

HOUSE CHURCH SITES MEETING

Continuing education and prayer, seeking God's direction about the possibility of home church sites. Anyone interested is welcome to join!
Saturday, January 11 from 8am-noon at our Highland Park site

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Want a little surprise factor in life? Or to get to know or spend time with some people in our church but have not made been able to make it happen? **Consider being a part of our next "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?!" event!**

NEXT WEEK (Sunday, January 12), you can sign up as a guest or a host. If you sign up as a guest, indicate any allergies to be considered. If you sign up as a host, indicate the number of guests you would like to receive.

To help with their menu planning, hosts will be informed on **Tuesday, January 14** of any allergies to consider and the number of guests they will be hosting.

The next Sunday morning, **January 19**, guests will find out the address and phone number of where they are going for dinner at **5:30 that evening**.

If you'd like more info (or to respond before January 12 if you can't be with us next Sunday), please contact Pam Gault or Mavis Wiebe.

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

Winter Delight

at RoseBerry Treats

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

on **January 26**
(bad-weather back-up: February 23)
from **3:00 - 5:00pm**

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.

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, Erik Gault
Point Leaders: Paul Oostra - Deacons, Shaun Boivin - Benevolence, Rosina Norris - Community, Brad Wright - Evangelism, Linda Duplessis - Glory Garden, Karen Oostra - Missions, Murray Howarth - Pineridge Camp, 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



"THE LORD IS MY LIGHT
AND MY SALVATION –
Whom shall I fear?
THE LORD IS THE
STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE –
OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?"

- PSALM 27:1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2013

Community Announcements

Seeking Immediate Accommodation

If you have a bed, room, or apartment you would be willing to rent out at a low rate or let Sheldon Wassenaar (attends our Highland Park site) use, please contact the church office with information. He is hoping to find an affordable, short-term option that would include internet. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner Theatre Thanks

The Christmas Dinner Theatre event on December 15th was well received and \$6,386.00 was raised that evening to support Aurora Home. Many thanks to all who donated and all who helped put on the event!

Washroom Renovations

If you are interested (or know someone who would be interested) in renovating the men's washroom in the East Wing at our Highland Park site, please contact the main office ASAP. Thanks!

Outreach Opportunities

Anybody with outreach ideas, and/or interested in joining the Evangelism Ministry Team, please contact the church office or Brad Wright, our Evangelism Point Leader: 780-832-2808 or bjwright99@hotmail.com.

Families!

Children's & Family Ministries would like to encourage familiarity amongst families in our church. Each family is a gift from God, created uniquely, with a different story. **Please pick up (and return) a Family Story Card** at the sign in desks, take it home and return it for our display.

Thanks for sharing with us!

Glory Garden Needs Your Help

Glory Garden would greatly appreciate any gifts of small, disposable cups/plates/cutlery; paper towels; facial tissue; small toys or nut-free treats; paper (plain, construction, etc). Please contact Karen for details: 780-814-9985.

55+ Luncheon - January 16

Thursday, November 21 at 10:45am at Westpointe Community Church (11305 Pinnacle Blvd) Enjoy a delicious meal, testimonies and live music. For more info call 780-532-7464



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.

Mini Gospel Jamboree

A Benefit for the Cleardale Gospel Jamboree. Friday, January 24 at Christian Fellowship Assembly (CFA) at 7:00pm. Call Ken for more info: 780-532-1830.



Beds Needed

If you have a bed (or beds) to give away please contact the church office. There's a few family members we know who are in need of some. Thank you!

From the Office...

Planning an Event?

To prevent conflicts and confusion, please contact Alison at the main office if you are hoping to use one of the church buildings, or are planning something that people from church will be invited to. She has a master calendar to keep track of events and building use.

Get Informed

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.

Bulletin Announcements

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

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.

Monthly Offering Update Error

Last week, I published the wrong information for the monthly offering update. Apologies! Please see the correct amount below. Sincerely, Alison

Admin Office Regular 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.

What's Happening This Week?

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 Andrea Biette, or 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* - Monday night clubs and other events will resume later this month. Talk to Steve (780-832-6584) or any YL leader for more info or to help!

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