



Messages this month

The Beatitudes: The Counter-Cultural Blessings of Jesus

Join us every Sunday this August as we continue our summer series and dive into the second half of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). Together, we'll look at what it means to crave true spiritual satisfaction, offer radical mercy, bring exposed hearts before God, step courageously into conflict as peacemakers, and stand strong when our faith is tested.

We look forward to a variety of music during the month from Summer & Kaiah Dumosdos, Connie Storr, Mark Lloyd, Julie Probert, and the Grace Worship.



MESSAGES

Aug 2	A Hunger That Only God Can Satisfy (Pastor Jim)
Aug 9	The Radical Art of Letting It Go (Pastor Peter)
Aug 16	Unmasking the Soul (Pastor Peter)
Aug 23	Disturbing the Peace to Make True Peace (Pastor Peter)
Aug 30	Victorious When You're Under Attack (Pastor Jim)

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

MANY PEOPLES—ONE COMMUNITY

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 AUGUST 2-9

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, James Rankine

Eden Retirement Villa: Hazel Ridley

Paradise Villa: Maizie McInnis

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

GRACE YOUTH & CHILDREN, please pray for the month of August:

There are 2 Summer camps left in August; Wild Wonder Aug 10-14 & Create-A-Camp Aug 17-21st, pray the kids have a healthy connection and experience in their faith.

Pray for our youth to be given wisdom as they work through transitions and important decisions in the coming weeks ahead. Help them to seek Your will in all that they do. And please give them the courage to follow Your leading, no matter where it might take them.

Pray the final weeks of Summer would be enjoyable, restful and a time to connect with family and friends. A time to let stress slip away, relying on the assurance of peace and comfort that Jesus gives us by having faith in Him.

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

NEED PRAYER? Each Sunday a member of the **Prayer Ministry** is available after worship service in the Prayer Room at the front right of the Sanctuary. It is confidential.

Every day the **Prayer Line** is available for your prayer requests. Send them by email to Kathleen at kbrewer168@gmail.com or contact her by phone at 506-449-0848.



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

Sept 1 A - Kendell Dunham & Fran Tramontin

Sept 5 A - Joey & Carolyn Power

Sept 7 Sarah Gunaseelan
Melbourne Sproull

Sept 8 Edna Johnson
David Irving

Sept 14 A - Harland & Lorraine Cook
A - Melbourne & Dale Sproull

Sept 15 Karen Ancheta

Sept 17 Esther Bae
A - Brian & Robin Randall

Sept 18 Ragnar Oborn

Sept 20 Patricia Hughes
Darren Martin

A - Evan & Danielle Schriver

Sept 23 A - Keith & Nancy MacNaughton

Sept 25 Peter Lohnes
A - Ernest & Sandra O'Connell

Sept 26 A - Ronald & Erma Hawkes

Sept 28 Joey Power

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



FAMILY & YOUTH PASTORAL SEARCH TEAM UPDATE As shared in June, the Search Committee has been discerning with a potential candidate whose gifts and experience align well with our needs. Because current circumstances make it difficult for them to travel to Fredericton right now, a small representative group recently traveled to Maine to meet the candidate and their family in person.

The Search Committee will meet this coming week to debrief and seek God's guidance on next steps. Please continue to hold the Committee in prayer during this process. We also ask for your ongoing prayers for our youth and children's ministries, the volunteers and our church families during this extended transition period.



It's hard to believe that **September is right around the corner!** One of the excitements of September is that our annual school year groups are all starting up again. Groups like Grace Groups, various music activities (Grace Choir, Marilyn's Melody Choir, etc.), and Grace Youth Group.

Please let the office know of your start up dates as soon as possible (**due date Aug 16th**) as calendars are being planned, posters are being created, and notices are being sent out to advertise. **Grace Groups** please have start dates and bible study information, if possible. If you have questions, or concerns please contact the office. **Thank you!**



SLIDE PRESENTATION " WALKING IN FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL" WEDNESDAY, SEPT 16TH

You are invited to meet in the Family Centre on **Wednesday, Sept 16th** from 1:00 to 3:30 PM where Allan Spurrell will give a narrated slide presentation of his trip to places traveled by the Apostle Paul. Refreshments will be provided. Please use Northumberland St door.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Homecoming Sunday!

SUNDAY, SEPT 20TH

Fall is around the corner, and we're kicking off the new season in a big way! Who can you invite to join you? We are thrilled to welcome special guest speaker Chris Johnston, Atlantic Canadian Representative for Canadian Baptist Ministries. Chris will share inspiring stories about the global impact we're making together, alongside a powerful message from God's Word.



Stay for Lunch! Stick around after worship for a community lunch in the gym. It's the perfect chance to reconnect, share summer stories, and gear up for a great fall together. See you there!

FALL FOLIAGE BUS TOUR, THURSDAY, OCT 8TH The Connection Team is looking to poll for interest in a "Fall Foliage" bus tour to Carleton County (Woodstock) area. Faith Baptist has been invited to join us as we need at least 45 people to guarantee the coach with the tour company Pam Noble Tours.



Tour Date: Thursday, Oct 8th/26. **Route:** Travel to Woodstock on the west side of the St. John river and return via the east side to see the fall foliage. A hot dinner will be served at the Legion in Woodstock along with live music entertainment. There will be an opportunity to explore/walk downtown Woodstock, and there will be stops of interest along the way. **Cost:** \$145.00 per person, taxes and gratuity included. If you would like to attend, please see the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Centre. A commitment will be required by

Tuesday, Sept 1st, followed by full payment by Tuesday, Sept 8th.



Summer Family Food Backpack Program:

We are Helping to make a difference in our community this summer!

During the school year, local schools partner with the Fredericton Community Kitchens to send backpacks of non-perishable food home with children in need. But what happens when school is out for the summer?

To ensure these families still get support, Grace is serving as the south-side pickup location this summer.

How It Works

- The Food: Sorted and provided entirely by the Fredericton Community Kitchens.
- The Pickup: Client families will pick up their food backpacks at Grace on **Wednesdays** between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM.
- The program runs until **Wednesday, Aug 26th**.

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).



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.



Giving
Hope
Today

August's Community Impact Partner: Salvation Army Fredericton

The Salvation Army exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in the communities of our world. We are an innovative partner, mobilized to share hope wherever there is hardship, building communities that are just and know the love of Jesus.

How to Access Our Services:

- ♦ Phone: 506-455-3243
- ♦ Email: ashley.smaggus@salvationarmy.ca
- ♦ Website: <https://www.frederictonsa.ca>

Our Programs:

1. Housing Program: Offers a unique mortgage model with no down payment and no interest, with payments based on income. Homeowners contribute 500 volunteer hours.
2. ReStore: Sells donated household items and building materials at discounted prices, diverting reusable materials from landfills.

How to Access Our Services or Volunteer: Please contact us using the information provided above.





SNACK ATTACK: Our Grace kiddos are working up an appetite on Sunday mornings! We are looking for donations of any nut-free snacks. Cookies, juice, crackers, cheese, fruit snacks, etc. are all welcome. Give them to our Summer students; John Benigno and Liam Donaldson or drop them off during the week to the office. **Thank you!**

Pre-Camp Staff Party at Sussex River Tubing



Summer Camps

Registration is still open on our webpage gracememorial.ca, and we have 2 camps left!

Camps are for children who have completed from Primary to Grade 5, based on the school year just completed. There is limited enrollment (30 kids and we still have a few spots left). Registration costs remain the same this year at \$115 per week, and is secured with payment. 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.

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.

Asian Cooking Class ~ Thank you Karen & Emilio



Strawberry Social



The Seniors (37 people attended) had a lovely summer BBQ at Oak Point (thank you Dave & Judy). It was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and to enjoy great food provided by those who attended.

World Cup Camp



SUMMER
VIBES



RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God



Sun, August 2 ~ Communion & Food Bank	
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:15-4:00 PM
Mon, August 3 ~ Happy New Brunswick Day ~ Office is closed 	
Wed, August 5	
Backpack Program, Tree Room	10-12:00 PM
Pickleball, gym	6-8:00 PM
Worship Team, Sa	7:00 PM
Sun, August 9	
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:15-4:00 PM
Mon, August 10	
Thomas & Brunswick Hall, Shannex services	2 & 3:00 PM
Wed, August 12	
Backpack Program, Tree Room	10-12:00 PM
Pickleball, gym	6-8:00 PM
Sun, August 16	
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:15-4:00 PM
Wed, August 19	
Backpack Program, Tree Room	10-12:00 PM
Pickleball, gym	6-8:00 PM
Sun, August 23	
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:15-4:00 PM
Wed, August 26	
Backpack Program, Tree Room	10-12:00 PM
Pickleball, gym	6-8:00 PM
Sun, August 30	
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:15-4:00 PM
Rooms: Sanctuary; Sa, Parlour; Par, Welcome Centre; WC, Family Centre; FC	



The **Nursery** 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.

Sun, August 2	
Ushers: 1 Eric Smith 2 Ed Stairs 3 Gerry Taylor	
WC Greeter: Fran Tramontin Dunham	
Media: Emilio Ancheta	
Prayer Team: Lisa Lohnes	
Grace Kids: John Benigno, Liam Donaldson	
Sun, August 9	
Ushers: 1 Mel Sproull 2 Patsy Burke 3 Blair Burke	
WC Greeter: Dale Sproull	
Media: Arturo Castellon	
Prayer Team: Connie Storr	
Grace Kids: John Benigno, Liam Donaldson	
Sun, August 16	
Ushers: 1 Afolabi Sanni 2 Ruth Sherwin 3	
WC Greeter: Carol Jarvis	
Media: Emilio Ancheta	
Prayer Team: Esther Bae	
Grace Kids: John Benigno, Liam Donaldson	
Sun, August 23	
Ushers: 1 Ray Schriver 2 Bob Walton 3 John Curtis	
WC Greeter: Paul & Sonya Melanson	
Media: Kate Thompson	
Prayer Team: Adebola Afolabi Sanni	
Grace Kids: John Benigno, Liam Donaldson	
Sun, August 30	
Ushers: 1 Eric Smith 2 Ed Stairs 3 Gerry Taylor	
WC Greeter: Carolyn Power	
Media: Arturo Castellon	
Prayer Team: Betty Anne Taylor	
Grace Kids: John Benigno, Liam Donaldson	



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 will resume in the Fall.

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) * No cash in the mail please.

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 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.



PICKLEBALL GROUP We meet weekly in the gym on:

- > Sundays, 2:15-4 PM (coordinator Janet jhstudentnanny@gmail.com)
- > Tuesdays, 6:45-9 PM (coordinator Ron rhawkes@rogers.com)
- * Pickleball is not available on Tuesdays until the Fall.
- > Wednesdays, 6-8 PM (coordinator Sheila sheiladunham770@gmail.com)

Please contact the coordinator for each day of the week that is of interest over the Summer months.

Financial Summary as of June 2026

CURRENT ACCT	26 Sundays
Regular Offering	130,470.11
Loose Offering	430.00
Initial Offering (Envelopes)	100.00
Easter	4,960.00
Thanksgiving	0
Christmas	230.00
Summer Camp Registrations	6,415.00
Interest	546.39
Rentals	19,062.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Total Current	162,213.50
Less: Expenditures	174,895.80
Ending Deficit for Period	-12,682.30
Surplus: Beginning of Period	15,839.00
Surplus: End of Period	3,156.70

MISSIONS ACCOUNT

Target for Year (Regular)	21,250.02
Target for Year (Thanksgiving)	0
Target for Year (Christmas)	0
Target Total	21,250.02
Actual Offerings (Regular)	18,288.39
Actual Offerings (Thanksgiving)	0
Actual Offerings (Christmas)	0
Actual Total	18,288.39
Shortfall from Target	-2,961.63

BUILDING ACCOUNT

Regular Offerings	14,087.28
Less Expenses	1,783.21
Surplus: End of Period	12,304.07
Surplus: Beginning of Period	3,330.00
Surplus: End of Period	15,634.07



The **Library** is located in the Family Centre and will now be open with 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 the Library is unattended you can still borrow books using the honour system. Write your name and the book title on the sign-out paper, or fill the card at the back of the book, and leave it on the desk. 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.