

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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Stay connected online: Follow us on Twitter, "like" our page or join a group on Facebook, or go our website and subscribe to "the Chronicle" e-news (monthly email)

MINISTERS:

Everyone!

ELECTED 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 - Brad Wright, 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

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 (.75)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Alison Hofstede - Communications Coordinator (.75)

Gail Biggs - Financial Administrator (.75)

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

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

Christina Wood - Janitorial Care (.45)



"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

- Isaiah 55:12

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 7, 2014

COMMUNITY LIFE

Thank You Church Family...

...For loving me & my family the past 10 years. You have loved us in many ways and this most recent gift was no exception - Thank you!



Eldership: The Who, What, Where, Why & How

TODAY from 3:30-4:30pm in Room 10 at our Highland Park site. Got Qs? Come ask them!

Creative Arts Team Meetings: Dec.9

Musical, visual or technical people, and anyone passionate about praise & worship expressions/environments are invited to the 2nd Tues. of each month worship & creative arts team meeting. Contact Nathanael for more info: 780-512-8607

Cafe Experiment Potluck: Dec. 11

Come celebrate and evaluate, hear and share stories, enjoy hot drinks and food. Please consider bringing a donation to cover our cost for the coffee/tea.

Missions Lunch: Dec. 14

The missions committee is hosting a fundraiser lunch in support of Aurora Home after the 11am service at our Highland Park site on Dec.14. Bring cash or cheques made out to "Northern Alberta Home for Women Society". Donations over \$20 are tax deductible

Bridal Shower Kayla: Dec. 14

All ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Kayla Timmermans on Dec. 14 at 7pm hosted by Carol Crerar and Sandra Murray in Carol's home (10706 - 92C St.) Please join us to celebrate with Kayla as she prepares for her new life together with David Murray (they will be married on Dec. 20 in Banff).

Advent 2014 Theme: Giving

God has given to us and we respond by giving to others. We plan to include food in our Advent celebrations this year, and talk about Giving Hope - Giving Peace - Giving Joy - Giving Love - Giving Christ over the next few weeks and on Christmas Eve.



Christmas Eve Services

Each site will hold a candle-light service on Christmas Eve, starting at 7pm.

From the Church Library:

Thank you to all who have donated books to our library. Duplicate copies of books are selling for \$2 each. Come check it out! - from your church library team

Christmas Carol Sing & String Quintet: Dec. 7

6:30pm at Westpointe Community Church (11305 - Pinnacle Blvd). If you're able, bring some Christmas baking to share afterwards. Free-will offering for the Salvation Army.

WANT TO HELP?

Hey Kids of Mission Heights!

I will be leading worship on the 21st and would love some young singers & scripture readers! If you are 6+ and would like to join me, call or text me at 780-882-4760. Practices: 6:30pm Tue. Dec. 9 and 8:30am Sun. Dec 21 LET ME KNOW if you're interested as there will be no weeknight practice if nobody contacts me! - Lynette Cooper

Grow Spiritually & Relationally - Join a Ministry Team!

We believe every Christian has gifts and passions from the Holy Spirit to share with others and glorify God. Whether you love helping people, organizing things, supporting behind the scenes or leading programs, making music, food or art, there's a ministry team that would welcome your involvement! Contact the office for more info.

Give A Meal

If you would love to support individuals and families going through life transitions or tough times with the gift of meals, contact Rebecca at 780.933.2202 or Mavis at 780.538.4211. Also call if you know someone who'd appreciate receiving meals!

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 to ask for prayer, request offering envelopes, give us your current contact information, or just let us know you were here.

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

Offering Update

Monthly donations needed to meet budget: \$93,011.50
Donations toward budget for NOV: \$91,402.61

Office Hours

Regularly open Monday - Friday from 9am - 4pm. Closed on statutory holidays and from 12pm -1pm for lunch. Administrative staff are only available during office hours. The office will be CLOSED Tuesday-Friday, Dec 23-26 and Jan. 1.

Please Note Service Time Change: Dec.7-Jan4

For ALL the Sundays in December and the first Sunday in January, our Highland Park site will have only ONE SERVICE at 11am. No 9am for these 5 Sundays.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Nursery/Toddler Rooms Available: Sunday Mornings

Open for childcare before and during the service. Sign in is required.

Children's Ministries: Sunday Mornings

After welcome and singing in corporate worship, children Gr. 6 and under can attend age-appropriate programs. Please sign in kids prior to the service to streamline this transition.

Young Adults: Sunday Nights

7pm on Sunday nights. Got Qs? Join the Telios Project! 8-9pm Bible study on Thursdays at 9602-92 Ave. Call/text Ryan: 780-512-7062 for more info on either gathering.

Young Life Club: Monday Nights

Meet at PWA front doors at 7:11pm to carpool to club location. For more info, call or text Steve (780-832-6584) or Jaron (780-380-1815)

Soul Sisters Small Groups: Wednesday Mornings

9-11am at our Mission Heights site. Contact: Sandy 780-513-6550 or Mavis for info

Men's & Women's Evening Small Groups

To find out what's happening where and when contact the office: 780-538-4211

Seniors Bible Study: Wednesday Afternoons

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

Heroes Academy: Wednesday Evenings

6-8pm at our Highland Park site for kids in K-gr.6. Contact: Jeremy, 780-978-8138

The Cafe Experiment: Thursday Evenings

Stay for the whole night or come for a bit - just show up to be involved wherever you like!
6-7pm Coffee/snacks; 7-8pm Activities; 8-9pm Small groups/studies

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.

Kids' Morning Out: Friday Mornings

From 9am-Noon at our Highland Park site. Bouncy inflatables, visiting and snacks. KMO will take a break for the holiday season and not meet on Dec. 26 & Jan. 2

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.

Men's Drop-In Hockey: Saturday Nights

9:30pm ice time at the County Sportsplex. Call Cam at: 780-897-3309 with any questions.

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