next week at the Wood's house from 7-9pm.

**DTP** - October 25-27. Talk to Jaron if you're interested in going!

**CAMPAIGNERS** - Meet Thursday mornings at 10315 - 114 Ave from 7:15am-8:15am for breakfast, talking about life, faith, and how we can serve our friends. Contact Jaron, Steve or Alison for more info.

**CLUB** - Meet at PWA front doors at 7:00pm every Monday (excluding holidays) for location info & carpooling. Call/text Steve Hofstede for more info on anything Young Life. 780-832-6584