



Grace Memorial Baptist Church September 2021

Messages this month



Welcome to worship! This is the last of our Summer Stumper Series. Have you ever prayed for something for a long time without any visible results? Have you ever wondered is it really worth praying? Our final Summer Stumper Question this year is, "What difference does prayer make?" We'll examine the Bible's claim about the power of prayer, ask if it is really true, and discover prayer does bring change, but maybe not the change we expect. (Rev. Dr. Peter Lohnes)

CHOSEN Lessons from Gideon

Chosen – Lessons from Gideon

One of the last of the yearlong emphasis in the Vision Story document is on volunteers and serving. Gideon was an unlikely choice to lead his nation and yet, even reluctantly, lead his people out of bondage to Midian. As we explore Gideon's life and ministry, we'll highlight how we are all chosen by God for a purpose.

He first shows up in scripture hiding in fear. He was one of the unlikeliest candidates. He called himself, 'the least of the least,' and yet God chose Gideon to lead his people out of bondage to Midian. This September we'll explore the life of Gideon and find out we are each **CHOSEN** by God for a purpose.

September 12	Nobody's Perfect
September 19 Homecoming Sunday	Less is More
September 26	Work With Me
October 3 Communion	Follow Through



We look forward to a variety of music over the coming month from Julie Probert, Kathy Margeson, Erma Hawkes, the Choir, Grace Winds and Strings, and the Grace Worship team.



LIVE-STREAM IS COMING TO GRACE

Gradually we are moving towards new normal at Grace, which will include live-streaming our Sunday Worship Services. We ordered new media equipment, computers, etc. earlier this summer, but a backlog means they are not scheduled to arrive until later this month. The goal is to have our first live-stream on Thanksgiving Sunday (October 10).

What does that mean for online worship? For the month of September, we will continue to record an online-worship service on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. which will be upload early Sunday to our YouTube Channel. Then beginning at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, October 10 our online worship will switch to be a live-stream of the Sunday morning worship service which you can view on our YouTube Channel. It will also be recorded so that people can view it later if for some reason one cannot join us at 10:30 a.m.

A big **THANK YOU** to all the members of the worship and media teams who have been working overtime to help us continue to worship both online and in-person over this past two years. It is a blessing to have people who understand and are committed to the importance of serving, worship and connection among the people of God.

Opportunities To Serve This Fall

With COVID restrictions easing now, plans are being made to transition to a new normal for worship and other activities. This opens up some opportunities for more people to participate in weekly ministries and the need for volunteers in some **key roles**. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact the office ([email](#), phone or in-person). Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Greeters – These are often the first person people meet each Sunday. The role is to be cheerful presence at one of the doors, welcome people as they arrive, and help direct people, especially new-comers who may not know where to go. We are aiming to have a rotation which allows people to serve once every 6 to 8 weeks.

Ushers – These folks main duty is to be a cheerful presence as people enter the sanctuary, helping folks find a available seat and directing people who may not know where to go for things like childcare or a washroom. We are aiming to have a rotation which allows people to serve once every 6 to 8 weeks.

Welcome Café – We hope to resume having coffee/tea/juice following worship each week sometime in September. The supplies are provided, but two people are needed each week to prepare and serve refreshments.

Readers – Responsible to read the Scripture passage during the service, about once every two months.

Pray-ers – Responsible to lead the congregational prayer, about once every two months.

Communion Servers – Responsible for preparing the bread and juice (juice is provided) and then serving the elements during the service. May also offer prayer for one of the elements during the service, but only if willing. Grace policy asks that communion servers be formal members of the church. New volunteers will be offered a training session.

Children's Church – We need teachers and helpers to work with elementary age children to bring a lesson each Sunday. Children go out midway through the service and are divided by age groups. Lesson materials are provided. A current criminal record check* is required for all volunteers along with a short training session on safely working with children.

Nursery Staff – These folks have the great joy of caring for preschool children during the worship service for parents who prefer to avail themselves of that ministry. A current criminal record check* is required for all volunteers.

Graceland Staff – This is a key ministry connecting the church with kids in the community. It meets weekly from noon to 2pm on Wednesday's and includes stories, crafts, and games for elementary age children. We are looking for volunteers of any age for a variety of roles – teaching lessons, leading crafts, leading games, and some who can be a supportive presence and helper. A current criminal record check* is required for all volunteers along with a short training session on safely working with children.

*"Current Criminal Record Check" means a Criminal Record Check with a Vulnerable Sector check obtained for volunteering with Grace Memorial within the last five years. If you have never obtained one for Grace, or yours is more than five years old, connect with the church office to get a letter of request you can use to obtain one.

Day/Time	Leader	Meeting Place	Study	Group Participants
Mon @ 6:30 PM Sept.13	Rita Monteith & Janet Howland	Jane's home 60 Harley Ave.	Relying on the Holy Spirit	Group is mostly age 50 plus
Mon @ 7:30 PM	Kate Thompson	Zoom online	Various topics	Group is mostly young professionals
Every 2nd Mon TBA @ 6:30 PM	Pastor Peter Lohnes	Peter's home 667 Montgomery St	TBA	Group is mostly age 40 plus
Every 2nd Mon Oct 20 @ 6:30 PM	Marilyn & Roger Crisp	Church Parlour	Walk as Jesus Walked	All ages
Every 2nd Tues Sept 17 @ 7:30 PM	Ed Corey	Rotate homes	1 Chor The Grace Changed Church	All ages
1st & 3rd Wed TBA @ 7:15 PM	Dale & Melbourne Sproull	Church Parlour	TBA	Group is mostly age 60 plus

~ New people are always welcome ~



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Choir Rehearsal: Starting Sept. 16, 7:00 - 8:30 PM Thursday's, The Church Choir provides a wonderful opportunity for those who love to sing to become part of Grace's Music Ministry. Open to new members and former members, Teen's welcome. Rehearsals are in the Choir Room. Please contact the Choir Director, Erma Hawkes 457-1015.

Grace Memorial Winds & Strings: Starting Sept. 25th, 10:30 AM Saturday's in the Sanctuary, we will be preparing for our Thanksgiving service in October. If you are musical and are interested in playing your instrument in services with us, please come and join in the fun.

HSMHC (Harding Smith Memorial Handbell Choir): Starting Oct. 3rd, 12:00 PM Sunday's after our morning service. If you or anyone you know would be interested in forming a choir, or even learning to play handbells in a group setting, we are looking for new people. It would be lovely to have our bells in use again.

For further details regarding these opportunities, please email: julie_probert@yahoo.ca or phone 450-3717.



SPECIAL THANKSGIVING PROJECT

Did you know so far this year our Benevolent Fund has been used to assist almost 30 households? Earlier this year Grace received a grant to help families in need of food assistance. Part of the proposal was the provision of high quality fresh (not processed) food. So, we're preparing Thanksgiving Boxes which along with the turkey will include all the fixings for a great Thanksgiving dinner. These will be offered to the households we have been working with over the past year, but we are looking for a team of 5-8 people willing to help purchase items for the boxes (we'll pay – you just pick it up at the farm or market), we will create a small cook book for the meal, make some ready to bake apple pies, assemble the boxes, and deliver within the Fredericton area. We plan to obtain and or make the items between October 1 and 4, assemble the boxes on Tuesday, October 5 and deliver on Wednesday, October 6. If you have questions, or you are interested in being part of the team – connect with Pastor Peter in person or by phone or email.

Grace Weekly Prayer Guide September 5 -12

SCCR: Stephanie Pollock

Hospice: Layton McClare

DECH: Kay White, Marg Pollock, Helen Currie

At Home: Faye Jeffery, Sheila Martin, Heather Fletcher-Switzer, David Irving, Maureen Arp, Gordon Palmer, Rose Marie Patterson, Shirley Pierpoint & family, James Rankine, Edgar & Dorothy Barrieau, Doreen McClare Teddy & Claire Randall, Mike & Carole Jarvis, Keith & Nancy McNaughton

Shannex: Dorothy Wilson, Velma MacDonald, Gregory Nickerson, Dora Dunham, Georgie Boldon

Farraline Place: Phyllis Betts

Pine Grove Nursing Home: Enide Smith

Veterans' Health Unit: Helen White, Walter Currie

Windsor Court: Eileen Wallace

YOUTH PRAYERS Please pray for:



- The Holy Spirit would move in our Grace youth gatherings.
- That Christ will reveal himself to our youth and that they may learn more about him as we begin youth group sessions again.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR YOUTH AS THEY GROW IN CHRIST



- **Please join us in prayer:**
- To begin this new school year and allow each person to feel your presence and blessings each and every day. For children to not fear because YOUR WORD encourages us to be strong and courageous. Open the eyes of every child to receive new challenges, adjust to new schedules, calm fears and nerves especially during the changes that COVID has presented. Pray for parents to support teachers as they educate and guide children. Give every parent a spirit of understanding so that they will effectively listen to the needs of their child.
- Plans for the Graceland ministry program are underway and we are working out the details. Please pray for guidance and wisdom for all who are involved.



Update from the Pastoral Search Team

Your pastor search team met twice in August to prayerfully review several new applications for the Community Engagement Pastor. Currently they are contacting references and will meet again in early September to discern which applicant to interview. There were no new applicants for the Emerging Generations position over the summer, but one has recently been submitted and the team is beginning a prayerful review process to discern suitability. Please continue to pray for wisdom and a discernment of the Spirit's leading for both the Search Team and for the candidates God is preparing.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH OF : September 2021

Sun., Sept. 5 Communion & Food Bank	
Worship * No children's church this week	10:30 AM
Mon., Sept. 6 ~ Office closed ~ Happy Labour Day	
Tues., Sept. 7	
Martha Group, Parlour	10 AM
Wed., Sept. 8	
Worship	7:20 PM
Thurs., Sept. 9	
Every Tongue, Every Nation Choir practice, Choir room	6:00 PM
Sun., Sept. 12	
Worship service	10:30 AM
Tues., Sept. 14	
Shannex service, Brunswick Hall	2:00 PM
Wed., Sept. 15	
Worship	7:30 PM
Fri., Sept. 17	
Youth Group, gym ~ Welcome back	7:00 PM
Thurs., Sept. 16	
Every Tongue, Every Nation Choir practice, Choir room	6:00 PM
Sun., Sept. 19 ~ Homecoming Sunday	
Worship	10:30 AM
Mon., Sept. 20	
R & M Crisp Bible study, Parlour	6:30 PM
Wed., Sept. 22	
WMS Ferne Sewell, Parlour	1:15 PM
Worship service	7:30 PM
Thurs., Sept. 23	
Choir practice, Choir room	7:00 PM
Fri., Sept. 24	
Youth Group, gym	7:00 PM
Sat., Sept. 25	
Grace Winds & Strings practice	10:30 AM
Sun., Sept. 26	
Worship	10:30 AM
Wed., Sept. 29 Communion & Food Bank	
Worship service	7:30 PM
Thurs., Sept. 30 ~ National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	
Office closed	
Choir practice, Choir room	7:00 PM



Sending out a huge **THANK YOU** to both staff and volunteers who sacrificed their time to served all summer long. Some of these positions include pastoral and office staff, media and sound people, a variety of musicians, tellers, ushers, greeters, the Property and Management team, custodians, Leadership Board, and various people involved in Summer ministries and programs. It takes a community to keep a church healthy and well and we appreciate your time and effort.



October Celebrations

Oct 4	A - Ray & Lori Schriver	Oct 18	A - Brian & Anita Sergeant
Oct 5	A - Ronald & Sherrie Evans	Oct 19	Susan Oborn
	A - Darren & Andrea Martin	Oct 22	A - Lewis & Kathy Margeson
Oct 7	A - Paul & Sonya Melanson	Oct 23	Marilyn Crisp
Oct 8	A - Roger & Marilyn Crisp	Oct 27	Carolyn Power
Oct 9	Christina Clark	Oct 28	Declyn Crisp
	A - Don & Winzora Swain		Jacqueline Randall
Oct 15	Andrea Martin	Oct 30	Destiny Johnson
Oct 16	Kara Link		
	A - Vincent & Judith Corey		

If you do not see your celebration date and would like it to be added, please contact the office.



HOMEcoming SUNDAY / RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

10:30 a.m., Sunday September 19

It's September and each year we host a special Sunday to kick-off the fall season. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with friends who you may have missed over the summer holidays (or longer). We're also going to be honoring an amazing servant of God. Jim Monteith is retiring as our church treasurer after 18 years of faithful service. We'll take a few moments to recognize him during the service and

with a roast pork dinner after worship. There is no cost for the dinner, we just need to know if you are coming so we can set up the tables appropriately. Reserve your spot by calling or emailing the church office by **September 14.**

**BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF GRACE;
A CHRIST-CENTRED MOSAIC**

MANY PEOPLES – ONE COMMUNITY

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WAYS TO GIVE – Thank you for your faithful giving during this period when many find it difficult. It is a blessing to our Grace Community of Faith.

We currently have four methods of giving:

AT WORSHIP — At each of the three doors to the sanctuary, there are offering boxes just inside the room. You can drop your offering into one of those boxes at any worship service.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT – You can set up an automatic withdrawal from your account to Grace. If you wish to start, contact the office.

DROP-OFF – You can bring your offering to the Church Office. Use the Northumberland Street door during office hours (Tuesday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm).

E-TRANSFER – Please clearly note in the message section of the e-transfer how much you are directing to particular funds (For example: Current, Missions, Building, Easter). Funds that are not designated will be directed to Current expenses. Send e-transfers to our Treasurer, Jim Monteith, at jamesmonteith@rogers.com.

CANADA HELPS - Canada Helps is a registered charity that collects online donations, then passes them on to the charity. Go to canadahelps.org, search for Grace Memorial Baptist. Then follow the instructions to make a donation.

Thank you!



Weekly Attendance & Giving			
Attendance Aug. 29	69	Amount given	Amount
Attendance Sept. 1	14	Aug 29—Sept. 4	budgeted
Current		\$5,959	\$5,894
Missions		\$719	\$1000
Building		\$185	\$212



GREEN AT GRACE

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES: Join us for two days of the week for worship; our Wednesday evening service at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday morning service starting at 10:30 a.m.

We continue to take a gradual approach to reducing pandemic precautions for worship services. For September:

- We will continue to have distancing in the sanctuary and ask worshippers to wear masks as they walk through the building. Once seated, people have the option to remove their masks during the service.
- Children's church continues to be offered. It is the parent's choice if their child(ren) wear masks during the program.
- We ask if you are feeling unwell or feeling uncomfortable with in-person events, please avail yourself of the online worship option.

GRACE ONLINE: You can still join us online if you do not feel comfortable coming to church. Go to our web page, gracememorial.ca or on YouTube, search Grace Memorial.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and prayers through these changing times.

