

# 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 NON-STAFF 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 - vacant, 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)



“But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

- John 14:26-27

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, MARCH 8, 2015

# FROM THE OFFICE

## Office Closed: March 18-23

Our staff are taking some time for their annual team-building retreat and the office will be closed. In case of emergency email office@gpchurchofchrist during this time.

## 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 MAR.: \$17,591.25

## 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

## Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the French and Fast families following their losses this past week. Betty French lost her cousin with whom she was very close and Dave Fast's dad passed away on Monday.

## Looking For a Fun Area To Serve In?

Would you enjoy serving with some awesome people? We have opportunities to make/serve food or make hot drinks with the espresso machine on Thursday nights! Sandy makes up the volunteer schedule, so if you want to take a turn, please call 780-513-6550

## Worship & Creative Arts Team Meeting: March 10

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

## Worship Through Visual Art

If helping project song lyrics/ermon slides/videos on Sunday mornings is something you're willing to try it out, please contact the church office.

## Ladies Night Out “Learn to Crochet”: Mar. 21

Bring a friend (or your teenage daughter!) and a project you'd like to start (including a hook and yarn) and come for an evening of visiting and creativity together! 7-10pm at our Mission Heights site. Event contact: Sandy, 780-513-6550

## Missions Fundraiser Lunch: Next Sunday

Right after the 11am service at our Highland Park site on March 15, the Missions Committee is hosting a lunch in support of Young Life Grande Prairie. Please bring cash donations or make cheques out to “Young Life”.

## 2016 Trip to Israel & Turkey Info Meeting: March 10

Come out for a meeting about this possibility! Ask questions and make plans. 7pm on March 10 at the Norris' place (705055 RR 62). 780-532-5386

## From Guilt & Fear to Grace & Freedom: March 15&16

Hear from our guest speaker, Dr. Mark Strom (author of “Lead With Wisdom”) on the topic of “moving from guilt and fear to grace and freedom” in a three part series March15&16! Part One at each service, Part Two 7pm Sun, Part Three 7pm Mon.

## Raising Children & Teenagers With Hope: March 17

Most parents face a time when they have no idea what to do. There's no way ahead except through darkness. At this FREE seminar Dr. Mark Strom and his wife, Sue, will share the story of journeying with their son. 7pm at Highland Park. Doors at 6

## No Seniors Bible Study: March 18

Seniors study will take a break while Alan is away at staff retreat. Study will resume Mar.25

## “The Bible, Female Elders & Us” Conversation: Mar. 29

We are presently discussing whether Scripture allows for women elders or not. We want to base our decision on Scripture not just opinion! Please join us in prayerfully examining the Bible on this topic. Our site ministers and elders would love to meet with you at our Mission Heights site from 3-5pm on Sunday, March 29.

## FOUND after Winter Delight

1)small red mittens, 2) small grey socks with blue trim, 3) blue fleece scarf  
If these sound like something you're missing, give Ro a call: 780-532-5386

## 55+ Luncheon: Mar. 19

10:45 at Westpointe Community Church (11305 - Pinnacle Blvd). Hear special speakers, music and enjoy a tasty home-cooked meal. For more info call 780-532-7464

## 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.

## YC 2015 “Unstoppable”: May 22-24

If there's enough interest we may be able to get a group together! Contact Jaron at the office or by email: jaron@gpchurchofchrist.com before April 26.

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES

## SUNDAYS

### Nursery/Toddler Rooms Available

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

### Children's Ministries: Sunday Mornings

Age-appropriate programs for kids Gr. 6 and under are available during the service. Please sign in kids prior to the service to streamline this transition.

### 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+

Meet at the PWA front doors at 7:11pm on Mondays to carpool or get directions to that week's club location. For more info about Young Life, call/text Dylan at 780-402-4166

## 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 (6:30-8:30pm).

### Youth Small Group - Gr. 6+

Combine some hang-out time, snacks, activities with time to learn more about God and talk about life and you've got an idea of our atmosphere at the Cafe!

## 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, snacks & lattes.

## 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