



Grace Memorial Baptist Church August 2022

## Messages this month

We'll complete An **Unexpected Journey** with Pastor Peter on the first Sunday of August and then Pastor Scott will share two messages on **Freedom**. Freedom has been a rallying word which has been shouted a lot in the last year. Through Paul's own experiences related in the letter to the Galatians, we'll explore the biblical roots of true freedom and how to live freely as follower of Christ. Then on the last Sunday of August, our Emerging Generation Coordinator, Emily Colpitts, will lead an intergenerational service with the help of some of our Grace Kids.



We look forward to a variety of music over the coming month for services and special music from Julie Probert, select hymn leaders, and the Worship Team.

### MESSAGES

- August 7 Death of a Princess (Pastor Peter)
- August 14 Christ's Cross: Our Freedom From (Pastor Scott)
- August 21 Christ's Spirit: Our Freedom to (Pastor Scott)
- August 28 Grace Kids Celebration Service (Emily Colpitts)

**PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM** Looking for someone to pray with confidentially with you? A member of the Prayer Ministry Team will be available after worship each Sunday at the front of the sanctuary. You will then be accompanied to the Prayer Room for privacy. (available for in-person services)

### GRACE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Senior Pastor	Rev. Dr. Peter Lohnes
Pastor of Seniors Visitation	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunham
Organist/Accompanist	Julie Probert
Choir Director	Erma Hawkes
Emerging Generations Coordinator	Emily Colpitts
Church Office Administrator	Lisa Melanson

**NEW TO GRACE?** If this is your first or second time coming to Grace, welcome! We would love to meet you and get to know you. The pew in front of you should have a yellow Connection Card. Please fill it out and drop it in the one of the offering boxes as you exiting the sanctuary. Check out our website [gracememorial.ca](http://gracememorial.ca) for updates, services and much more.

*For current information on COVID protocols and service options, check out the last page.*

*Thank you.*

## CONNECTION TEAM MINISTRY MEMO: BENEVOLENCE

**SINCE JANUARY**, the office has been busy with requests for benevolence needs within our community. In this context, the community is inclusive of anyone who is a member of Grace and onward to anyone else.

**THE OXFORD DICTIONARY** defines be·nev·o·lence (noun): as the quality of being well-meaning; and kind. Synonyms: goodwill · compassion · consideration · thoughtfulness · decency · public-spiritedness · social conscience · charitableness · humanity · unselfishness. What do you think Jesus' definition would be? In His ministry on earth, he perfectly practiced benevolence toward many. He healed the sick, the lame, and the blind. He fed thousands, offered "Living Water", and brought the dead back to life. And furthermore, He gave up all the glory of heaven to come as a child, grow up and die on a cross because of **His love toward us**. Obviously, we can't practice benevolence in exactly the same manner, but we certainly can learn from his example. This need for humanity has never gone away, nor will it. As Christians, it's our job to continue benevolence in our communities, to be the hands and feet of Christ.

**WHAT DOES BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST LOOK LIKE?** Requests come from a wide variety of people and organizations such as people in our community and churches, to various social programs. On average we provide assistance to seven families a month using various resources. The need is great, and the requests range from rent and damage deposits, NB Power, securing housing, employment, and food, to setting up and starting over. Other resources can include counseling, prayer, guidance, childcare, giving a safe space for rest and warmth, or passing on community resources for addiction, mental health, shelters, and education.

**WHERE DO WE START?** One church can't handle all of the benevolent needs yet many working together can do amazing things. Through networking locally and building a team, Grace has been helping to gather resources, share ideas, and expand our reach within the community, to help meet its needs. Our families have expressed enormous gratitude for all the support from the Grace fold, please stay tuned over the coming year for more opportunities to be His hands and feet.



**SMALL GROUPS ARE A PLACE:** to connect, to be encouraged, to ask questions, to learn and find support. If you have a heart for people, you could be a potential small group leader. Join us for a **Small Group Leaders Dinner and Workshop at 6 pm Wednesday, August 10** at the church. Coming does not commit you, but it does give you a chance to ask questions and see if God might be calling you to something new. If you plan to attend, let either Lisa in the church office or Pastor Peter know by **Monday August 8**, so we can have a place (and a meal) just for you. We look forward to seeing new faces.

GRACE WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE JULY 31 –AUG 7

**Oromocto Hospital:** Faye Jeffery

**DECH:** Dorothy Barrieau

**At Home:** Heather Fletcher-Switzer, Maureen Arp, Rose Marie Patterson, Shirley Pierpoint, Sheila Martin, Edgar Barrieau, Teddy & Claire Randall, Marg & Stephanie Pollock, Helen Currie, Gerry Taylor, Lisa Lohnes, James Rankine, Lawrence Steeves, Alice Gilmore, Kathy Margeson, Sherrie Evans

**Shannex:** Velma MacDonald, Gregory Nickerson, Dora Dunham, David Ridley

**Pine Grove:** Enide Smith, Dorothy Wright

**Windsor Court:** Eileen Wallace

**York Manor:** Ruth Steeves

**Farraline Place:** Phyllis Betts

**YOUTH PRAYERS Please pray for:**



- **Youth working in a secular setting this summer** - pray that they will find success without needing to compromise their faith; pray that they will have a positive impact on their work settings.
- **Families of our youth** - pray that parents will seek to lead their families with integrity and align their parenting with the values of Christ. Pray for patience and empathy when working with their teens. Pray that God will surround the families of our youth with his love.

**Thank you for praying for our youth as they grow in CHRIST**



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Please pray for:**

- **Children** are able to connect with God and want to spend time learning about Him and growing in their relationship, even in the hustle and bustle of Summer. (2 Peter 3:18)
- **Parents** that they may represent living a life for Jesus, being an example to their children as they live out their faith.

**GOING TO HOSPITAL?** Even though limited visiting is now open in Horizon Health facilities, clergy and pastoral care people no longer know whether a particular person is in hospital or not. If you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and desire a pastoral visit, please let family or a friend contact the church office so that we can be an encouragement and support.

**BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF GRACE;  
A CHRIST CENTERED MOSAIC**

**MANY PEOPLES—ONE COMMUNITY**

**PRAYER MINISTRY** is always available and welcomes your prayer requests. Please send them by email to Kathleen Brewer at [kbrewer168@gmail.com](mailto:kbrewer168@gmail.com) or by phone 449-0848. New members are always welcome.



**SEARCH TEAM UPDATE:** The Pastoral Search Team met twice in July. During the first week of July they met to reflect on an interview with a candidate conducted at the end of June. The team then decided to conduct a second interview with the same candidate to go a little deeper. This interview took place during the fourth week of July. The team is scheduled to meet again in early August to decide if this is the right candidate for Grace or if they need to continue the search process. Please continue to pray for the team to sense God's clear leading as they meet and seek His direction. Thank you.

# Summer Camp Highlights

## SKILLS


## NEW LEARNING

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# Let's Connect

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH OF August 2022

<b>Fri August 1 ~ Happy NB Day ~ office is closed</b>	
<b>Sun August 7 ~ Communion &amp; Food Bank ~</b>	
Worship service	10:30 AM
<b>Tues August 9</b>	
Brunswick & Thomas Hall Services, Shannex	2:00 PM
<b>Sun August 14</b>	
Worship service	10:30 AM
<b>Sun August 21</b>	
Worship service	10:30 AM
<b>Sun August 28</b>	
Worship service	10:30 AM
<b>Summer Camps—Interested in volunteering, contact the office.</b>	
<b>Week 2 August 4th to 8th</b>	9 AM to 4 PM
<b>Week 3 August 18th to 22nd</b>	9 AM to 4 PM



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF MINISTRY THIS

**SUMMER!** A big thank you to the many volunteers and staff who have given of their time, talent, and heart this summer to facilitate worship, serve our children and youth, support our mission, and more. Thank you for your willingness to be the hands and feet of Jesus in ministry among us. As we head into the fall there will be new opportunities and needs for volunteers in nursery, children's church, media, ushers, and greeters, and more. Be watching for more information but if you already know you would like to volunteer, please contact the office or Pastor Peter.

Serving Schedule
Sun, August 7
<b>Ushers:</b> 1 Ragnar Oborn 2 Pat Campbell 3 Nathan Yuan <b>WC Greeter:</b> Janet Howland <b>Media:</b> Robin Mohle <b>Prayer Team:</b> Evan Schriver
Sun, August 14
<b>Ushers:</b> 1 Eric Smith 2 Ed Stairs 3 Roger Crisp <b>WC Greeter:</b> Carolyn Power <b>Media:</b> Kate Thompson <b>Prayer Team:</b> Lisa Lohnes
Sun, August 21
<b>Ushers:</b> 1 Eric Morehouse 2 Gerry Taylor 3 Mel Sproull <b>WC Greeter:</b> Dale Sproull <b>Media:</b> Kate Thompson <b>Prayer Team:</b> Betty Ann Taylor
Sun, August 28
<b>Ushers:</b> 1 Frances Hanson 2 Afolabi Sanni 3 Lisa Melanson <b>WC Greeter:</b> Carolyn Lovely <b>Media:</b> Emilio Ancheta <b>Prayer Team:</b> Ruth Sherwin

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sept 1	A - Kendell Dunham & Fran Tramontin	Sept 14	A - Harland & Lorraine Cook	Sept 23	A - Keith & Nancy MacNaughton
Sept 5	A - Joey & Carolyn Power A- Daryl & Heather Burke	Sept 15	A - Melbourne & Dale Sproull Karen Ancheta	Sept 25	Peter Lohnes A - Ernest & Sandra O'Connell
Sept 7	Sarah Gunaseelan Melbourne Sproull Adah Hatfield	Sept 17	A - Brian & Robin Randall	Sept 26	A - Ronald & Erma Hawkes
Sept 8	Edna Johnson David Irving	Sept 18	Ragnar Oborn	Sept 28	Joey Power
Sept 9	Erin MacRitchie	Sept 20	Patricia Hughes Darren Martin	Sept 30	Carole Likely
Sept 10	Ronald Evans		A - Evan & Danielle Schriver		

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





**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 **Financial Treasurer**, at [treasureratgrace536@gmail.com](mailto:treasureratgrace536@gmail.com).

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

**Update to June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Current Account**

Regular Offerings	\$116,536.87
Loose	\$ 351.00
Easter	\$ 5,471.00
Christmas	\$ 100.00
Other	<u>\$ 15,350.00</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$137,808.87</b>

**Less Expenditures** \$150,590.72

**Deficit to June. 30** (\$ 12,781.85)

Balance Dec. 31/21 \$ 38,193.00

Ending Balance \$ 25,411.15

**Missions Account**

Target to June 30	\$24,000.00
Offerings	\$17,978.00
<b>Shortfall from Target</b>	<b>(\$ 6,022.00)</b>

**Building Account**

Offerings	<u>\$ 4,187.00</u>
Less Expenses	\$ 00.00
Balance from Dec. 31/21	\$20,073.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$24,260.00</b>

Other Revenue includes rentals and camp registrations.  
Organ Restoration Fund to June 30: \$18,805.40

**GRACE WORSHIP & COVID PRECAUTIONS FOR AUGUST:** With continued high rates of COVID and a desire for Grace to be a safe space for anyone to seek God in worship, during the month of August, Grace continues to implement the following precautions for Sunday Worship services.

- Please use the Welcome Centre doors to enter the building.
- Masks are required to be worn while in the building, including during the worship service and at children's church.
- Print copies of the monthly Bulletin and weekly Grace Notes are available in the entry to the sanctuary.
- If you are feeling unwell or feeling uncomfortable with in-person events, please avail yourself of the online worship option. You can find the worship live stream service online on our [YouTube channel](#) or watch a recording later.

Thank you for your patience, compassion and care for your neighbors and fellow worshippers.