

# WELCOME

Request prayer or offering envelopes, share a celebration story or give us your new address, ask someone to contact you or just let us know you were here - fill out a "welcome" card! Check out the Information Centre in the front foyer to find out more about our church, programs and events.

# WHO WE ARE

We are a multi-site fellowship of Jesus followers who seek to live out a kingdom first perspective in our city. Our journey started in 1946 and has continued to be an adventure, seeing God at work in and through our community and city. For more about who we are, visit our website: [www.gpchurchofchrist.com](http://www.gpchurchofchrist.com)

# CONTACT US

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Stay connected online: Follow us on Twitter, "like" our page or join a group on Facebook, or visit our website and subscribe to "the Chronicle" e-news (monthly email)

## MINISTERS:

Everyone!

## ELECTED LEADERS:

ELDERS + POINT LEADERS = CHURCH BOARD

**ELDERS:** Duff Crerar, Trevor Davis, Fred Rowson

**DEACONS:** Paul Oostra (Point Leader), *Bernie Plett, Brian Scarth, Dale Adams, Neil Goodliffe, Joe Hustler, Ed Nellis, John Vanvolkinburgh, Dale Budding, Darren Driedger*

**POINT LEADERS:** Benevolence - Shaun Boivin, Children - Mark Scott, Community - Rosina Norris, Evangelism - Brad Wright, Glory Garden - Linda Duplessis, Missions - Karen Oostra, Pineridge - Jeremy Arnold, Stewardship - Abe Neufeld, Worship & Creative Arts - Nathaneal Sterr, Youth & Young Adults - Steve Hofstede

## MINISTERIAL STAFF:

Alan Jones - Highland Park Site & Sr. Minister

Scott Pence - Mission Heights Site Minister

Jim Biggs - Creative Arts Director

Ryan Duford - Young Adults & Men's Ministries Director

Jaron Flett - Youth Ministries Director

Mavis Wiebe - Family, Children & Women's Ministries Director

Karen Burns - Glory Garden Director (.75)

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Alison Hofstede - Communications Coordinator (.75)

Gail Biggs - Financial Administrator (.75)

Camille Kindrachuk - Children's Ministry Administrator (.3)

Sheena Jones - Database & Plan To Protect Administrator (.2)

Christina Wood - Janitorial Care (.45)



"This is how God showed his love to us: He sent his one and only Son into the world so that we could have life through him. This is what real love is: It is not our love for God; it is God's love for us. He sent his Son to die in our place to take away our sins."

- 1 John 4:9-10

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Christmas Eve Services

Each site will hold a candle-light service on Christmas Eve, starting at 7pm.

## Celebrating Christmas Together: Dec. 25

Irene & Henry Hamm invite you to join them for dinner on Christmas day to celebrate Christmas together! 4pm at our Highland Park site (9602-92 Ave) If you or someone you know would like to attend, RSVP by Dec. 24 to Irene 780-876-0290 (text or call).

## NorthSong Worship Workshop: Jan. 10

Jan. 10 from 9am - 5pm at CFA (11449-92 St.) Explore the flow and Biblical foundations of worship, talk about planning and playing as a team, encouragement and more! Time for corporate worship times and prayer ministry also available. \$15 includes materials & coffee breaks. Register online at [www.praise24.ca](http://www.praise24.ca) so we can prepare accordingly.

## Worship & Creative Arts Team Meeting: Jan. 13

Musical, visual or technical people, and anyone passionate about praise & worship expressions/environments are invited to the 2nd Tues. of each month worship & creative arts team meeting. Contact Nathanael for more info: 780-512-8607

## From the Church Library:

Thank you to all who have donated books to our library. Duplicate copies of books are selling for \$2 each. Come check it out! - from your church library team

## Funds Raised & Benevolence Demonstrated

Many thanks to the Missions Committee for hosting the fundraiser lunches for missions our church supports, and thanks to all who have contributed! Last week we raised over \$8,000 in support of Aurora Home, not counting the donations collected at the Mission Heights potluck. Watch for upcoming lunches in the new year for other missions!

## Thank You & Merry Christams from the SA Foundation

The SA Foundation (one of our missions) wants to express thanks for the long-time support our missions committee and church as a whole has given them through prayer, lunches, jewelry sales, Fun Runs, and generous giving over the years. Merry Christmas!

## Seeking Mature, Single, Female Volunteer

with a heart for hurting women of our city and a desire to follow God's leading to be a live-in volunteer at Aurora Home. Retain your day job along and any out-of-house activities you are currently involved in. Save on living expenses as you live at Aurora Home (we provide your accommodation and food. Spend some evenings and some weekend time with the other residents and be a guide for how to conduct a normal life. If you are intrigued by the possibility or have questions, contact Joan at 780-897-1544 or email [aurorahomeab@gmail.com](mailto:aurorahomeab@gmail.com)

## Looking For House-Sitting Opportunity

Please call or text Jordan if you could use a house-sitter this winter. 780-518-8028

# WANT TO HELP?

## Grow Spiritually & Relationally - Join a Ministry Team!

We believe every Christian has gifts and passions from the Holy Spirit to share with others and glorify God. Whether you love helping people, organizing things, supporting behind the scenes or leading programs, making music, food or art, there's a ministry team that would welcome your involvement! Contact the office for more info.

## Family Seeking Caregiver...

...for autistic teenage son. Flexible, full-time schedule. Training provided. Please call Gayle at 780-512-5966 if you or anyone you know is interested.

## Many kids are playing & parents visiting

at Kids' Morning Out and our desire to bless parents of young children in the community is being realized! As always, volunteers increase the blessings... 1 or 2 more to help with set up from 8:30-9am would be appreciated & 4 more able-bodied volunteers wanting to enjoy a good 30min. workout over the lunch hour would help greatly with putting away the inflatables. Thanks for letting Pam Gault, Janeya Tunke, Esther Thompson, or Mavis Wiebe know if you can help out!

# FROM THE OFFICE

## Want A Tax Receipt?

Only donations received BY midnight, December 31, 2014 will be eligible for a 2014 tax receipt. If mailed, envelopes must be postmarked no later than December 31. No exception can be made as failure to meet CRA requirements would endanger charitable status for the church. Please note office will be closed at noon on Dec. 31.

## Office Hours

Regularly open Mon - Fri from 9-4. Closed on statutory holidays and from 12-1 for lunch. Administrative staff are only available during office hours. **The admin office will be CLOSED Tues-Fri, Dec 23-26 and from Noon Dec 31- Jan 1.**

## Offering Update

Monthly donations needed to meet budget: \$93,011.50  
Donations toward budget for DEC: \$40,452.62

## Bulletin Announcements

Something to share? Send it to Alison at the admin office by 4:00pm Wednesday. Personal items (babies, anniversaries, etc) are only included as submissions are received. Let us hear your news! E-mail is preferred: [office@gpchurchofchrist.com](mailto:office@gpchurchofchrist.com)

## Please Note Service Time Change: Dec.7-Jan.4

For ALL the Sundays in December and the first Sunday in January, our Highland Park site will have only ONE SERVICE at 11am. No 9am service for these five Sundays.

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES

## SUNDAY

### Nursery/Toddler Rooms Available

Open for childcare before and during each service. Sign in is required.

### Children's Ministries: Sunday Mornings

During the month of December, age-appropriate activity packs are available at the back of the auditorium for children under Gr.6.

### Young Adults

7pm on Sunday nights. Call/text Ryan: 780-512-7062 for location or with any questions.

## VARIOUS WEEKDAYS

### Men's & Women's Small Groups, Life Groups, Bible Studies, Meetings, etc

To find out what's happening where and when contact the office or a group leader.

## MONDAY

### Young Life Club - Gr.9+ (Resuming in New Year)

Taking a break for the holiday and mid-term season - hope to see you at the Fast Food Formal on Feb. 2! For more info, call or text Steve (780-832-6584).

## WEDNESDAY

### Seniors Bible Study (Resuming in New Year)

1:45-2:45 in Room 10 at our Highland Park site. Contact: Betty, 780-532-2168

### Heroes Academy: (Resuming in New Year)

6-8pm at our Highland Park site for kids in K-gr.6. Contact: Jeremy, 780-978-8138

## THURSDAY

### The Cafe Experiment (Resuming in New Year)

We will continue the Thursday-night experiment on Jan15. Contact the church office to find out how you can be involved!

### Youth Alpha - Gr. 6+ (Resuming in New Year)

Come between 6 and 7 for some hang-out time and snacks. Between 7 and 9 we have varied activities and time to learn more about God and talk about life or prayer.

## FRIDAY

### Friday Morning Prayer

Join ministerial staff on Friday mornings for prayer and communion. 7am in the prayer chapel at our Highland Park site. Usually followed by coffee at the South 40 McDonalds.

### Kids' Morning Out (Resuming in New Year)

From 9am-Noon at our Highland Park site. Bouncy inflatables, visiting and snacks.

## SATURDAY

### Saturday Supper

Serving the street-involved of our city every Saturday from 4-8pm at our Highland Park site. Contact Jared at 780-228-5734 or [saturdaymeal@gmail.com](mailto:saturdaymeal@gmail.com) for how you can help.

### Men's Drop-In Hockey

9:30pm ice time at the County Sportsplex. Call Cam at: 780-897-3309 with any questions.

## WORSHIP

Joining together to encounter God  
Psalm 103:1-2

## COMMUNITY

Participating together in the life & mission of Jesus  
John 20:21

## EMBODIMENT

Living Christ-rooted lives of grace, truth, and hope  
Colossians 3:16-17

## BENEVOLENCE

Caring for those who are marginalized  
Luke 4:18-19

## EVANGELISM

Inviting others to join us on our journey toward Jesus  
Matthew 28:18-20