

# 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)

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## 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

Cam Neufeld - 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)

Vacant - Financial Administrator (.75)

Camille Kindrachuk - Children's Ministry Administrator (.3)

Sheena Jones - Database & Plan To Protect Administrator (.2)

Christina Wood - Janitorial Care (.45)



"Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world."

- Matthew 28:19-20

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, MAY 17, 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 or drop it in the box at the back of the auditorium at either site.

## 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

## Church Library Renovations

Exciting upgrades are coming to our church library this spring thanks to some generous donors and volunteers careful planning! Thank you for your patience during this time!

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Encourage Mark Strom!

Many of us were blessed by Mark & Sue when they visited us in March... Now let's give THEM some encouragement! Send a note to say thanks & share how their time with us made a difference here in our church family: mark@markstrom.co (not .com)

## Pineridge Adventure Camp 2015 Dates

Our annual adventures at Pineridge continue! Kids Camp (gr.4-6) will be July 12-17, Teen Camp (gr.7-9) will be July 19-24, and Rookie Camp (gr. 1-3) is planned for July 27-29. Training times for volunteers TBA soon. info@gopineridge.com

## From the Church Library Team

Thank you to all who have donated books to our library. Duplicate copies are selling for \$2 each in the front foyer at our Highland Park site. Funds go toward new books!

## VBS 2015 Cancelled

Sad news... at this time we do not have enough volunteers to go ahead with our plans for a VBS Aug. 17-21. If you have questions, please contact Mavis at the office.

## Want to Bring a Unique Marriage Course to Our Church?

Call Sandy S. At 780-513-6550 or email scarthbands@gmail.com if you are interested in coming or helping to plan it. Check out the book- "Becoming the Family that Heals" by Dr. Tom and Bev Rodgers. Or soulhealinglove.com. For more information.

## Annual General Meeting: June 14

Save the date for our AGM! All resident and active members are encouraged to attend and vote. Please note that we will be having a longer meeting this year with important decisions to make. If you have not placed formal membership with our church but would like to, or if you are not sure of your official status, please contact a staff member or an elder!

## Sign Up by Tuesday for Men's Bike Trip: June 4-7

Cycle/ride with the guys from Lake Louise to Jasper. Register at the church office by MAY 19 - \$150 cash or cheque. We really need to have the money up front!

## Open-House Bridal Shower for Ange Kindrachuk: June 5

All ladies are invited to pop by the Highland Park site between 6 and 9pm on June 5 to bless Ange! Bring some goodies to share. Call Camille with questions: 780-380-9313 Open-house style gathering, so you are free to come and go as you please!

## Worship & Creative Arts Ministry Team Meeting: June 9

Musical, visual or technical people & anyone passionate about praise & worship expressions or environments are invited to the 2nd Tues. of each month worship & creative arts team meeting. Contact Nathanael for more info: 780-512-8607

## Youth & Young Adults Ministry Team Meeting: June 9

Anyone who cares about the spiritual development of our young people is invited to meet for prayer, planning and conversation. Contact Steve with questions: 780-832-6584

## A CALL TO PRAYER, LOVE & DECISION

Our church has been exploring the question of women serving as elders. We have met to study and discuss, and now we will be laying the foundations of unity and love on the Sunday mornings leading up to a scriptural and unified decision at our AGM on June 14. We ask that you fast and pray in some way over the next few weeks.  
May 17 - A Call to Fast and Pray  
May 24 - Unity & Love  
May 31 - Of Liberty and Conscience  
June 7 - The Bible, Women & Elders  
June 14 - Annual General Meeting & Vote

On May 31 & June 7 a light lunch will be available for folks who wish to stay after church and discuss this issue with each other, elders and staff.

## You've Got Mail?

If you have not checked your church mail slot recently please clear it out this Sunday as we need to keep these for paper correspondence. If you do not have a church mail slot but would like one, please let us know!

## Part-Time Employment Opportunity

Aurora Home is seeking a part-time assistant to the program director to work with the women we serve. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Joan Manhas at 780-897-1544 or email: aurorahomeab@gmail.com

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES

## SUNDAYS

### Worship Services at both sites

9am & 11am at Highland Park (9602-92 Ave), 10am at Mission Heights (8321 MH Dr.)

### Nursery/Toddler Rooms Available

Open for childcare 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: 17-30ish

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 NOT MEETING ON MAY 27

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

### Heroes Academy: Wrapped-Up for the year - see you at camp!!

Watch for updates on Pineridge Adventure Camp coming soon!

## THURSDAYS

### Youth Group - Gr. 6+ UNTIL JUNE 11

Snacks, activities and learning more about God and talking about life. 6:30-8:30pm at our Highland Park site on Thursday nights. Anyone in jr. or sr. high is welcome.

## 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: Resuming in the Fall?

Contact Mavis at the church office if you'd like to see this weekly event continue next year!

## 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