

Messages this month

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! February will see us continue the series **The Letter that Changed the World** as we explore Romans chapters 5 to 11. Chapter 5 will help us experience the reality of salvation as we begin to see ourselves through God's eyes. Romans 6-7 will help us over the power of sin in our lives. Romans 8 assures us even in the worst of times, nothing can stop the work of God in our lives. Romans 9-11 we reveal God's plan for His people now and in the future.



We look forward to a variety of music during the month from Yunjia Dai, Kathy Margeson, Julie Probert, Marilyn's Melody Choir, the Grace Worship Team, and Erma Hawkes with the Grace Church Choir.

MESSAGES

February 1	Life and Death (Pastor Peter)
February 8	Freedom from Sin (Pastor Peter)
February 15	The Greatest Chapter Ever Written (Pastor Peter)
February 22	God's Plan from the Start of Time (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.

GRACE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. Jim Bae
Rev. Scott Dunham
Erma Hawkes
Julie Probert
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GRACE WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE FEB 1-8

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'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES Please pray for the month of February :

- Lord, fill our hearts with your understanding and our minds with wisdom. Help them to be curious, to want to learn, grow, and use their gifts to make the world a better place. Pray Christ to reveal his love in their daily lives. Pray that our children and youth will choose to follow Christ, making him the Lord of their lives and following his teachings.
- Lead them to godly influences—friends who will encourage them in faith, family members who will love and support them, and mentors who will guide them in righteousness. Protect them from toxic relationships, peer pressure, and negative influences

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 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.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 4 Samuel Benigno

Mar 5 Kate Thompson

Mar 7 Teddy Randall

Mar 8 Sherrie Evans

Mar 10 Kendell Dunham

Caleb Mohle

Mar 11 Guna Kulasegaram

Mar 13 Summer (Jacey) Dumosdos

Mar 17 Gerry Taylor

Mar 21 Carol Dickinson

Mar 23 Adebola Afolabi Sanni

Bob Walton

Mar 25 Jim Rankine

Kaia Dumosdos

Mar 26 Florence Stokes

Mar 27 Cindy DeAdder

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



CRAFT & BOARD GAME TUESDAYS

Besides individual crafts in the parlour there will also be tables for Board Games in the Family Centre on the 1st and 3rd Tues of each month 1:30-3:30 PM. Anyone is welcome to join. Use the Northumberland entrance. Contact person is Dale Sproull 506-454-0247.



Mid-Week Thursday Winter Prayer Lunches New Day – Same Time ~ Thursdays Noon to 1pm

In February, join us in the Church Family Center on THURSDAYS from noon to 1 PM for a time of lunch and prayer. Each week we will spend the first 30 minutes nourishing our body with a light lunch of soup and bread (no dessert) and then the second 30 minutes nourishing our souls in prayer. We aim to be done by 1pm to get you back to work or on with the rest of your afternoon. There is no cost. No prayer experience is necessary and no one is put on the spot. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special season of prayer.

Children & Youth Ministry Volunteer Lunch

AFTER WORSHIP SUNDAY, FEB 8TH

At Grace, we are very grateful for **each** volunteer working in the children's and youth programs. You are part of shaping the faith of emerging generations and the hands of Jesus in those ministries. We would like to invite you to an appreciation/training lunch after worship on Sunday, Feb 8th. We'll have lunch, highlight the themes for the year, share some tips on working with kids with you, go over the Plan to Protect, and have you on your way by 1:30 PM at the very latest.

Are you interested in helping with children or youth ministries? Want to know what it is about? We would love to have you join us at the Children & Youth Ministry Volunteer Lunch. You'll hear about the programs, what is required, and have an opportunity to have your questions answered.

In order for us to know how many people to prepare for, please let us know you plan to attend. Connect with Pastor Peter, Pastor Jim or the church office **by Tuesday, Feb 3rd** to let us know you are coming, and if you have any dietary concerns. We look forward to hearing from you!



THE LENT EXPERIENCE TUESDAYS 7 - 8:30 PM, PARLOUR FEBRUARY 17 TO MARCH 17

What happens when you take 2,000 years of a Christian tradition, capture the heart of it, and reimagine it? Whether you're a veteran of observing Lent or a rookie who is jumping in for the first time, you are invited to join us for an experience that just may surprise you.

Each week we'll watch a short video teaching from Eric Ferris on a specific spiritual practice which Christians have been observing for almost two thousand years. You'll be challenged to try it that week. When we gather the next week, we will take some time to talk about how it went and then learn the next challenge. Each person will receive a participant journal is loaded with everything needed to learn more about Lent and to successfully complete each week's challenge.

Everyone is welcome for this seven-week experience. Connect with Pastor Peter to pick up your copy of the Participant Journal.



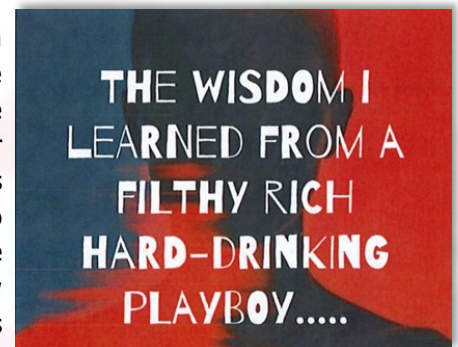
LUNCH & ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING ~ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

This annual congregational meeting is an important moment to **CELEBRATE** some of the amazing things God has done in the past year and anticipate ministry opportunities in this new year. We'll review reports from 2025, make decisions on plans and budgets for 2026, and vote on leaders for the next year. We'll have lunch at 12 PM after worship and then start the meeting in the Family Centre at about 1 PM, with a zoom option available for those who are unable to attend in person. We would love to see you stay for lunch, even if you do not plan on attending the meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting, although only members are able to vote. Annual Reports will be available on Sunday, Feb 8th.

THE LOGIC OF AGAPE SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH, 6-8 PM GRACE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Vision

We aren't just hosting another outreach church event; we are creating a "third space" or a "safe space" to enjoy dinner and conversation. This space and event isn't in a home and isn't a traditional church event; instead, the intention is a neutral space to allow curiosity to grow. It is an invitation for people to explore the trustworthiness of the Bible story. The Logic of Agape is designed specifically for our friends, neighbours, and even coworkers who might find church intimidating or irrelevant in today's culture. Through the experience of enjoying food, music, and honest storytelling, we want to show the Gospel isn't a set of rules, but a radical, unconventional love that is deeply relevant to our modern lives.



The Invite

The wording on the front of the invitation card is designed to gain attention and hopefully invite curiosity. It intentionally has a very non-church feel, and the scripture is based on Ecclesiastes 2:1-10 from Solomon. Interestingly, this type of lifestyle has been present throughout time with the same results. Because this event is created for the "unchurched/it's been a long time/I used to go when I was young..etc", the most effective invitation is going to be from you personally. How to share this event? Be excited but don't "preach" the invite, instead try handing them an invitation card, mention the details on the back. Say something like "My church is hosting an evening of great food, music, and some honest conversation about love and grace. I'd love for you to join me and check it out." Assure them they will not be singled out or pressured, and it's not a sermon. They are our guests invited to an evening of music, dinner, and conversation. A safe space to ask questions or just listen.

Cards are available now and will be over the next month, pick up your cards in the Welcome Centre. If you have questions, speak to Ragnar; 506-259-2255, ragoborn@gmail.com.

Please be in prayer for the **Logic of Agape** event on **Saturday, March 14th**. Pray for it to be a successful event that is well attended reaching a variety of people in our personal lives and community. **RSVP** the office **by Tuesday, March 10th** at office@gracememorial.ca or 506-458-8527. **Thank you**



Watoto CHILDREN'S CHOIR **NOW ON TOUR**

WE ARE EXCITED to the one of the hosting churches for the **2026 Watoto Children's Choir** from Uganda on **Sunday, April 26th**. This exciting and engaging concert will feature dance and songs from the choir's new album *Better Days – There is Hope* and features stories of orphaned and abandoned children who have received the love and care of Christ to help them rise above their circumstances and ready to make a difference in the world.



THE NEED RIGHT NOW: There will be lots more information closer to the concert date, but right now we need **ten homes** willing to billet 1 adult and 1 or 2 children for two nights. Hosts homes will need at least two rooms (one for the adult and one for the kids) and be able to provide two breakfasts and two bag type lunches. A complete guide for hosts is available. If you are interested in the blessing of hosting please connect with Pastor Peter or Pastor Jim.



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

UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR YOUTH & FAMILY PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE:

The Committee met again in January to finalize changes to the Job Description and makes decisions about where to advertise the posting. The job posting is now on the Ministry Openings webpage for the three Canadian Baptist denominations across the country and the Christian Careers Canada website. A special page has also been created on the church website. The Committee will be accepting resumes and applications until **March 15th** after which the Committee will meet to review the applications and create a short list of applicants to further explore. You can find the job description online at atlanticbaptist.ca/transitions/ministry-opportunities/ and applications can be sent to pastorsearch@gracememorial.ca.

THE IMPACT PARTNERS PROGRAM Grace has partnered with the Impact Partners program that is a 12-month initiative led by the Joy Network to raise awareness and support for 12 incredible non-profit organizations in the Fredericton region. This program focuses on community partners addressing food insecurity and housing insecurity, aiming to create a significant positive impact on the local community.

Goals: Raise awareness about vital non-profit services in Fredericton • Provide significant financial support to featured non-profits • Increase volunteer engagement through Impact Opportunities • Create a network of support between Joy, local churches, businesses, and non-profits.

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THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

It's the **tenth anniversary year** for the **Grace Walkers Team!** Coldest Night of the Year is an annual fundraiser to help the homeless in our city through the John Howard Society. This year our goal is \$2000. Walkers will meet at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre on Regent Street around 4:45 PM and begin walking a 5km route at 5:00 PM. We'll return to the centre for an amazing bowl of hot soup to wrap up. Anyone and everyone are welcome to join the team and if you happen to raise \$150 or more in sponsors, you get one of the exclusive CNOY toques. **And yeah, we know you want one!**



Join the Team

1. Go to cnoy.org. Login if you have walked before or register if this is your first time.
2. Once you've registered, join the Grace Walkers Team in Fredericton.
3. Let your friends and family know so they can sponsor you.

Support the Walkers

1. Go to cnoy.org
2. Search "Grace Walkers" to find the team or search for the name of a particular person you want to support.
3. Click on Grace Walkers (Fredericton) to go to the team's page.
4. Click on the donate button and follow the instructions to donate to the team or individual.

All funds raised will support efforts to assist the homeless in Fredericton through the John Howard Society.

Thank you for supporting our community!





THANK YOU pastor Peter and Lisa Lohnes for organizing and preparing a fun staff and ministry leaders appreciation dinner at the Good Guys Golf today. We had dinner and enjoyed playing mini golf and golf simulator.

**THE WISDOM I
LEARNED FROM A
FILTHY RICH
HARD-DRINKING
PLAYBOY.....**



The Logic of Agape

Reflections of an engineer figuring out the algorithm of life through the analysis of pop-culture and literature. A dinner and discussion led by Ragnar Oborn.

Join us for dinner
on Saturday, March 14th, 6-8 PM at
Grace Memorial Baptist Church
536 Northumberland Street.
RSVP by Tuesday, March 10th
office@gracememorial.ca or 506-458-8527

SCHEDULE FOR GRACE FEBRUARY 2026

Sun, Feb 1 ~ Communion & Food Bank

Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30-10:00 AM
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM

Mon, Feb 2

LEVL, GG, Par	1:00 PM
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Tues, Feb 3

Craft & Games Group, Par, FC	1:30 PM
Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM

Wed, Feb 4

Worship Team, Sa	7:00 PM
GriefShare, Par	7:00 PM

Thurs, Feb 5

Prayer Lunch, FC	12:00 PM
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM

Fri, Feb 6

Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
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Sun, Feb 8

Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30-10:00 AM
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Children & Youth Ministry Lunch, FC	12:00 PM
Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM

Mon, Feb 9

LEVL, GG, Par	1:00 PM
Thomas & Brunswick Hall, Shannex service	2 PM & 3 PM
Prop & Fin Team, BR	6:00 PM
Monday Night Group, GG, Par	6:30 PM

Tues, Feb 10

Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM
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Thurs, Feb 12

Prayer Lunch, FC	12:00 PM
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM

Fri, Feb 13

Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
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Sun, Feb 15

Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30-10:00 AM
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM

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

Grace Groups; GG (see chart)

Sun, Feb 1

Ushers: 1 Mel Sproull
2 Patsy Burke
3 Blair Burke

WC Greeter: Sarah Gunaseelan

Media: Reymer Salvador

Prayer Team: Adebola Afolabi Sanni

Sun, Feb 8

Ushers: 1 Afolabi Sanni
2 Ruth Sherwin
3 Shade Oyedepo

WC Greeter: Janet Howland

Media: Arturo Castellon

Prayer Team: Betty Anne Taylor

Sun, Feb 15

Ushers: 1 Ray Schriver
2 Bob Walton
3 John Curtis

WC Greeter: Doreen McClare

Media: Emilio Ancheta

Prayer Team: Scott Dunham

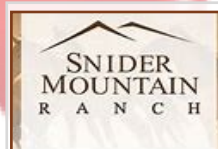
Sun, Feb 22

Ushers: 1 Eric Smith
2 Ed Stairs
3 Gerry Taylor

WC Greeter: Fran Tramontin

Media: Arturo Castellon

Prayer Team: Lisa Lohnes



Please be in prayer for the **40th Men's Fredericton Christian Retreat** Feb 6 - 8th.

Mon, Feb 16 ~ Happy Family Day ~ office closed	
Connection Team, BR	4:30 PM
Tues, Feb 17	
Craft & Games Group, Par, FC	1:30 PM
Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM
The Lent Experience, GG, Par	7:00 PM
Wed, Feb 18	
GriefShare, Par	7:00 PM
Thurs, Feb 19	
Prayer Lunch, FC	12:00 PM
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
Fri, Feb 20	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
Sun, Feb 22	
Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30-10:00 AM
Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
Lunch, Gym & Annual Business Meeting, FC	12 & 1 PM
Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM
Mon, Feb 23	
LEVL, GG, Par	1:00 PM
Monday Night Group, GG, Par	6:30 PM
Tues, Feb 24	
Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM
The Lent Experience, GG, Par	7:00 PM
Thurs, Feb 26	
Prayer Lunch, FC	12:00 PM
Grace Church Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
Fri, Feb 27	
Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
Sat, Feb 28	
Coldest Night of the Year Walk, see page 6	4:45 PM



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 Peter or Ragnar ; graceyouthfredericton@gmail.com.



Pickleball Join us weekly in the gym for Beginners on Sundays at 2:30-4 PM or for Intermediates on Tuesdays 6:45-9 PM. For Beginners, it will training, teaching basic skills and how to play and understand the game. Questions please contact Pastor Jim Bae; Jimbae3@gmail.com.



The **Library** 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.

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 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.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE FOYER**

Financial Summary as of December 2025

CURRENT ACCT	52 Sundays
Regular Offering	\$269,24
Loose Offering	457
Initial Offering (Envelopes)	65
Easter	6,395
Thanksgiving	6,540
Christmas	10,952
Summer Camp Registrations	7,525
Interest	7,197
Rentals	27,515
Miscellaneous	5,340
Total Current	\$341,23
Less: Expenditures	358,769
Current Deficit for the Year	-17,537
Surplus at the Beginning	32,874
Surplus at the End of Year	15,337

MISSIONS ACCOUNT

Target for Year (Regular)	42,500
Target for Year (Thanksgiving)	2,500
Target for Year (Christmas)	2,500
Target Total	47,500

Actual Offerings (Regular)	39,446
Actual Offerings (Thanksgiving)	3,555
Actual Offerings (Christmas)	2,738
Actual Total	45,739
Shortfall from Target	-1,761

BUILDING ACCOUNT

Regular Offerings	10,211
Less Expenses	36,945
Ending Bldg Deficit for	-26,734
Surplus at Beginning	32,689
Surplus at End of Period	5,954