

"How do you proclaim God's excellencies everywhere?"

Pumpkin Festival

"Priests Proclaiming God's Excellencies"

October 6

from 3:00-5:00pm

Taste Pumpkin Dishes,
Walk Scripture Trails, Enjoy Visiting,
Games, Dinghies & Rope Swing!

"You are... a royal priesthood... that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him Who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." - 1 Peter 2:9

At Roseberry Trails
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Fight Sexual Exploitation - Join the FUN RUN!



This multi-church event raises funds and awareness to fight sexual exploitation around the world and right here in Grande Prairie! All proceeds will be shared 50-50 between the SA Foundation and the Grande Prairie Aurora Home. **Pledge Packets are available at Church of Christ info centres as well as any participating church.** The info you need to collect and handle funds is included in the packets. Contact Colleen for more info: 780-933-8901

Fun Run

Saturday, **October 5th**
9:00-10:30am in Muskoseepi Park

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
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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



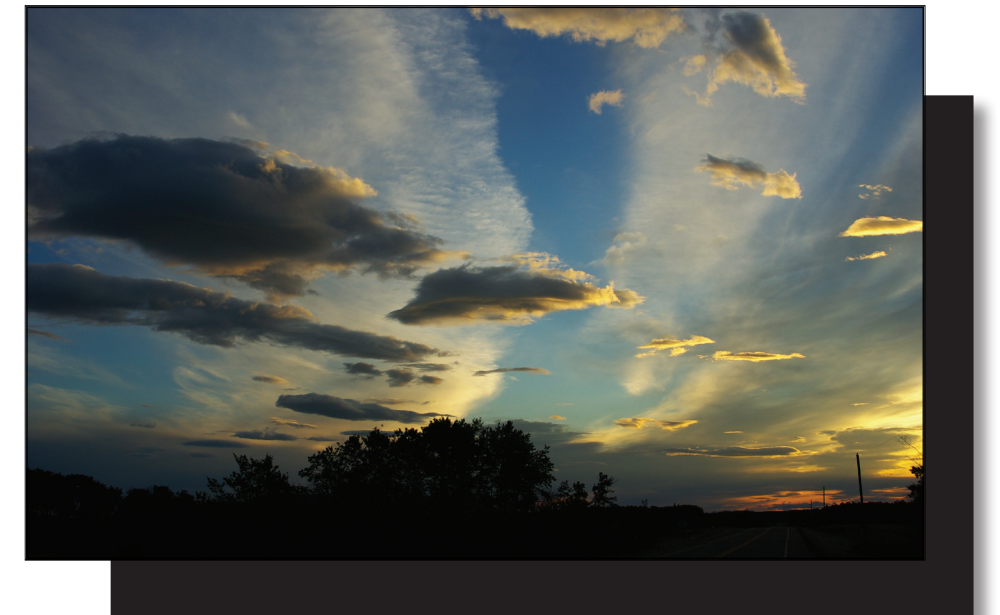
Embodiment



Benevolence



Evangelism



"EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN from the Father of lights, WITH WHOM CAN BE NO VARIATION, NOR TURNING SHADOW."

- JAMES 1:17

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

Community Announcements

“Preparing For Mission” Class

Alan and Scott will be teaching on the topic of “Preparing for Mission” on Saturday, October 19 from 9:00am-4:00pm at our Mission Heights site. Please save the date!

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/>

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.



Attention All Bakers!


The Missions committee needs YOU! The Fun Run, on Oct.5th, needs MUFFINS for its runners! All proceeds of this run go to support two very important missions---Servants Anonymous and GP Aurora House. So even if you can't take part in the run itself, you can contribute by energizing those who will be taking part. Drop off all muffins in the church freezer prior to Oct.4th. Muffin batches should be clearly marked "Fun Run". See Malorie Petersen or Karen Oostra for details.

Seeking House for Aurora Home

Northern Alberta Home for Women Society would like to announce that Joan Manhas has been hired as the Program Director for Aurora Home. Now, we are seeking a house. Therefore, if you have or know of a house that we could rent or lease (for a very low rate), please contact Joan at 780-539-1887 or at aurorahomeab@gmail.com. Thank-you.

Make a Difference in GP through Glory Garden

Glory Garden out-of-school care is a ministry of our church, sharing the love of God through and an affordable, accredited program. The Glory Garden Advisory Committee meets six times per year to oversee the program and provide support for the Program Director. This group is looking for two or three additional members to serve on the Committee. Please prayerfully consider your involvement in this valuable outreach to the community and if you would like to become involved, contact one of the following: Karen Burns, Dan Rawlyk or Linda Duplessis, Doug Norton or Janice Fast. To find out more, attend our meeting on Monday, September 30, at 7:30 in Room 10 at Highland Park. Can't make a board commitment but still want to help? We need two more people to provide snacks for the children. Please contact Karen Burns for details. Your help is much appreciated!



It’s Time for New Photos!

Stay a few minutes after church on Sunday, October 27 and 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.

Plan to Protect Training

Everyone working with “vulnerable persons” (primarily children and youth) in our church must complete Plan to Protect training. Please check your mail slots to find your Plan to Protect paperwork.

Training meetings are scheduled for Thursday, October 3 and Monday, October 7 from 7-9pm in Highland Park's Impact Studios.



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.

Administrative Office Hours

Regularly open from 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday, closed from 12pm -1pm for lunch and closed on statutory holidays. Admin staff are only available during office hours. Staff meetings are held on Tuesday mornings but messages for staff members can be left at the front desk.

Monthly Offering Budget

Monthly donations needed to meet budget: \$88,991.13
Donations toward budget for SEPTEMBER: \$82,482.16

Want More Information?

For information about our church, upcoming events, bulletins, becoming a member and more, check out the Information Centre in the front foyer at both sites or our website: www.gpchurchofchrist.com

Weekly Ministries Update

Seniors Bible Study

All seniors (55+) are invited to a Bible study group led by our senior minister every Wednesday afternoon from 1:45-2:45pm. This group studies one book at a time and prays for each other. Feel free to contact Betty with any questions: 780-532-2168

Soul Sisters - Womens Ministries

Small groups are starting up this week! If you want to get involved in a small group, please contact the office for information on times and locations.

Higher Ground - Mens 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 (18-25ish)

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)

All students in grades one through six are invited to participate in this mid-week program we are launching as 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 with questions.

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 to keep our children’s areas safe.


Youth Ministries



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. Curriculum is “Fight Like a Girl” by Lisa Bevere. **STARTS TONIGHT.** The Guys Group will begin last Sunday in October at Jason and Christina Wood’s house from 7-9pm. Curriculum TBD.

YOUTH HIKING TRIP - Has been postponed to Saturday, October 15. Meet at Highland Park at 7:00am and we will head out to Mt. Louis.



CAMPAIGNERS - Talking about life, God, the Bible and how we can serve our friends. We also eat food and pray for each other. Contact Jaron, Steve or Alison for more information.

CLUB - Monday nights starting on September 30. Meet at PWA front doors at 7:00pm each week (excluding holidays) for location info & carpooling. Call/text Steve Hofstede for more info on anything Young Life. 780-832-6584