



Messages this month

Easter is too big a celebration to limit to one Sunday, so as we begin April there is one more message in the Easter Upside-Down series. Then we spend a couple of weeks celebrating the amazing volunteers which enable the ministries of Grace to continue each week. Finally, we'll explore how we do mission around the world as Canadian Baptist Ministries celebrate 150 years.

We look forward to a variety of music during the month from; *Erma Hawkes and Grace Senior Choir, Grace Winds & Strings, Kathy Margeson, Yunjia Dai, Julie Probert, and Grace Worship Team.*

MESSAGES

- April 7** Restoring Peter (Pastor Jim Bae)
- April 14** Serving to Make a Difference (Pastor Jim Bae)
- April 21** God's Gifts to the Church (Pastor Peter Lohnes)
- April 28** The Sent-Out People (Pastor Peter Lohnes)



Thank you for the continued support of the Greener Village Food Bank! Donations are received the first Sunday of the month, please drop them off in the Welcome Centre (big white box) or during the week at the office (9 AM—4 PM).

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 after in person services)

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 for updates, services and much more.

GRACE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Community Engagement Pastor
Pastor of Seniors Visitation
Organist/Accompanist
Choir Director
Church Office Administrator

Rev. Dr. Peter Lohnes
Rev. Jim Bae
Rev. Dr. Scott Dunham
Julie Probert
Erma Hawkes
Lisa Melanson



I thank my God every time I remember you.I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel..., being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3-6)

Paul's letter to the Philippians was in essence a thank you note. He was in prison when the church at Philippi sent him a care package to help him in his time of need. While he was grateful for the assistance, he was thanking God for the Philippians long before that help arrived. He thanked God for their partnership in ministry. Paul knew, that though he might preach many sermons, the work of God required the efforts of a whole congregation.

April 14 to 20 is **National Volunteer Appreciation** week, and while we don't need a special week to recognize how extraordinary the people of Grace are, we want to use the occasion to celebrate the amazing volunteers within the church who contribute their time and energy to the work we do as we seek to build a community of Grace. **THANK YOU!**

The theme for Volunteer Appreciation week is "Every Moment Matters." It speaks to the importance of each person's contribution. Indeed, from the greeters to youth leaders, from musicians to visitors in seniors' homes, from finance to outreach, from coffee makers to media operators, and so much more, everything we do is **dependent** on the remarkable volunteers who give of themselves in service to Christ. So again, with joy, we want to say, "Thank You!" We pray that as we celebrate all we do together as partners in the Gospel you will recognize how **important and valuable you are in the work God is doing** among us and through Grace.



SENDING OUT A HUGE THANK YOU to Roger Crisp for designing and building a piano trolley for our Grand Piano to rest upon, and to Mel Sproull for assisting with the heavy task of installing this. Periodically the Music Festival and other concert events request the piano to be moved forward (by designated people), so we can now do this more safely. Thank you Roger for such a beautiful job!

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

MANY PEOPLES—ONE COMMUNITY



The **Fredericton Music Festival** will be at Grace over two weeks with performances in the Sanctuary during the daytime and two evenings. This is a public event, conducted solely by volunteers, for tickets and more information check their website at www.frederictonmusicfestival.org.

Dates & Times of the Music Festival

Mon, Apr 15th to Thurs, 18th: 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Mon, Apr 22nd to Thurs, 25th: 8:30 to 5:30 PM

Tues, Apr 16th: 6:30–9:30 PM

Wed, Apr 24th: 6:30-9:30 PM



**A LEGACY SEMINAR @ The Drive Baptist Church
Saturday, April 20th, at 2:00 PM**

Join Greg Jones of our Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada for a free **Legacy Seminar** (Wills, Estate Planning and Legacy Gifts) on Saturday, April 20 at 2 pm at The Drive Church, 150 Greenwood Drive, Fredericton. This information seminar is for all who are interested in ensuring they have their end-of-life affairs arranged in a manner which reflects their values and priorities of honoring God, providing for loved ones, and leaving a lasting impact.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

Where: Family Centre

Time: 9:30 Coffee & Muffins; Leadership Conference 10 AM to 3 PM

Who: Staff, volunteer leaders, and interested persons in our church



Purpose: A platform for our church people to gather together and be inspired, empowered, and equipped for leadership through expert presenters and group discussions.

*** Register by April 23** in the Welcome Centre on Sundays or in church office. We are licensed for a limit of 25 people, early registration is encouraged. Payment with cash please.

Cost: \$15 includes lunch.

SCHEDULE

9:30 Sign-in; Coffee & Muffins – Family Centre

10:00 Welcome – Pastor Jim Bae; Technical – Pastor Peter Lohnes

Video 1 – “*Definition of Success*” – Ryan Leak, with break out group and discussions

11:00 Video 2 – “*Critical Virtues of Leaders*” – Patrick Lencioni, with break out group and discussions

12:00 Lunch provided

12:45 Video 3 – “*Communicate Effectively*” – Dallas Jenkins, with break out group and discussions

1:45 Video 4 – “*Wired to Trust*” – Dr Henry Cloud, with break out group and discussions

3:00 Close



FERNE SEWELL WMS—Vision Statement: *Impacting the World for Christ*. Mission Statement: *Partnering to serve Christ in communities at home and around the world—learning and growing together*. Join us

April 25th at 1:15 PM, in the church Parlour. Special Speaker Susan Dodds talking about her Mission Trip to El Salvador. Special Offering: ABW Walkathon. All women are welcome from the church. For more information, please contact Carolyn Brewer; cjbrewer100@gmail.com.



Ability Dogs Canada

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser!

Support Lisa & Team ADC Zola

Friday, May 3rd @ 6 PM, Family Centre

Hungry for an evening out with a delicious dinner & entertainment? Join us for this important event on May 3rd at 6 pm in the Family Centre to support Lisa with her service dog in training, ADC Zola. Money raised will help with the expenses of their continued training with Ability Dogs Canada.

The evening will start with a dinner of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Included will be both meatless and gluten-free options. During dinner, there will be a silent auction consisting of yummy baked goods along with a variety of items generously donated by local businesses and artists. Ending the evening will be live music to accompany a presentation on how service dogs support people with various disabilities in our community and the important role they play.



Dinner tickets are by donation and tickets **must be picked up by Wednesday, May 1st**. Tickets for the dinner will be available at the Welcome Centre after church services on Sundays **until April 28th**. Payment for tickets can be made by cash or e-transfer or through the church office (cash only) during the week. (9 AM to 4 PM) For any questions please contact Lisa at Team Zola at adczola@gmail.com or the church office at office@gracememorial.ca, 506-458-8527.

If you are unable to attend the event on May 3rd but would like to support Lisa and Team Zola, please feel free to send donations by e-transfer to adczola@abilitydogs.ca or by cash through the office.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon!

ATLANTIC BAPTIST WOMEN INVITES ALL WOMEN TO INTERMISSION 2024

*** EARLY REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED**

May 24-26 ~ Crandall University, Moncton, NB

Theme: Serve - Live Your Calling - ...live a life worthy of the calling you have received. – Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)

Great speakers, Meaningful Worship times, Inspirational and Informative Workshops, and much more!

Find out more at: <https://www.atlanticbaptistwomen.ca/intermission2024>

Calling all girls! Ages 9-12, you are invited to Camp interMISSION



May 24-26 ~ Crandall University, Moncton, NB

Enjoy good food, creative worship, games, a campfire, dress-up, storytelling, and more. Spend time with incredible women of faith. Discover how we can be empowered by God's love. Be part of making a difference through our Canadian Baptist Ministries mission project.

A Leader-In-Training track is also offered for girls 13-16 to help develop their leadership skills.

Details at: <https://www.atlanticbaptistwomen.ca/camp-intermission>

GRACE WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE APR 7-14

At Home: Heather Fletcher-Switzer, Maureen Arp, Teddy & Claire Randall, Rose Marie Patterson, Helen Currie, Shirley Pierpoint, Sheila Martin, Edgar & Dorothy Barrieau, Stephanie & Marg Pollock, James Rankine, Lawrence Steeves, Erma Hawkes, Ron & Sherrie Evans, Lisa Lohnes, Douglas Cook, Guna Kulasegaram, Gerry Crouse

Eden Retirement Villa: Hazel Ridley

Farraline Place: Phyllis Betts

Shannex: Velma MacDonald, Gregory Nickerson, David Ridley, Mavis Hallett, Doug Simmons

Windsor Court: Eileen Wallace



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



GRACE YOUTH Please pray for:

- **Our youth** to stay steadfast to their faith in a time and culture where it can be hard to follow christlike ideals. Pray that they continue to stay true to the teachings of the bible and not be easily swayed by distractions from the enemy. **Thank you for praying for our youth as they grow in CHRIST**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Please pray in the month of April:

- **For our kids** to be in your Light and Truth, God. Thank you for giving them a mind that can know and a heart that can love. Help them to keep learning every day, and that all knowledge and good things lead to you. Let them be aware of your presence in all things and at all times.

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.

May 1 Sheila Dunham

May 2 Afolabi Sanni

May 4 Nellie Charters

May 6 Julie Clarke

May 7 Young-ah Rankine

Frank Stokes

May 8 Trinity Meyer

May 10 Nancy MacNaughton

May 11 Luke Zhang

Daryl Burke

May 13 Jim & Esther Bae

May 15 Forest Jones

May 16 Heather Fletcher- Switzer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 18 Sheila Martin

May 19 Joshua Lohnes

May 20 A- Nathaniel & Jennifer Sergeant

May 22 Ray Schriver

May 23 Estella Barton

May 25 Sebastien Theriault

May 26 Marg Stocker

Luke MacRitchie

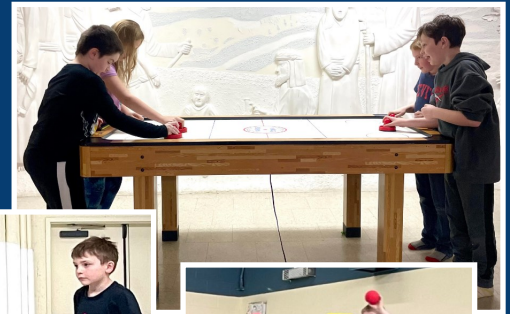
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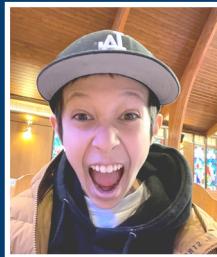
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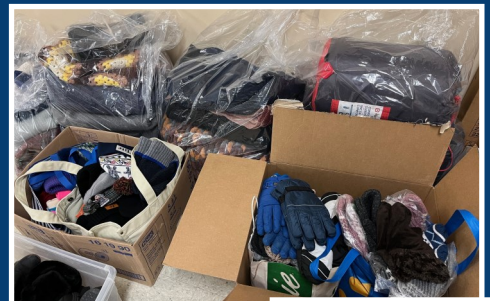
2024 Grace Leaders
Staff, Leadership Board
& Team Coordinators



Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

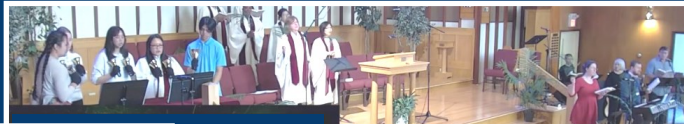


Thank you Grace for your contributions toward supporting our Surviving Winter Backpack ministry. It was a wonderful opportunity to serve with Under the Tent to our most vulnerable. People were so very grateful to receive your gifts.



Holy Week

at Grace



Good Friday was a full house joint service with Faith Baptist, Brunswick Street Baptist, and Grace.



SCHEDULE FOR GRACE APRIL 2024

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| Fri, Apr 5 | |
| Grace Youth, GG, gym | 7:00 PM |
| Sat, Apr 6 | |
| Grace Winds and Strings, Choir Room | 10:30 AM |
| Sun, Apr 7 ~ Communion & Food Bank ~ | |
| Worship service, Sa | 10:30 AM |
| HSMH Choir, Sa | 12:00 PM |
| Pickleball, gym | 2:30-4 PM |
| Mon, Apr 8 | |
| Brunswick & Thomas Hall, Shannex service | 2:00 PM |
| Roger & Marilyn Crisp, GG, Par | 6:30 PM |
| Tues, Apr 9 | |
| Craft Group, Par | 1:30 PM |
| Wed, Apr 10 | |
| Graceland, FC, gym | 12:00 PM |
| Thurs, Apr 11 | |
| Grace Senior Choir, Choir Room | 7:00 PM |
| Fri, Apr 12 | |
| Grace Youth, GG, gym | 7:00 PM |
| Sat, Apr 13 | |
| Grace Winds and Strings, Sa | 10:30 AM |
| Sun, Apr 14 | |
| Worship service, Sa | 10:30 AM |
| HSMH Choir, Sa | 12:00 PM |
| Pickleball, gym | 2:30-4 PM |
| Wed, Apr 17 | |
| Graceland, FC, Par | 12:00 PM |
| College & Career, GG, Par | 7:30 PM |
| Thurs, Apr 18 | |
| Grace Senior Choir, Choir Room | 7:00 PM |
| Fri, Apr 19 | |
| Grace Youth, GG, gym | 7:00 PM |
| Sat, Apr 20 | |
| Grace Winds and Strings, Choir Room | 10:30 AM |
| Sun, Apr 21 | |
| Worship service, Sa | 10:30 AM |
| HSMH Choir, Sa | 12:00 PM |
| Pickleball, gym | 2:30-4 PM |
| Mon, Apr 22 | |
| Roger & Marilyn Crisp, GG, Par | 6:30 PM |

Sun, Apr 7

Ushers: 1 Eric Smith
2 Ed Stairs
3 Gerry Taylor
WC Greeter: Carol Jarvis
Media: Kate Thompson
Prayer Team: Connie Storr

Sun, Apr 14

Ushers: 1 Blair Burke
2 Patsy Burke
3 Mel Sproull
WC Greeter: Dale Sproull
Media: Kate Thompson
Prayer Team: Esther Bae

Sun, Apr 21

Ushers: 1 Afolabi Sanni
2 Frances Hanson
3 Shade Oyedepo
WC Greeter: Paul & Sonya Melanson
Media: Emilio Ancheta
Prayer Team: Betty Ann Taylor

Sun, Apr 28

Ushers: 1 Ray Schriver
2 Roger Crisp
3 John Curtis
WC Greeter: Carolyn Power
Media: Reymer Salvador
Prayer Team: Lisa Lohnes

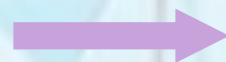


Pickleball in the gym on Sundays at 2:30-4 PM. Jim will provide training and teaching for basic skills and how to play and understand the game. Time will be divided into two sessions that consist of drills and playing games on the court. Questions please contact Pastor Jim Bae; Jimbae3@gmail.com.



Pray for Pastor Peter as he is away on retreat April 9th to 12th. For any pastoral concerns, please contact Pastor Jim Bae.

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| Tues, Apr 23 | |
| Craft Group, Par | 1:30 PM |
| Wed, Apr 24 | |
| Graceland, FC, gym | 12:00 PM |
| Thurs, Apr 25 | |
| Ferne Sewell WMS, Par | 1:15 PM |
| Grace Senior Choir, Choir Room | 7:00 PM |
| Fri, Apr 26 | |
| Grace Youth, GG, gym | 7:00 PM |
| Sat, Apr 27 | |
| Grace Winds and Strings, Choir Room | 10:30 AM |
| Leadership Conference, FC | 10:00 AM |
| Sun, Apr 28 | |
| Worship service, Sa | 10:30 AM |
| HSMH Choir, Sa | 12:00 PM |
| Pickleball, gym | 2:30-4 PM |
| Mon, Apr 29 | |
| Connection Team, BR | 1:30 PM |

Rooms Legend: Sanctuary; Sa, Parlour; Par, gym, Welcome Centre; WC, Family Centre; FC, Choir Room

Grace Groups; GG



The **Nursery** is located off the Welcome Centre, is currently available during services for families with adult supervision. In the main space, services are Livestreamed so parents can still watch the service. This quiet space provides toys, books, and a rocking chair. A semi-private room is set up for all newborn needs.



GRACE KIDS Children in Kindergarten to Grade 5 will begin in the worship service with the whole community. Midway through the service, children are invited to follow our leaders and volunteers to the Family Centre for an age-appropriate program.



GRACELAND Weekly on Wednesdays, from 12-2 PM, for grades K-5 at the Grace Memorial Church. An afternoon of fun adventures, playing games, listening to exciting bible stories, getting creative with new crafts, and just enjoying spending time with children their own age. Children can be registered on the website, gracememorial.ca the online form.



Grace Youth Weekly on Fridays from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, this high-energy community of middle and high school students meets from September to Mid-June. We focus on helping students to think more deeply about what God is saying to us in His word and helping them to form their own opinions about Christ. New youth are always welcome. (any time of the year!) Contact Maiah; graceyouthfredericton@gmail.com.

NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

New Brunswick Low Income Seniors Benefit (gnb.ca) - [Click here](#) to see if you qualify for the annual benefit of \$600. (<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/new-brunswick-low-income-seniors-benefit.html>)

New Brunswick Workers Benefit - [Click here](#) to see if you qualify for the one-time payment to support working New Brunswickers and families. (<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/new-brunswick-workers-benefit.html>)

WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

Thank you for your faithful giving. There are three primary methods of giving to Grace:

In-Person Offering: As you enter the sanctuary there are Offering Boxes just inside each door. Drop your offering into one of these boxes at worship. Or drop your donation off at the church office during office hours (9 am-4 pm Monday to Friday.)

Pre-Authorized Debit: You can set up an automatic withdrawal from your account to Grace. There are various options for time(s) of the month. See Sheila Dunham (Financial Secretary) or contact the church office for the forms to set-up your giving.

E-Transfer: Send e-transfers using the email address: treasureratgrace536@gmail.com. Please clearly indicate in the message section how much you are giving to particular funds. (Ex: Current, Missions, Building, Benevolent, Easter)

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AT GRACE

There are 4 primary funds to which people designate offerings:

Current – The Ministry of Grace. This fund supports everything we do as a congregation.

Missions - Supporting our Ministry Partners: This fund supports our donations to our partners such as Canadian Baptist Ministries (around the world) Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (Atlantic Provinces), Baptist Chaplaincy in the hospitals, Greenhill Lake Camp, Acadia Divinity College, Crandall University, and more.

Building – Major Property Repairs: This fund is used to help with major repairs to the church building such as a roof.

Benevolent – People in Emergency Need: This fund is used to help congregants and community people when they are facing a financial crisis for whatever reason.

Additionally, there is **Other – Time-Limited Emphasis:** These funds support special projects for a period of time. Currently, there are two main projects: Refugee Support and Organ Restoration Project.

**CURRENT ACCOUNT
(to February 2024)**

| CURRENT ACCOUNT | Total 8 Sundays |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Regular Offering | 41,094 |
| Loose Offering | 104 |
| Initial Offering (Envelopes) | 110 |
| Rentals | 8,295 |
| Total Current | 49,723 |

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| Less: Net Expenditures | 60,444 |
| Deficit 2024 to Date | (10,721) |

| MISSIONS ACCOUNT | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Target for Year (Regular) | 42,500 |
| Actual Offerings in February | 4,792 |

| BUILDING (CAPITAL) ACCT | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Regular Offerings | 1,155 |
| Less Expenses | 0 |
| Surplus from 2023 | 30,064 |
| Ending Surplus | 31,219 |

