

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

CONTACT US

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MINISTERS:

Everyone!

ELECTED NON-STAFF 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 - vacant, 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

Cam Neufeld - 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)

Vacant - Financial Administrator (.75)

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

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

Christina Wood - Janitorial Care (.45)



"...Be peaceful, kind, and show complete courtesy toward everyone. We were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, and slaves to our desires and various pleasures too... spending our lives in evil behavior and jealousy... But when God's kindness and love appeared, he saved us because of HIS mercy, not because of righteous things we had done. He did it through the washing and renewing by the Holy Spirit..."
- Titus 3:1-6 *paraphrased*

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, MAY 24, 2015

FROM THE OFFICE

We Love to Hear From You!

Fill out the "Welcome" card in your bulletin and place in the offering bag as it is passed or drop it in the box at the back of the auditorium at either site.

Office Hours

Regularly open Mon - Fri from 9-4 with some exceptions. Closed on statutory holidays and from 12-1 for lunch. Administrative staff are only available during office hours.

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

Church Library Renovations

Exciting upgrades are coming to our church library this spring thanks to some generous donors and volunteers careful planning! Thank you for your patience during this time!

COMMUNITY LIFE

Encourage Mark Strom!

Many of us were blessed by Mark & Sue when they visited us in March... Now let's give THEM some encouragement! Send a note to say thanks & share how their time with us made a difference here in our church family: mark@markstrom.co (not .com)

Pineridge Adventure Camp 2015 Dates

Our annual adventures at Pineridge continue! Kids Camp (gr.4-6) will be July 12-17, Teen Camp (gr.7-9) will be July 19-24, and Rookie Camp (gr. 1-3) is planned for July 27-29. Training times for volunteers TBA soon. info@gopineridge.com

From the Church Library Team

Thank you to all who have donated books to our library. Duplicate copies are selling for \$2 each in the front foyer at our Highland Park site. Funds go toward new books!

Ch-ch-ch-Changes For Staff

A number of changes have been happening on our staff team this year, and the most recent update is from Mavis. (see insert). We will miss her, but are excited for her, too!

Worship Through Visual Art

Volunteers are needed to run Media Shout - the program that is used to project lyrics for songs, sermon slides, videos, etc. - on Sunday mornings at both sites. If you are willing to try it out, contact Alison or Cam at the church office. Training is available.

Annual General Meeting: June 14 at 3pm

Save the date for our AGM! All resident and active members are encouraged to attend and vote. **It will be held at 3pm at our Highland Park site.** Members will be voting on whether or not our church will allow women to serve in the volunteer leadership role of elder. If you have not placed formal membership with our church but would like to, or if you are not sure of your official membership status, please contact the church office before June 14th.

Young Adults Camp Clean-Up & BBQ: TODAY at 4pm

Great opportunity to meet peers in a non-threatening, casual environment. We are going out to Pineridge Adventure Camp to help get the property ready for our upcoming camps. Meet at the camp at 4pm. Map and directions available at gpchurchofchrist.com/connect/pineridge and at gopineridge.com Text Ryan with any Qs: 780-512-7062

Open-House Bridal Shower for Ange Kindrachuk: June 5

All ladies are invited to pop by the Highland Park site between 6 and 9pm on June 5 to bless Ange! Bring some goodies to share. Call Camille with questions: 780-380-9313 Open-house style gathering, so you are free to come and go as you please!

Worship & Creative Arts Ministry Team Meeting: June 9

Anyone passionate about praise & worship expressions or environments is invited to the 2nd Tues. of each month worship & creative arts team meeting. Contact Nathanael for more info: 780-512-8607

Youth & Young Adults Ministry Team Meeting: June 9

All who care about the spiritual development of our young people are invited to meet for prayer, planning and conversation. Contact Steve with questions: 780-832-6584

A CALL TO PRAYER, LOVE & DECISION

Our church has been exploring the question of women serving as elders. We have met multiple times to study and discuss, and now we are in the process of firming up our foundation of unity and love as the Body of Christ before voting on this matter at our AGM on June 14. We ask that you fast and pray in some way over the next few weeks and join us in exploring the following topics on the Sunday mornings leading up our AGM:

✓ May 17 - A Call to Fast and Pray

TODAY: May 24 - Unity & Love

May 31 - Of Liberty and Conscience

June 7 - The Bible, Women & Elders

June 14 - Annual General Meeting & Vote

On May 31 & June 7 a light lunch will be available at each site for folks who wish to stay after church and discuss this issue with each other, current elders and staff.

Part-Time Employment Opportunity

Aurora Home is seeking a part-time assistant to the program director to work with the women we serve. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Joan Manhas at 780-897-1544 or email: aurorahomeab@gmail.com

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

Worship Services at both sites

9am & 11am at Highland Park (9602-92 Ave), 10am at Mission Heights (8321 MH Dr.)

Nursery/Toddler Rooms Available

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

Children's Ministries: Sunday Mornings

Age-appropriate programs for kids Gr. 6 and under are available during the service. Please sign in kids prior to the service to streamline this transition.

Young Adults: 17-30ish

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.

MONDAYS

Young Life Club - Gr.9+

Meet at the PWA front doors at 7:11pm on Mondays to carpool or get directions to that week's club location. For more info about Young Life, call/text Dylan at 780-402-4166

WEDNESDAYS

Seniors Bible Study: Breaking for summer - will resume in the fall

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

Heroes Academy: Wrapped-Up for the year - see you at camp!!

Watch for Pineridge Adventure Camp updates online: www.gopineridge.com.

THURSDAYS

Youth Group: Gr. 6+ UNTIL JUNE 11

Snacks, activities and learning more about God and talking about life. 6:30-8:30pm at our Highland Park site on Thursday nights. Anyone in jr. or sr. high is welcome.

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting: 7-9pm

7-9pm in the Prayer Chapel at our Highland Park site on Thursday nights. Anyone who wants to pray, and anyone who has prayer requests is welcome to attend.

FRIDAYS

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.

SATURDAYS

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 for how you can help.

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