

# 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

Admin Office & Mailing address (for both sites):  
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## MINISTERS:

Everyone!

## ELECTED NON-STAFF LEADERS:

ELDERS + POINT LEADERS = CHURCH BOARD

**ELDERS:** Duff Crerar, Trevor Davis, Frank Fehr, Barry Norris

**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, Glory Garden - Linda Duplessis, Missions - Kelly Peter, Pineridge - Dave Bertrand, Stewardship - Duncan McNabb, Worship & Creative Arts - Nathaneal Sterr, Youth & Young Adults - Naomi Scott

## 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  
Malorie Petersen - Family & Children's Ministries Director (.5)  
Karen Burns - Glory Garden Director (.75)

## PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Alison Hofstede - Communications Coordinator  
Wendy Small - Financial Administrator  
Kaitlyn Wilkinson - Children's Ministry Administrator  
Sheena Jones - Database & Plan To Protect Administrator  
Christina Wood - Janitorial Care



“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

- John 3:16-17

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 20, 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.

## Regular Office Hours

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

## Offering Update

Monthly donations needed to meet budget: \$81,228.59  
 Total giving toward general fund for November: \$80,459.67  
 Donations toward budget as of Dec.13: \$20,491.85

## Holiday Office Hours

Please note that the church office will be closed on Christmas Eve and for the week between Christmas and New Years. If there's an emergency, please email office@gpchurchofchrist.com at any time and we will do our best to respond.

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Al Boyd and his family following the recent loss of his mother, Barb.

## 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 Cam or Alison at the church office. Training is available.

## You've Got Mail?

Please check the church mailslots today for any items that have been left for you! We try to keep these cleared out for paper correspondence. If you do not have a church mail slot but would like one, please let us know: office@gpchurchofchrist.com

## May 2016 "Footsteps of Paul" Trip Cancelled

Please note that our plans to travel to Isreal, Turkey, etc. have been cancelled.

## Christmas Eve Service at Both Sites: Dec. 24 at 7pm

Both our Highland Park site and our Mission Heights site will hold family-friendly candle light Christmas Eve services with carol-singing at 7pm on December 24th.

## PLEASE NOTE: No 9am Service on Dec. 27 & Jan 3

Please note that our Highland Park site (9602-92 Ave) will be gathering once, at 11am, on Dec. 27 & Jan 3. The 9am service resume Jan.10th. Spread the word!

## Friends & Family Night: Resumes Jan.6th

Drop by our Highland Park site for supper, specialty coffees and visiting - kids can enjoy Heroes Academy! Wednesdays from 6-8:30pm. Classes/small groups for youth & adults are being planned. The last week of each month is Pot Luck supper. Contact Sandy at 780-513-6550 with questions or to lead a class.

## Contact Our Elders for Prayer

Want prayer? Have questions? You can get in touch with our team of elders by email: elders@gpchurchofchrist.com or leaving a message at the office to be passed on.

## Wednesday Afternoon Seniors Study Update

We have wrapped up for the Christmas season and we will resume in the New Year. Please note that this winter we will NOT be meeting for a study if the temperature is -20\*C or colder. Contact Betty with any questions: 780-532-2168

## Degree Completion/Diploma Opportunity

A group of people from our church are planning to gather once/week for continued education through Alberta Bible College's PACE program and would love to have a few more adult learners join the group. Please contact Alison of Jaron at the church office if you are interested in this relational learning opportunity right here in GP!

## Want a House-Sitter?

If you are planning to be out of town and want someone who is clean & responsible to stay with/check on your pets, water your plants, check your mailbox, or just look after your house, contact Camille at 780-380-9313 or camillekindrachuk@gmail.com

## Multi-Site: One Church Meeting in Multiple Locations

As a single church we share staff, eldership, board, budget, mission & vision while worshipping in different places and times around the city. Build relationships with your extended church family by participating in Festivals, Friends & Family Night, camps, small groups, ministry teams or age-specific events!

Sundays	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Worship Services at both sites</b> • Highland Park (9602-92 Ave) 9am & 11am <b>Fellowship between services (10:30am)</b> • Mission Heights 10am (8321 MH Dr.) <b>Children's Ministries</b> Age-appropriate programming during the service for K-Grade 6. Sign-in and sign-out is required. <b>Nursery/Toddler Rooms Available</b> for childcare during each service. Sign in is required. <b>Young Adults:</b> 7pm on Sunday nights. Call/text Ryan: 780.512.7062	<b>Young Life Club: Gr.9-12</b> Meet at the Mus-kosepi Park Pavilion at 7:11pm. Pick-up time is 8:45pm unless otherwise specified. For more info, call/text Dylan at 780.402.4166	Board meeting 7pm 4th Tues/mo 2nd Tue/mo Worship & Creative Arts ministry team meeting 7pm	Got an announcement for the bulletin? The deadline for bulletin inclusion is Wednesday at 4pm <b>Seniors Bible Study</b> 1:45-2:45pm in Room 10 at our Highland Park site. Bible study led by Alan Jones. Please contact Betty for more information: 780-532-2168. <b>Friends &amp; Family Night</b> 6-8:30pm at our Highland Park site. Supper, visiting, small groups. <b>Heroes Academy</b> 6:00-8:00pm at our Highland Park site. An extension of our Pioneeridge Camp ministry.	<b>Thursday Night Prayer Meeting</b> 7-9pm in the Prayer Chapel at our Highland Park site. Come pray or be prayed for. <b>Youth Group: Gr.7+</b> 7-9pm at our Mission Heights site unless otherwise specified. Contact Jaron with Qs: jaron@gpchurchofchrist.com	<b>Friday Morning Prayer</b> 7am in the prayer chapel at our Highland Park site. <b>Friday Morning Prayer Meeting</b> Chronicle Submissions deadline 1st Fri/mo (The Chronicle is our church newsletter! Contact the main office for more info) Chronicle RSS feed emailed on the 15th/mo. Sign up for the newsletter: gpchurchofchrist.com (enter email address in bottom right corner)	<b>Saturday Supper</b> Serving the street-involved from 4-8pm. Qs? Contact Jared at 780.228.5734. <b>Deacon's Work</b> Bee 2nd Sat/mo 8:30am start. Contact Paul at 780.876.1997 for info.

**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**  
 All regular activities will resume in January!

Please note that not all building use is listed here - ALL building use is to be coordinated through the front office. Contact Alison at 780-538-4211 or office@gpchurchofchrist.com

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