

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 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)



"The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.
The north and the south, you have created them;
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name."

- Psalm 89:11-12

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, JANUARY 18, 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 to ask for prayer, request offering envelopes, give us your current contact information, or just let us know you were here.

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.

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

Financial Update Available Soon!

Watch for the Dec. 2014 and Jan 2015 updates in the bulletin later this month.

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 or food or art, there's a ministry team that would welcome your involvement! Contact the office for more info.

Share a Hobby & Build Community

We are looking for people to come out on Thursday nights to share an activity they enjoy with others - wide games/crafts/art/languages/fitness/table games/sports... the possibilities are endless... Contact the office if you are willing to share an hour or two of your time!

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!

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!

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.

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.

Plan To Protect Training: Jan. 20 As requested, here's another training time! Tues, Jan. 20 at 7pm at our HP site for everyone serving with our children or youth who have not already had a refresher, **and all who anticipate helping in summer programs. It is important for the integrity of our programming to keep training & records up to date.** If you are unsure of your PTP status or have questions, contact Sheena or Mavis at the church office ASAP. Thanks!

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.

Fresh Wind Part 2: 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.

Winter Delight: Feb. 15

Coming soon- our next Community Festival! Winter Delight - "A Drenching in Grace".

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.

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

Thursday Night Small Group Opportunities

Various groups meet during the "Cafe Experiment" and more are welcome, so if you want to lead a group or activity, please contact the office during the week!

Family Seeking to Hire 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.

Aurora Home Seeking Mature, Single, Female Volunteer

with a heart for hurting women of our city and a desire to follow God's leading. Basic living expenses provided. Retain current day job and out-of-house activities, model a healthy lifestyle. Contact Joan at 780-897-1544 or aurorahomeab@gmail.com to find out more.

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 - more of a family reunion! To volunteer, contact: info@praise24.ca.

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+

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).

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

We will continue the Thursday-night experiment on Jan 15. Contact the church office to find out how you can be involved!

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