

# 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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## MINISTERS:

Everyone!

## ELECTED NON-STAFF LEADERS:

ELDERS + POINT LEADERS = CHURCH BOARD

**ELDERS:** Duff Crerar, Trevor Davis, Frank Fehr, Barry Norris

**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, Glory Garden - Linda Duplessis, Missions - Kelly Peter, Pineridge - Dave Bertrand, 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  
Jaron Flett - Youth Ministries Director  
Malorie Petersen - Family & Children's Ministries Director (.5)  
Karen Burns - Glory Garden Director (.75)

## 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 Care



"... the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men. Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."

- Romans 14:17-19

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 6, 2015

Sundays	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# FROM THE OFFICE

## 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 Nov 29: \$16,457.25

## 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**

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Extend God's Love at the Charity Dinner: Dec 18

Our Brother Gord has been raising support for this outreach event but still needs folks from our church to embody the love & grace of God to low-income and homeless guests! To volunteer, call Delrae 780.538.3388 or Deena 780.933.7197 during day-time/Business hours. Also consider coming on the 18th to PRAY with/for our guests.

## Youth Sunday & Third Sunday of Advent: Dec. 13

All youth are invited to participate in some way on Sunday, December 13 - the "JOY" Sunday of Advent! For more info email jaron@gpchurchofchrist.com

## Fall/Winter Chronicle Now Available

Check out the latest edition of the Chronicle (our church newsletter including photos, reflections and articles) Now accepting submissions for the winter/spring edition!

## Learn About Steph's Missionary Work: Dec. 13

Stay after church for some tea/coffee and hear from Steph Lazerte about her work with Wycliffe Bible Translators of Candada and how you can support!

## Socks, Mitts & Toques Drive!

Donate warm items like mitts, toques, scarves, etc. that we can give as gifts to our Charity Dinner guests! Look for the big, decorated boxes at our Highland Park site.

## PLEASE NOTE: No 9am Service on Dec. 27 & Jan 3

Please note that our Highland Park site (9602-92 Ave) will be gathering once, at 11am, on Dec. 27 & Jan 3. The 9am service resume Jan.10th. Spread the word!

## Christmas Eve Service at Both Sites: Dec. 24 at 7pm

Both our Highland Park site and our Mission Heights site will hold family-friendly candle light Christmas Eve services with carol-singing at 7pm on December 24th.

## Youth Group Christmas Party: Dec. 10

7-9pm at our Mission Heights site for all jr. & sr. high students. This will wrap up regular youth nights until January! Qs? Contact jaron@gpchurchofchrist.com

## Wednesday Afternoon Seniors Study Updates

We are wrapping up for the Christmas season - Dec. 9th will be our last meeting until the new year. **Please note that this winter we will NOT be meeting for a study if the temperature is -20°C or colder.**

## Wanna Go to Breakforth? Jan 29-31, Edmonton

Dianne Nellis is hoping to get a group from our church together for Breakforth. Let her know if you want to carpool. Call 587-343-0780 or 780-864-4185.

## 33rd Annual Festival of Carols: Dec.7 & 8

Two evenings of Christmas music from community and church choirs & instrumentalists! 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Church both nights. No admission/tickets required but donations welcome to the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles & food bank. Last year this fundraiser provided over \$7,000 in food and money for the Christmas Campaign!

## Double Bed, Headboard & Dresser to Give Away

If you would like to pick up a double bed and wooden headboard and dresser for free, please contact the church office for more info.

## 55+ Hosts All-Ages Carol Singing Night: TONIGHT

6:30pm at Westpointe Community Church (11305 Pinnacle Blvd) Featuring Frank Winsor In Instrumental Praise. Snack time to follow - bring Christmas baking if possible. An offering will be taken for The Salvation Army 780-512-6514 for more info.

## Handling the Holidays: TONIGHT

An evening of fellowship, remembrance & support at Oliver's Funeral Home. Guest speakers Herman & Tina Wolfe share about losing their son. Free for anyone that has experienced a loss. RSVP: oliversfuneralhome.com or call 780-532-2929.

## 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