

# 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 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)



"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom."

- Isaiah 40:28

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 28, 2014

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES

## SUNDAY

### 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 - 17+ (Resuming Jan. 18)

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.

## MONDAY

### Young Life Club - Gr.9+ (Resuming Feb. 2)

For the exam season we take a break from "regular club" for casual gatherings. Club resumes at the annual Fast Food Formal on Feb. 2! Call or text Steve (780-832-6584).

## WEDNESDAY

### Seniors Bible Study (Resuming Jan. 14)

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

### Heroes Academy: (Resuming Jan. 14)

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

## THURSDAY

### The Cafe Experiment (Resuming Jan. 15)

We will continue the Thursday-night experiment on Jan15. Contact the church office to find out how you can be involved!

### Youth Alpha - Gr. 6+ (Resuming Jan. 15)

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

## FRIDAY

### 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 (Resuming Jan.9)

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

## SATURDAY

### 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.

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## 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

## Farewell for the Wright Family: NEXT SUNDAY

Open house at our Mission Heights site to say farewell to the Wright family before their move. 3pm on Jan. 4. If you can, please bring some goodies to share.

## NorthSong Worship Workshop: Jan. 10

Jan. 10 from 9am - 5pm at CFA (11449-92 St.) Explore the flow and Biblical foundations of worship, talk about planning and playing as a team, encouragement and more! Time for corporate worship times and prayer ministry also available. \$15 includes materials & coffee breaks. Register online at [www.praise24.ca](http://www.praise24.ca) so we can prepare accordingly.

## Worship & Creative Arts Team Meeting: Jan. 13

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

## Next Board Meeting: Jan. 27

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.

## Winter/Spring Chronicle Coming Soon!

Looking for submissions of photos or comments from people within our fellowship. Personal reflections or poetry more than welcome! Please contact Alison at the office to share something.

## Funds Raised & Benevolence Demonstarted

Many thanks to the Missions Committee for hosting the fundraiser lunches for missions our church supports, and thanks to all who have contributed! On Dec.14 we raised over \$8,000 in support of Aurora Home, not counting the donations collected at the Mission Heights potluck. Watch for upcoming lunches in the new year for other missions!

## Thank You & Merry Christams from the SA Foundation

The SA Foundation (one of our missions) wants to express thanks for the long-time support our missions committee and church as a whole has given them through prayer, lunches, jewelry sales, Fun Runs, and generous giving over the years. Merry Christmas!

## Live-in Volunteer Needed for Aurora Home

Seeking someone who has compassion for women who have led a high-risk lifestyle and need a healthy single life modelled. Accommodation & board provided. Contact Joan with questions or to apply: 780-897-1544 [aurorahomeab@gmail.com](mailto:aurorahomeab@gmail.com)

## Plan to Protect Training: Jan. 20

7pm at our highland Park site.

# WANT TO HELP?

## 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.

## Family Seeking Caregiver...

...for autistic teenage son. Flexible, full-time schedule. Training provided. Please call Gayle at 780-512-5966 if you or anyone you know is interested.

**Set Up or Put Away for KMO?** Our desire to bless parents of young children in the community is being realized but, as always, volunteers increase the blessings... 1 or 2 more to help set up (Fridays starting Jan. 9) from 8:30-9am would be appreciated & 4 more able-bodied volunteers to help put away the inflatables (enjoy a good 30min. workout over lunch hour!). Thanks in advance for letting Pam Gault, Janeya Tunke, Esther Thompson, or Mavis Wiebe know if you can help out!

# FROM THE OFFICE

## Want A Tax Receipt?

Only donations received BY midnight, December 31, 2014 will be eligible for a 2014 tax receipt. If mailed, envelopes must be postmarked no later than December 31. No exception can be made as failure to meet CRA requirements would endanger charitable status for the church. Please note office will be closed at noon on Dec. 31.

## Office Hours

Regularly open Mon - Fri from 9-4. Closed on statutory holidays and from 12-1 for lunch. Administrative staff are only available during office hours. **The admin office will be CLOSED Tues-Fri, Dec 23-26 and from Noon Dec 31- Jan 1.**

## Offering Update

Monthly donations needed to meet budget: \$93,011.50  
Donations toward budget for DEC: \$82,972.22

## 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](mailto:office@gpchurchofchrist.com)

## Please Note Service Time Change: Dec.7-Jan.4

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 service for these five Sundays.

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