

**GUESS
WHO'S
COMING
TO DINNER**

TODAY is the day! If you signed up to be a guest for today's dinner at 5:30 pm, please check your mail slots today to obtain your host's address.

The surprise will be for all when the door is opened to receive the guests!

*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."
- Romans 12:10*

Winter Delight

at Roseberry Trails

"What ways do you devote yourself to these believers, letting them know you love them?"

Indoors and out, sample:
cinnamon buns, chowders, chocolate,
strolling or skiing snowy scripture trails, sliding,
skating and encouraging in love...
received and passed on!

January 26

(back-up date: February 23)
from 3:00 - 5:00pm
at Roseberry Trails: 705055 RR 62

"When the love of God is in me"

Ladies! Small groups for the winter semester are starting. Please check



out the insert for more info, or contact Mavis at the church office. Both daytime and evening options for small groups are available.

Contact Us

Main Office (for both sites):
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Serving at the Grande Prairie Church of Christ

Ministers:

Everyone!

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

Administrative Staff:

Alison Hofstede - Communications Coordinator
Gail Biggs - Financial Administrator
Robyn Flett - Children's Ministry Administrator
Sheena Jones - Database & Plan To Protect Administrator
Christina Wood - Janitorial Care

The Church Board:

Elders: Todd DeHaan, Trevor Ginther,
Point Leaders: Paul Oostra - Deacons, Shaun Boivin - Benevolence,
Rosina Norris - Community, Brad Wright - Evangelism,
Linda Duplessis - Glory Garden, Karen Oostra - Missions,
Abe Neufeld - Stewardship, Nathaneal Sterr - Worship & Creative Arts,
Steve Hofstede - Youth & Young Adults

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



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- COLOSSIANS 1:11-12A

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014

From the Office...

Church Directories

The newest directories are available! If you did not already pick one up from your mail slot or the back table in the auditorium, please contact the admin office during the week to make arrangements for one.

Office Hours

Regularly open Monday - Friday from 9am - 4pm. Closed on statutory holidays and from 12pm -1pm for lunch. 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.

Planning an Event?

Contact Alison at the main office to check the master calendar for conflicts!

How to Get Offering Envelopes

Fill out the "Welcome" card in your bulletin and place in the offering bag as it is passed. OR drop in the welcome card box on the back table in the auditorium. Envelopes will be placed in your mail slot the next week. Mail slots are by the front door at Mission Heights and by the main entrance at Highland Park.

Bulletin Announcements

must be submitted to Alison at the admin office by 4:00pm Wednesday. E-mail is preferred: office@gpchurchofchrist.com

Can You Help?

Beds Needed

A few people are in need of some mattresses and frames. If you have a bed(s) to give away please contact the church office. Thank you!

Seeking Immediate Accomodation

Sheldon W. (attends our Highland Park site) is looking for affordable, short-term accomodation that would include internet. If you have a room or apartment you would be willing to rent out at a low rate or let him use, please contact the church office with information.

Getting Rid Of A Car?

One of our young adults is looking for a used car. She would be able to make payments to purchase a low-priced one, or look at a "next to free" or a give-away option. Contact the church office if you have something for her to look at.

The Northern Alberta Home for Women Society

is seeking a live-in volunteer to spend evenings and weekends (with some respite) with the women in the home at Aurora Home. Rent free, utilities covered. To apply, or to ask questions, contact Joan Manhas by email at: aurorahomeab@gmail.com or by calling 780-897-1544.

Glory Garden Needs

Small, disposable cups/plates/cutlery; paper towels; facial tissue; small toys or nut-free treats; all kinds of paper. Contact Karen for details: 780-814-9985.

Community Announcements

"House Church" Sites Meeting

Another gathering for people interested in or curious about the idea of us launching house church "sites" will be held at Highland Park on Saturday, **January 26, from 9:00am-Noon**. We will be talking about the "who, what, when, where, how" of this opportunity.

Stage Renovations

The stage is under construction at our Highland Park site. Temporarily, the chairs will be facing North, but we will return to our regular set-up when the stage renovation is finished.

Get Connected

If you would like to know more about our church, upcoming events, becoming a member and more, check out our website, www.gpchurchofchrist.com For printed information, go to the Information Centre in the front foyer.

HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER GIFT FUND

The final amount has been tallied for our Christmas gift to Hope Community Center. Thanks to many children that diligently collected and adults that were able to donate most generously we were able to raise **\$3,718.39!** As the orphanage is short on funds this money will help feed the children. Thanks to all who participated in this gift fund!

Hope Community Center Trip

Anyone wanting to go to HopeCC orphanage in Kenya with Irene Hamm the middle of February? Please contact her at 780-876-0290

GPCOC Winter Classic Ice Hockey Game

Who: Anyone who can skate and likes hockey (all ages!)

What to bring: Stick, gloves and skates.

When: Sunday, Feb. 16th from 1-3 pm.

Where: Swanavon outdoor rink.

Spectators welcome - cheer on your friends!

If anyone is or knows of ice hockey goalies with equipment who would play contact Jaron at the church office so he can organize that detail!



Dinner Table



Discussions

Informative and collaborative presentations for parents and leaders of youth and/or children with opportunity for discussions over dinner and take-home resources. The next one will be on **February 2** from 3:30-6pm at Highland Park. Contact Mavis or Jaron for more information.

"Spiritual Development through Relationship" will be our discussion theme.

Weekly Ministries

Saturday Night Supper

Saturdays from 4-8pm in the Fellowship Hall at Highland Park. Come visit, play a game, wash dishes or help prepare a meal for low-income or homeless individuals in our city. Contact Jared for more info: saturdaymeal@gmail.com

Seniors Bible Study (age 55+)

Wednesday afternoons from 1:45-2:45pm Bible study led by Alan Jones, our senior minister. Contact Betty with any questions: 780-532-2168

Women's Ministries ("Soul Sisters")

Small groups are meeting throughout the week at various times and locations. If you want to get involved please contact Mavis at the main office.

Men's Ministries ("ManDate")

Men's groups are happening! Contact Ryan at 780-512-7062 if you'd like to connect with a group or if you'd like to help plan guys events.

Young Adults (17-25ish)

Topical study on Sunday nights from 7-9pm in the East basement at Highland Park (9602-92 Ave). Use the outdoor concrete stairwell. Call Ryan with any questions: 780-512-7062

"Heroes Academy" (grades 1-6)

This mid-week program is 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 for more information.

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 up to grade 4 to keep our children's areas safe.

Youth Ministries (grades 7-12)

ignite *ignite* - Friday nights from 7-9pm at our Highland Park site unless otherwise stated. Watch for more info here, online, or contact Jaron at the office. Remember, pick-up time is 9pm!

Girls & Guys Groups - small group studies for guys and girls both meet the last Sunday of each month from 7-9pm. Both Jr. High & Sr. High welcome.

- Girls meet at Robyn's (9502-125Ave)
- Guys meet at the Wood's (9514-125 Ave).

YL *Young Life* - Tomorrow night we are going to the Multiplex! Regular Club will resume soon. Talk to Steve (780-832-6584) or any YL leader for more info.

South Africa Trip - Over Spring Break we're planning to join other YL areas to do some humanitarian work in South Africa! Contact our area director, Dylan, for more info or to make a donation: dbressey@younglife.ca 780.402.4166