

# 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

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Stay connected online: Follow us on Twitter, "like" our page or join a group on Facebook, or visit 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)



"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you."

- Isaiah 54:10

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, JANUARY 25, 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.

## Office Hours

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

## Offering Update

Monthly donations needed to meet budget: \$81,228.59  
Donations toward budget for JAN.: \$36,644.51

## 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

# WANT TO HELP?

## Seniors Seek Rides to Church

Our sisters Blanche and Betty are seeking rides from Wild Rose Manor to our Highland Park site on Sunday mornings. If you can help, please contact the church office: 780-538-4211.

## Kids' Morning Out Set-Up & Put-Away

We would greatly appreciate 1 or 2 more to help set up from 8:30-9am and 4 more able-bodied volunteers (enjoy a good 30min. workout over lunch!) to assist in putting away the inflatables. Come see what's happening on Fridays and let us know if you'd like to help!

## Seeking Kitchen Help for 55+ Luncheon

230 – 280 seniors are enjoying a hot, full course meal served on the 3rd Thurs/mo. at 55PLUS. Prep help on the Wed. prior, or assistance on event day would be much appreciated. Contact Betty: 780-876-6845, mbbrandt@telus.net

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

## Kitchen Help Needed for Cafe Experiment

Three people needed each week. 1) Main course - cook. 2) Dessert - make at the church or drop off. 3) Veggies - buy/prepare and drop off. Extra helpers can come and serve at the last minute but the three above need to be planned in advance. Presently planning for January through March. If you can help please call Sandy at 780-513-6550

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with our brothers and sisters who lost loved ones over the last month. Condolences to Evan Embury and Jason Tourangeau on the loss of their dads, Cheryl Mayne on the loss of her mom, and Steve Hofstede on the loss of his grandmother.

Condolences to the Hughes family on the passing of their mother and grandmother, and our sister in Christ, Shirley Clapp this past Monday. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Alan Not Teaching Next Thursday: Jan. 29

Alan will be out of town for a funeral, so he will not be leading the "Biblical Sexuality and the Church" discussion at the Cafe Experiment. The class will resume Feb. 5.

## Ladies Night Out: Jan.31

Intro to art journaling & social at our Mission Heights site from 7-9pm. No experience needed, but if you have an art journal sample, feel free to bring it. If you can, bring a small snack to share. All women are invited!

## Winter Delight DATE CHANGE: Feb. 1st

Coming soon- our next Community Festival! See posters or website event for details!

## Holy Land Trip Planning Meeting: Feb. 3

Barry Norris is hoping to coordinate another group trip to Isreal. Anyone interested in invited to meet on Feb. 3rd - 7pm @ Scarth's 6402-99A st. in Country Club West.

## Fresh Wind PART TWO: Feb. 8

Another congregational summit will be held at our Highland Park site on Feb. 8 from 3-5pm. We will discuss the results of our last summit and plans for moving forward.

## "The Bible, Women Elders & Us?" Seminar: Feb. 22

Save the date for this valuable conversation! 3-5pm at our Mission Heights site.

## Next Board Meeting: Feb. 24

7-9pm at Highland Park. Monthly board meetings are open to anyone interested, however only elected board members are able to make motions or vote.

## Mark Strom #GPCOFC: March 12-17

Have you ever wanted access to a great mentor? Do you like practical theology? Watch for more info on the upcoming seminars with Dr. Mark Strom! What & Where details are available on posters around the building and on our website.

## Praise24 Christian Unity Event: March 27-28

Worship together as The Church! 7pm Fri.March 27 - 7pm Sat.March 28 at McLaurin Baptist Church. Not a concert - a family reunion! To volunteer, contact: info@praise24.ca.

## Revolution Cry: Feb. 6

Praise24 is expanding this year by adding a monthly prayer and praise gathering called Revolution CRY. Meeting on the first Friday of every month in different churches.

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES

## SUNDAYS

### Nursery/Toddler Rooms Available

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

### Children's Ministries: Sunday Mornings

During the month of December, age-appropriate activity packs are available at the back of the auditorium for children under Gr.6.

### Young Adults

7pm on Sunday nights. Call/text Ryan: 780-512-7062 for location or with any questions.

## VARIOUS WEEKDAYS

### Men's & Women's Small Groups, Life Groups, Bible Studies, Meetings, etc

To find out what's happening where and when contact the office or a group leader.

## MONDAYS

### Young Life Club - Gr.9+

Club resumes after the annual Fast Food Formal on Feb. 2! Call or text Steve (780-832-6584) or Dylan (for more info)

## WEDNESDAYS

### Seniors Bible Study

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

### Heroes Academy

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

## THURSDAYS

### The Cafe Experiment

Connect and converse over food, lattes, puzzles, art, activities, or in a small group... Contact the church office if you'd like to help in some way (seeking baristas & cooks!).

### Youth Alpha - Gr. 6+

Come between 6 and 7 for some hang-out time and snacks. Between 7 and 9 we have varied activities and time to learn more about God and talk about life or prayer.

## FRIDAYS

### 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

From 9am-Noon at our Highland Park site. Bouncy inflatables, visiting and snacks.

## SATURDAYS

### 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

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