



Messages this month

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! With the coming of April, the Easter season is upon us. April begins with the Shadow of the Cross and Good Friday services. Both are meaningful moments to reflect and experience the power of God’s love we find in the death of Jesus. Then the first Sunday is Easter, with an early morning service and then a joyful service of baptism in the 10:30 AM service and an eye witness account of the resurrection. (Don’t miss out on breakfast in between services.) The next week we finish up our journey through Romans and then we take a couple of weeks to explore Acts chapter 1 as we look at the experience of the disciples between the resurrection and Pentecost and consider how the Power of God is at work in our lives.



We look forward to a variety of music during the month from; Good Friday (combined churches) Orchestra, Marilyn’s Melody Choir & Maiah Benigno, Grace Winds & Strings, the Grace Worship Team, and Grace Church Choir.

SERVICES & MESSAGES

Sun, May 29	Here Comes Jesus (Pastor Peter)
Wed, April 1	A Way Forward (Pastor Peter)
Fri, April 3	The Suffering Savior
Sun, April 5	Jesus is Risen (Pastor Peter)
Sun, April 12	Where do we Go from Here? (Pastor Peter)
Sun, April 19	The Purpose of God’s Power in your Life (Pastor Peter)
Sun, April 26	The Problem with God’s Power in your Life (Pastor Peter)



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).

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.

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Grace Weekly Prayer Guide March 29-April 5

DECH: David Irving

At Home: Heather Fletcher-Switzer, Teddy & Claire Randall, Rose Marie Patterson, Shirley Pierpoint, Sheila Martin, Dorothy Barrieau, James Rankine, Erma Hawkes, Lisa Lohnes, Gerry Crouse, Sylvia Dykeman, Marg Pollock

Eden Retirement Villa: Hazel Ridley

Shannex: Gregory Nickerson, David Ridley, Mavis Hallett, Lawrence Steeves

Windsor Court: Sherrie Evans

GRACE CHILDREN & YOUTH Please pray for the month of April:

Lord Thank you for the joy of Easter that fills our hearts. May we remember that Easter is not just about a fun bunny or chocolate, but about the greatest gift — Your Son, Jesus, who gave His life for us and rose again so we could have hope forever. Help our young people share Your love with kindness, to forgive like You forgive, and to shine Your light in our schools, homes, and friendships. May we always remember that because Jesus lives, we can face each day with courage and joy.

Thank you for praying for our children & youth as they grow in CHRIST



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 506-449-0848. New members are always welcome.

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)

GOING TO HOSPITAL? Even though visiting is 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.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- May 1** Sheila Dunham
- May 2** Afolabi Sanni
- May 4** Nellie Charters
- May 7** Young-ah Rankine
Frank Stokes
- May 10** Nancy MacNaughton
- May 13** A - Jim & Esther Bae
- May 15** Forest Jones
Mavis Hallett

- May 16** Heather Fletcher- Switzer
- May 18** Sheila Martin
- May 22** Ray Schriver
- May 23** Estella Barton
- May 25** Sebastien Theriault
- May 26** Marg Stocker
- May 29** Jacob Oborn
- May 30** A - Adam & Robin Mohle



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



The Ferne Sewell WMS wish to express their sincere appreciation to Carolyn Brewer for her faithful leadership over the past several years. And our deepest appreciation to Kathleen Brewer for her "letter ministry" for seniors. Thank you ladies for serving the Lord, Grace church, and our Ferne Sewell Missions Society.

The Ferne Sewell WMS, Secretary Rita Monteith

UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SEARCH COMMITTEE: The Committee has received several applications for this position which will lead children's, youth, and family ministries for Grace. They have narrowed down the current applicants to a few and they are gathering further information from the candidates before deciding whether to proceed further in an interview process. The committee is still receiving applications as the process continues. You can find the job description online at gracememorial.ca/ministry-opportunity/ and applications can be sent to pastorsearch@gracememorial.ca. Please continue to keep the Committee in your prayers, asking God for discernment as they evaluate potential candidates. Pray that God will be moving in the heart of the right person to lead these ministries for the benefit of all and the glory of God.



SPRING WALKING CLUB – TUESDAYS 6:30-7:30 PM Anyone who likes to walk for exercise is invited to join a walking group on Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks through April and May. There will be 4 different routes with the starting points all near parking. Schedules are available in the Welcome Centre. Contact person is Dale 506-454-0247.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We know him as 'Doubting Thomas', but is that a fair nickname? This year, as we walk through Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter, we'll follow the journey of Thomas from participant to doubter to fully dedicated disciple. In the process, we'll learn more about our own spiritual journeys with Jesus.

Palm Sunday, March 29th

- ◆ **10:30 AM** – Join us as we celebrate the joyful arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem.



Journey from Unbelief to Belief
Walking with Thomas through Holy Week

Wednesday, April 1st

- ◆ **7:00 PM** Shadow of the Cross Service – A meaningful service of prayer and communion as we draw closer to Jesus' death and remember how His sacrifice brings faith and hope.

Good Friday, April 3rd

- ◆ **10:30 AM** Good Friday Service at Grace Memorial – A special joint time of worship with Brunswick Street and Faith Baptist as we remember the day of Jesus's death.

Easter Sunday, April 5th

- ◆ **8:30 AM** Early Easter Worship – Join us in the Family Centre for a special time of worship as we remember the discovery of the empty tomb.
- ◆ **9:00 AM** Easter Sunday Break-Feast – Join us for a special breakfast to fuel our celebrations and fellowship.
- ◆ **9:30 AM** Easter Egg Hunt for the kids.
- ◆ **10:30 AM** Easter Celebration Service – A joyful family service with lots of music, drama and other special surprises to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.



SPEED MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH "Speed Meeting" is a fast and enjoyable way to meet people or get to know more about them. You have 1 or 2 minutes with one person, and move down the line at the signal. It will start about 10 min after church in the Family Centre.



Save the Date: May 22-24, 2026

InterMISSION & Camp InterMISSION 2026

www.atlanticbaptistwomen.ca/intermissionmain

Early bookings for InterMISSION saves money if you **register by April 23rd** (\$57) and after April 24th (\$67). Registration deadline: May 4th. Conference Registration is available by mail and online. Please register by **one method only** (either by mail or online). On the ABW website (atlanticbaptistwomen.ca), under the Events tab has **separate** registrations (Camp & regular InterMISSION), meal plans, and hotel booking information. * No registrations, including on-campus meals, will be accepted after May 4th. And no registrations will be accepted at the door.

**Watoto Children's Choir
Sunday, April 26th, 6:30 PM**

All the way from Uganda, East Africa, Watoto Children's Choirs have traveled extensively since 1984 sharing a message of hope—not only for Africa's most vulnerable children and women—but for each of us all around the world. We're thrilled they're coming to Grace to perform songs off their brand-new album, "Better Days—There Is Hope" on **Sunday, April 26th at 6:30 PM**. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind musical experience—it will inspire and encourage you, your friends, and family. There is no charge for the concert. A free-will offering will be received for choir. Come join us on Sunday April 26th at 6:30pm for this vibrant celebration of God's love.



We still need several homes willing to billet 1 adult and 1 or 2 children for two nights. Kids and the adult can stay in one room, provided there is separate beds one for the adult and one for the kids (air mattresses are also a good option). Hosts should be able to provide two breakfasts and two bag-type lunches. Host families are also invited to join their guests for supper at the church on **Monday, April 27th**. A complete guide for hosts is available. If you are interested in the blessing of hosting, please connect with Pastor Peter or Pastor Jim.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR when we want to honor our graduates! Grandparents, families, aunts, and uncles, if you know of anyone connected with our church who is graduating from high school, university, or college this year, we would like to acknowledge their accomplishment!

Please email the office: **1.** Student's name with a color photo **2.** proper name of degree/program **3.** proper school name/program from where they are graduating (if there are multiple levels/programs list them in the correct order using abbreviations and initials), and **4.** future plans. We would like to celebrate their graduation in the service in a couple of weeks. Pictures and info must be emailed to the office by **May 10th**. Thank you!

COMMUNITY IMPACT PARTNER PROGRAM: In partnership with JoyFm and a dozen other churches across the city, each month we are highlighting the work of a nonprofit agency seeking to make a difference in Fredericton. These agencies are working with the vulnerable, people dealing with food or housing insecurity and making a positive impact in our community. Along with highlighting the work of each nonprofit, each month will also include a hands-on project in support of that agency.

April's Community Impact Partner : Opal Family Services, established in 1984, is dedicated to supporting families with special needs. We provide essential support and respite services to families and individuals of all ages with disabilities, focusing on building strong family relationships and ensuring a positive childhood experience for those with special needs. **Contact info:** <https://www.opalfamilyservices.ca/> or call 506 457-9520.



Collecting items for their summer camp "Camp Wonder". Items needed include: sunscreen, bug spray, and kids snacks. There will also be opportunities for teens 13-18 to sign up to be CITs (Counsellors in Training) for their camp programs and work with trained PSWs (Personal Support Workers) to learn skills and build relationships.



The Logic Of Agape Event

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SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION is open, and we have a very exciting lineup this year! Camps are for children who have completed from Primary to Grade 5, based on the school year just completed. There is limited enrollment, so early registration is encouraged. Registration costs remain the same this year at \$115 per week. Each camp will run Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM, with options for an earlier drop-off or later pick-up for an extra charge.



World Cup Camp – July 13 to 17 The eyes of the world will be on Canada, Mexico, and the US this July as the World Cup tournament is hosted in North America this summer. This fun week or camp, during the World Cup, will include learning some soccer skills, playing games, along with crafts, and all the other fun things of summer camps.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We need adults who know a little about sports stuff to help with crafts and encourage kids.

Rainforest Falls – July 27 to 31



Step into the mist of Rainforest Falls and plunge into the lifelong adventure of discovering God’s nature. This fun exploration includes games, science experiments, and stories designed to help kids create authentic friendships and a thirst for lifelong learning.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We need adults and youth to help with crafts, science experiments, stories, games, and other activities.



Wild Wonder August 10 to 14 This is our fourth year getting outside and discovering creation, and this year it is all about sharing God’s gifts and the good news with each other and the world. We plant gardens, build nesting boxes, and heed the wisdom found in Job to “ask the animals what they think,” to listen to their stories and share our own.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Do you have some outdoor skills or knowledge? Gardening, carpentry, or the knowledge of insects? We could use your expertise!

Create-A-Camp – August 17 to 21



Create-A-Camp is one of the most popular camps we offer, and we are happy to offer it again this summer. This is a multiple-choice camp. Some activities involve all the campers, but each day, children will also get to choose different activities from several options such as sports, dance, cooking, movies, crafts, and more.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Do you have a skill or hobby you could share with kids for an hour? Painting, cooking, dance, knitting, music, or something else. We are looking for many people to be able to share a one-hour time slot once or multiple times during the week.

If you are interested in volunteering at one of the camps this summer, please connect with Pastor Peter or leave your information with the church office. A volunteer Training session will be held 9 AM to 12:30 PM (lunch will be provided) on Saturday, June 13th in the Family Centre.



SUMMER YOUNG ADULT EMPLOYMENT: Are you between the ages of 17 and 30 and looking for employment this summer? Grace has one full-time position which will go from 8 to 10 weeks in July and August this summer. Responsibilities include working as part of a team to plan, promote and administer various children and youth summer ministries including four weeks of summer camps and weekly Grace Kids Sunday programs. Applicants should be good at working with a team, able to give some level of leadership to children and peers, and have a love for people, especially kids. Other skills such as an ability in sports, music, drama, crafts etc. would be an asset. Applicants should also be available for a training morning in June. To apply, please email your resume to gracememorialskids@gmail.com. Please include contact information for three references, one of which should be a church leader. Copies of the job description are available in the Welcome Centre or from the church office.

SCHEDULE FOR GRACE APRIL 2026

Sun, Mar 29	
Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30-10:00 AM
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:15-4 PM
Tues, Mar 31	
Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM
Lent Experience, GG, Par	7:00 PM
Wed, Apr 1 ~ Shadow of the Cross	
Shadow of the Cross service, Sa	7:00 PM
Thurs, Apr 2	
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
Fri, Apr 3 ~ Good Friday ~ Office closed	
Good Friday Combined Service, Sa	10:30 AM
Sun, Apr 5 ~ Easter Sunday ~ Communion & Food Bank	
Early Easter Worship service, FC	8:30 AM
Easter Sunday Break-Feast, WC	9:00 AM
Easter Egg Hunt, FC	9:30 AM
Easter Celebration service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:15-4 PM
Mon, Apr 6 ~ Office closed	
Tues, Apr 7	
Craft & Games Group, Par	1:30 PM
Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM
Wed, Apr 8	
Pickleball, gym	6:00 PM
Thurs, Apr 9	
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
Fri, Apr 10	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
Sun, Apr 12	
Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30-10:00 AM
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:15-4 PM
Mon, Apr 13	
LEVL, GG, Par	1:00 PM
Thomas & Brunswick Hall, Shannex service	2 PM & 3 PM
Tues, Apr 14	
Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM

Schedule continues on to the next page

Rooms: Sanctuary; Sa, Parlour; Par, Welcome Centre; WC, Family Centre; FC

Grace Groups; GG

(see chart on bulletin boards throughout the church)

Palm Sunday, Mar 29th

Ushers: 1 Mel Sproull
2 Patsy Burke
3 Blair Burke
WC Greeter: Sarah Gunaseelan
Media: Kate Thompson
Prayer Team: Lisa Lohnes

Good Friday, April 3rd

Ushers: 1 Afolabi Sanni
2 Ruth Sherwin
3 Shade Oyedepo
WC Greeter: Janet Howland
Media: Emilio Ancheta
Prayer Team: N/A
Grace Kids: N/A

Easter Sunday, Apr 5th

Ushers: 1 Ray Schriver
2 Bob Walton
3 John Curtis
WC Greeter: Doreen McClare
Media: Raymer Salvador
Prayer Team: Connie Storr
Grace Kids: Jacob Oborn & Afolabi Sanni

Sun, Apr 12th

Ushers: 1 Eric Smith
2 Ed Stairs
3 Gerry Taylor
WC Greeter: Fran Tramontin
Media: Arturo Castellon
Prayer Team: Adebola Afolabi Sanni
Grace Kids: Christina Clark
& Glorietta Benigno

Sun, Apr 19th

Ushers: 1 Mel Sproull
2 Patsy Burke
3 Blair Burke
WC Greeter: Dale Sproull
Media: Arturo Castellon
Prayer Team: Betty Ann Taylor
Grace Kids: Evan Schriver & Esther Bae

Sun, Apr 26th

Ushers: 1 Afolabi Sanni
2 Ruth Sherwin
3 Shade Oyedepo
WC Greeter: Carol Jarvis
Media: Kate Thompson
Prayer Team: Esther Bae
Grace Kids: John Benigno
& Vonda Johnson

Wed, Apr 15	
Pickleball, gym	6:00 PM
Thurs, Apr 16	
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
Fri, Apr 17	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
Sun, Apr 19	
Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30-10:00 AM
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Speed Meeting, FC	12:00 PM
Pickleball, gym	2:15-4 PM
Mon, Apr 20	
LEVL, GG, Par	1:00 PM
Monday Night Group, GG, Par	6:30 PM
Tues, Apr 21	
Craft & Games Group, Par	1:30 PM
Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM
Wed, Apr 22	
Pickleball, gym	6:00 PM
GriefShare, GG, Par	7:00 PM
Thurs, Apr 23	
Ferne Sewell WMS, Par 	1:15 PM
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
Fri, Apr 24	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
Sun, Apr 26	
Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30-10:00 AM
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Watoto Children's Choir, Sa	6:30 PM
Mon, Apr 27	
Connection Team, BR	2:30 PM
LEVL, GG, Par	1:00 PM
Tues, Apr 28	
Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM
Wed, Apr 29	
Pickleball, gym	6:00 PM
Thurs, Apr 30	
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM



THE FREDERICTON MUSIC FESTIVAL will at Grace from **Mon, April 20-23**. If you would like to watch the adjudications, please visit the website <https://frederictonmusicfestival.ca> for more information and tickets.



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.



Grace Youth is weekly on Fridays from 7 - 9 PM, this high-energy community of middle and high school students meets from November 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 Ragnar Oborn ; graceyouthfredericton@gmail.com.



Join us weekly in the gym for Beginners on Sundays at 2:15-4 PM or for Intermediates on Tuesdays at 6:45-9 PM and Wednesdays at 6 PM. For Beginners, it will be training, teaching basic skills and how to play and understand the game. Questions, please contact Pastor Jim Bae: Jimbae3@gmail.com.



The **Library** is located in the Family Centre. The Library will now be open to have unlimited access. Check out our great selection of fiction, children's books self help, reference, and current topics. There are used bible study books with leader manuals and past WMS books available.

If no one is in the Library, just sign your name and the book on the sign-out paper, or sign the card at the back of the book and leave it on the desk. Also on Sunday mornings, there will be a selection of circulating books in the Welcome Centre on the rolling cart and in the book shelves, which you can sign out in the same manner.

TAXES—As tax season is upon us, there are free resources for filing available in Fredericton for various income levels. Volunteer tax clinics are offered from February until April. If you cannot find a tax preparation clinic in your area, check online often as community organizations add clinics regularly. Google Free Tax Clinics to get information on what paperwork is needed to file and what other services are available. CRA Volunteers may be able to complete and file your taxes for free, in person, by video conference, or by phone.

You can search for additional clinics through:

Canada Revenue Agency CVITP site: canada.ca/taxes-help

Connect Fredericton: connectfredericton.ca

Provincial Get Your Benefits program: gnb.ca/en/org/economic-social-inclusion/tax-clinics.html These clinics ensure that eligible residents can file taxes accurately, access benefits, and receive guidance without cost.

**BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF GRACE;
A CHRIST CENTERED MOSAIC
MANY PEOPLES—ONE COMMUNITY**



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 T.J. Smith (Treasurer) 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 priory funds to which people designate offerings:

1. **Current** – The Ministry of Grace. This fund supports everything we do as a congregation.
2. **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.
3. **Building – Major Property Repairs:** This fund is used to help with major repairs to the church building such as a roof.
4. **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.

Monthly Financial Statements
are available for pick up in the foyer.