

WELCOME

We love to hear from you and to pray for you!
Fill out a "Welcome" card and place in the offering bag as it is passed or drop it in the box at the back of the auditorium.

WHO WE ARE

We are a multi-site fellowship of Jesus followers who seek to live out a kingdom-first perspective in our city.
For more, visit our website: 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, John Murray, Joanne Stewart

DEACONS: Paul Oostra (Point Leader), *Bernie Plett, Brian Scarth, Neil Goodliffe, Joe Hustler, Ryan Power-Fardy, Arron Johnson, Rob Flett, Chris Daigle, Dan Freibel, Steve Hofstede, Adam Petersen*

POINT LEADERS: Benevolence - Shaun Boivin, Children - Mark Scott, Community - Rosina Norris, Glory Garden - Linda Duplessis, Missions - Mark Larson, Pineridge - vacant, 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

Mark Wolfe - Youth Ministries Director

Malorie Petersen - Family & Children's Ministries Director (.5 position)

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 & Kitchen Care



"If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends." - Philippians 2:1-2

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, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

DATES TO NOTE

- **TODAY Kick-Off Sunday:** Regular service times kids programs resume.
- **Sep. 13 Friends & Family Night:** Planning meeting, 7-9pm at Highland Park site.
- **Sep. 16 Youth Event:** Waterballoon Mania at PRBI.
- **Sep. 16-18 Ladies Retreat** at Camp Sagatawa, Moberly Lake, BC.
- **Sep. 27** Supper & meeting for church board: 7pm at Norris's
- **Oct. 2** Pumpkin Festival at 705055 RR62 from 3-5pm
- **Oct. 14-16 DTP Youth Conference:** visit disturbingthepeace.ca for more info
- **Nov. 4-6 Men's Retreat:** at Camp Nakamun, AB
- **Nov. 28** Comedy Christmas event - watch for more info coming soon!

CAN YOU HELP?

Registration for Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

Visit the sign-in desk at either site to register your children for Sunday morning kids' programs! Only one registration card needed per family. Thanks!

Ancient Prayer: Thursday Evenings

Join Duff in the prayer chapel at our Highland Park site for an hour of devotion and contemplation worship based on the ancient traditions of evening prayer: 7-8pm

2016 Pumpkin Festival: Oct. 2

"What does Jesus look like in your life?" Come to build love and tell stories of your life with Jesus. October 2 from 3-5pm at Roseberry Trails (705055 RR62) Paddle boating, various ball games, scripture trails & 12 Pumpkin dishes! Jesus said "The thief comes only to steal, kill & destroy; I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Prepare to Welcome our Refugee Family?

We want to provide a warm and supportive welcome and home to our Refugee family and need to build a team or a group of smaller teams to help welcome, settle and support. If you'd like to volunteer, or know more, please contact Duff Crerar, our elder heading the coordination of our Refugee Efforts: 780-296-6034

COMMUNITY LIFE

Ball Hockey Night: Tuesdays

From 8-10pm at our Highland Park site **for anyone who is old enough to drive.** Contact Ryan at 780-512-7062 with questions or if you'd like to help plan/host.

Visit with Cherie?

Cherie Hamm is looking for someone to come visit her or do something with her once a month. She is ready to bless someone! Please contact her mom Irene at 780-876-0290. Thanks.

Thank You from Blanche

Thank you, church family for your love and concern for me and my family, at this hard time of losing our daughter. It has really helped me to bear my grief. Sincerely, Blanche Mulligan

Evening Prayer: Thursdays

Duff is beginning a new prayer and worship time on Thursday nights, based on the ancient faith traditions around Evening Prayer. We will meet in the chapel at our Highland Park site at 7pm on Thursdays. Please come for an hour of devotion.

2016 Ladies' Retreat: Sep. 16-18

This year we are having our ladies retreat September 16-18 at the beautiful Camp Sagitawa located on Moberly Lake BC. For more information **or to sponsor another woman's registration fees**, please text/call Amber at 780-512-9234 or email her at pharside@telus.net. Please see insert, brochure or online event for more details.

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, e-mail Cam at cam@gpchurchofchrist.com Training is available.

Seniors' Bible Study Resumes: Sep. 28

All seniors (55+) are invited to a weekly Bible study group led by Alan Jones. Currently meeting Wednesday afternoons from 1:45-2:45pm in Room 10 at our Highland Park site. Studying a book of the Bible at a time, praying for each other. Please contact Betty with any questions: 780-532-2168

2016 Men's Retreat: Nov. 4-6

Our yearly "Man Camp" is coming up fast and we want as many guys as possible to be able to attend! Contact Ryan or Alison at the church office to let us know you're interested, or watch for more info coming soon!

Calling All Creatives: Sep. 15

If you are serving in our church through Sunday morning music, sound, media or art (or want to be!), YOU ARE INVITED to join us for a coffee at our Mission Heights site to talk about our dreams and plans for this ministry area. Sep. 15, 7pm See you there! E-mail Cam with any questions: cam@gpchurchofchrist.com

Highland Park Summer Service Times

Please note that our Highland Park site (9602-92 Ave) gathers once, at 10am for the summer months. **Regular 9am and 11am services and programs for kids resume on September 11.**

We Are A Multi-Site Church

As a multi-site church, we function as a single church with a shared staff team, eldership, board, budget, mission & vision while meeting at different times & locations. Whole church events like festivals, camps, retreats, congregational meetings & combined services are great opportunities for networking or building relationship with people who attend different services!

Need House-Sitters this Fall?

A reliable young couple will be available to house-sit anytime after September 1st. Please call Gail Warkentin for more information: 780-512-5966.

Friends & Family Night Planning Meeting: Sep. 13

This community effort needs a core group to work again this year! Please join us at our HP site at 7pm on Sep. 13 to help make plans or to express interest. Contact Sandy with questions: 780-380-0494

FROM THE OFFICE

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**

Giving by P.A.D. of Debit Card

Donations on Sunday mornings or during the week can be made using your debit card at our main office! You can also sign up for regular giving via pre-authorized debit - **pick up a form at the info centre in the front foyer.**

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*