

Until further notice all activities at Grace Memorial will be suspended.

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**Community information**

Information changes **DAILY AND OR HOURLY**, so please contact before making any decisions and ask questions!

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**Government of Canada's coronavirus information line**

1-833-784-4397 Hours 7:00 - 12:00 PM (EST) seven days a week

[www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html)

**CBC News**

[www.cbc.ca/coronavirusbrief](http://www.cbc.ca/coronavirusbrief)

**Grocery stores and pharmacies** – around the city stores are setting aside particular times for seniors and people with health concerns to shop at their location. Some have online services, pick and delivery options. Call ahead to be sure you have the correct information for that day.

**Banking and lending institutions** – you can inquire about payment options and deferred payments for loans, lines of credit, credit cards, interest, mortgages, etc.

**HEAP forms (Home Energy Assistance Program)**

1-800-669-7070

[www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/finance/promo/heap/program.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/finance/promo/heap/program.html)

**Bus schedules have also been altered.**

**EI Benefits**

1-833-381-2725

[www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness/apply.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness/apply.html)

**GRACE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Organist/Accompanist. . . . . Julie Probert  
Choir Director. . . . . Erma Hawkes  
Office Administrator. . . . . Lisa Melanson

Grace Memorial Baptist Church

The Lord's Day

March 22, 2020

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 90:1-2

**Songs of Praise and Worship**

"Everlasting God"

"Mighty to Save"

"Amazing Grace"

**Scripture:** Luke 19:1-10

**Prayer**

**Message:** "Zacchaeus"

*Rev. Peter Lohnes*

**Hymn #512** "My Saviour's Love"

**Benediction**

**T**ake time for worship at home, with those at home with you. This week we continue the Journey from Jericho to Jerusalem with a stop in Jericho at Zacchaeus' home where just being with Jesus brought radical changes to his life. We'll think about how we can let Jesus transform our hearts as well.

**"Building a Community of Faith": "A Christ-Centred Mosaic"**  
**"Many Peoples – One Community"**



### What's Happening at Grace?

Best guesses at this moment is the state of emergency and the precautions around Covid 19 could last for a few months. Some day things will open up again, but in this current reality, what is happening at Grace? Essentially everything is

moving online. Ragnar held his English as Second Language class on Tuesday via Zoom, an online classroom. He even had someone join from Sweden. Robin is working on a virtual youth group, and a virtual youth Bible Study. The Grace Staff and Leadership will meet virtually on Saturday March 21, to get creative with ways to help us connect during this time. We encourage small group leaders to consider meeting virtually. Online worship service content and material for families looking to create worship with their children will be provided weekly, though the format may change as time goes by. We are also connecting and visiting with folks by phone and email. Words from Grace will go online sometime next week. Lots will change, but God's presence is always consistent.

### Words from Grace – You can help us create a community devotional.

We are starting a new online devotional, written by the people of Grace. During this season of being physically apart, we are inviting people to submit a 100-300 word devotional for our Grace Church Community of Faith. Include a Bible verse you find meaningful and your thoughts on it, or a story from your experience or something you find helpful for in your journey. Whatever you find meaningful in your walk with God at this time. We will begin posting one a day to a new blog on our website. Email your submission to Pastor Peter at [pglohnes@yahoo.ca](mailto:pglohnes@yahoo.ca).

### Building Closure / Office Hours

In keeping with the government's mandate, the Grace Memorial building is essentially closed. Because there is usually only one person working in an office, **for now**, we will maintain office hours (Tuesday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm) for phone calls and emails to be able to communicate and help as we can. This could change as time continues.

### Ways to Give

A few people have asked how to give their offerings while we are not worshipping in person. Here are few options. Thank you.

**Pre-Authorized Debit** – You can set up an automatic withdrawal from your account to Grace. We have had this option for several years and a many people are using it. If you wish to start, contact the office and we can email you the forms to fill out and walk you through the process if you'd like.

**E-Transfer** – You can e-transfer to the church in the same way you might send other e-transfers. Send e-transfers to our church Treasurer, Jim Montieth, at [jamesmontieth@rogers.com](mailto:jamesmontieth@rogers.com).

**Canada Helps** - Canada Helps is a registered charity that collects online donations for Canadian charities and then passes them on to the charity. You can go to [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) and search for Grace Memorial Baptist. You will find us listed as Grace Memorial United Baptist Church Inc. Then follow the instructions to make a donation.

**Drop-Off** – You can drop off an offering at the church building. Come to the Northumberland Street door during office hours, there will be a donation box in the entry. Ring the bell to enter and leave your envelope in the donation box.



**Senior Pastor Peter Lohnes**

Grace Memorial Baptist Church  
Building a Community of Faith

✧ **Prayer Warriors** ✧  
**Prayer Guide March 22 - 29**

**Please pray for people in hospital and/or at home:**

**DECH:** Dora Dunham, Gregory Nickerson

**At Home:** Margaret Pollock, Helen Currie, Heather Fletcher-Switzer, James Rankine, Faye Jeffery, Teddy & Claire Randall, Sheila Martin, Norman Johnson, Rose Marie & Paul Patterson, Maureen Arp, Georgie Boldon, Ruth Sherwin

**Shannex:** Dorothy Wilson, Maureen Buckingham, Velma MacDonald

**Veterans' Health Unit:** Helen White, Walter Currie

**Ste. Anne's Court:** Enide Smith, Lawrence & Ruth Steeves

**Farraline Place:** Phyllis Betts

**Nashwaak Villa:** Glenna Robinson

**Windsor Court:** Eileen Wallace

**If you would like to send a card or gift to someone in the hospital, they are allowing cards and items to be dropped off to patients. Go to the front desk. It does need to be put in a sealed package (ziplock bag is fine) with the patients information.**

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**CBM Prayer Line**

For more information, you can catch up with CBM online.

[www.cbmin.org/prayerline/](http://www.cbmin.org/prayerline/)

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**A Different Journey ~ message from Terry Smith ~  
Executive Director Canadian Baptist Ministries**

How can we possibly NOT be troubled right now? What changes are going to happen this week – gosh – today, that will change our new reality? On journeys that are so bizarre and unfamiliar, peace is hard to come by.

When two colleagues and I visited Goma, in the Democratic Republic of Congo last July, it was right at the apex of the Ebola outbreak in the Kivu Province. We were troubled and indeed, a bit afraid. I learnt many important lessons during the few days that we were there, but none more important than this: The local church is the very best means to help heal a broken world. Pastors and church leaders were looked to as role models. Vital support was being channeled to people who were isolated. Care was provided to the families of the sick. Communities of resilience grew and were known for their faithful (yet cautious) presence in the midst of darkness. The congregants didn't need to meet together to be the church. We learnt new communal disciplines.

Like most of our Christian communities, one of the disciplines we are practicing at CBM is to very intentionally ask ourselves how to care deeply and offer peace and hope to the "other" in these odd times. And we push our minds to think much more broadly – past the elderly

folks in our churches. Or the single Mom across street. And the convalescing couple who had to rush back from their trip down south.

All of us have reason to be thankful for health care and emergency services workers presently. Yes, please care for them, and show them God's peace at this time.

But what about the "other" around the world? A family living in a refugee camp in northern Kenya whose aid has been stopped because the transport systems into the region have been suspended? The partners in Lebanon who are unable to access banks, even though they want so much to continue to implement their programmes. Or the pastor of the house-church in China who has courageously distributed rice and soap to his local community?

We have also been considering how to support and encourage our field staff during this time. Most are in self-isolation, whether in the Philippines, Thailand, Bolivia or Hong Kong. Their plans have been turned upside down as well. Some of them have adult children here in Canada. And they find themselves an ocean away. Others are trying to figure out how to minister without the face-to-face contact they are used to, especially in places where internet access is non-existent or so unreliable. We are doing everything we can to support them and assure them in these uncertain times.

As disruptive and potentially threatening as COVID-19 may be, it will also be another means with which God can forge us into new levels of faithfulness, generosity, love and commitment.



"My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid "

**Terry Smith**

**Please pray for pension and benefits board** – This is an important ministry of caring for our pastors and their families. It's a tangible way we journey with them while they are serving and even after they retire. The PBB oversees the benefits and investment. Pray for the board members and staff; Karen Gunn, Benefits coordinator, as they provide leadership and support to our pastors and churches.

**Local churches:** Riverside-Albert Baptist Church, Riverside NB, pastor Peter Atkinson.

Attendance	Week of March 15 - 21	Actual Giving	Amount Required
Current		\$1,225	\$5,846
Mission		\$110	\$1,000
Building		\$25	\$212



Looking for an opportunity to serve? The nursery is looking for 3-4 people to serve in the nursery during services. Shifts are flexible and rotate often.

Contact Debbie O'Connell 451-3356 [debbieandkayla@hotmail.com](mailto:debbieandkayla@hotmail.com)

### Job Applications: Summer Ministry Opportunities Grace Children's Ministry Coordinator & Assistants

**Duration:** mid-May (possibly part-time) to mid-August (full-time in summer)

This person will be responsible to plan, prepare, and lead four weeks of day camps at Grace Memorial Church as well as direct Sunday activities for children and organize a year-end "School's Out" party. Must be mature, organized, able to work independently and skilled at working with children. The job description is available at the kiosk.

### Summer Ministry Assistants

Two positions are open for students to work for approximately 8 weeks preparing and leader summer camps and working in children's church. Speak to Marilyn or Pastor Peter.



## ~ A Changed Heart ~ Luke 19:1-10

*Journey  
from  
Jericho to Jerusalem*

Changed \_\_\_\_\_ change \_\_\_\_\_.

### Zacchaeus Before Jesus

Chief Tax Collector & Notorious Sinner (verse 2 & 7)

- C \_\_\_\_\_ (Rich)
- C \_\_\_\_\_ (Traitor)
- C \_\_\_\_\_ (Cheated people)

### Zacchaeus After Jesus

Radically Changed (verses 8-9)

- ♥ C \_\_\_\_\_ (Generosity)
- ♥ R \_\_\_\_\_ (Restitution)
- ♥ S \_\_\_\_\_ (Child of God)

\_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus changes hearts.

### Suggestions

- Scripture Reading (A Gospel or New Testament)
- Singing worship songs
- Fasting (One meal, or more, to spend in prayer)
- Prayer Walk Through your neighbourhood
- Try a new daily devotional