

#### GRACE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH October 2025



#### **Messages this month**

**60** YEARS AGO the people of George Street Baptist, by faith, moved to the outskirts of city to create more space for worship and ministry and renamed themselves Grace Memorial Baptist. This fall, we honor that vision with series of messages exploring various facets of God's grace, starting off with the basic question of "What is Grace?" For Thanksgiving, we celebrate God's grace with a special intergeneration worship experience. Also, in October we'll hear from our Sent Team about their experiences of God's grace while ministering in the Dominican Republic last June. Mark your calendars and plan to join us each Sunday as we immerse ourselves in God's grace.

We look forward to a variety of music during the month from; Esther Bae, Marilyn's Melody Choir, Kathy Margeson, Margaret Jewett, Grace Winds & Strings, Julie Probert, the Grace Worship Team, and Erma Hawkes with the Grace Church Choir.

MESSAGES	
Oct 5	What is Grace? (Pastor Peter)
Oct 12	The Story of Grace (Pastor Peter)
Oct 19	Grace in the Dominican (Dominican SENT Team)
Oct 26	Grace that Sustains Us (Pastor Jim)



**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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#### GRACE WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE OCT 5-12

Saint John Regional Hospital: Alice Gilmore

At Home: Heather Fletcher-Switzer, Teddy & Claire Randall, Rose Marie Patterson, Helen Currie,

Shirley Pierpoint, Sheila Martin, Dorothy Barrieau, Marg & Stephanie Pollock, James Rankine, Erma Hawkes,

Lisa Lohnes, Guna Kulasegaram, Gerry Crouse, Sylvia Dykeman

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

Windsor Court: Sherri Evans

#### Please pray for GRACE CHILDREN & YOUTH for the month of October:

A month of **Thanksgiving.** Please pray that God will help our children to see him throughout the month of October learning gratitude and grace for every day things. Pray that Christian children to be a reflection of Christ to others.

Grace Youth started last week! Pray for our leaders, volunteers, for a fantastic year ahead with spiritual growth and learning. That their words and actions reflect the glory of God and they be a blessing to the youth. Pray that Youth to come with curious and open hearts. And that this youth group season will be successful. We are so grateful to have a program to offer our youth and community.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:kbrewer168@gmail.com">kbrewer168@gmail.com</a> or by phone 506-449-0848. New members are always welcome.

**GOING TO HOSPITAL?** Please remember that in Horizon Health facilities, that clergy and pastoral care are no longer able to be told whether a particular person is in hospital or not due to privacy. 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.

**Nov 3** Enoch Afolabi- Sanni

**Nov 4** A - Brent & Darlene Evans

**Nov 7** Glorietta Benigno

**Nov 9** A-Ray & Gail Boyle

A - Gerry & Betty Ann Taylor

**Nov 10** Paul Daniels

**Nov 12** Gerald Crouse

Nov 14 Robin Randall

Nov 22 A - Tony Yin & Rebecca Tang

Nov 23 Doreen McClare

**Nov 24** Keith MacNaughton

**Nov 27** Nancy Thompson

Rania Youssef

Nov 29 Rebecca Tang

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



## HOME STYLE POTLUCK LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

What foods remind you of home? Pizza? Kimchi? Baked beans? Jollof? Brownies? Apple pie? Bring along your favorite dish (or just something easy for you to make) to share for a potluck lunch following worship on Sun, October 19th.

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 17th - FREDERICTON YOUTH RALLY 6-8:30 PM AT HOPE CITY CHURCH



On **Friday**, **Oct 17th** our Grace Youth group will join about **500 other youth** on the Northside Fredericton Youth Rally at Hope City Church. This runs from 6 - 8:30 PM so we need to start earlier than our normal 7 PM. If more youth will be joining us (we would love it if they can) then they need to be at Grace by 5:30 PM so that we can car pool over for the 6 PM start. We need to **register** our group with an approximate number of youth by **Wed**, **Oct 15th**. If you already

know that your youth will be joining us then reply to graceyouthfredericton@gmail.com with names/numbers as soon as possible.

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH - JEMSEG YOUTH CHARACTER/TREASURE HUNT 7 PM AT JEMSEG BAPTIST CHURCH



On **Friday, Oct 24th**, we have been invited to join the Jemseg youth group for their annual Character Scavenger/Treasure hunt at the Jemseg Baptist Church. We will need to depart from our Grace at 6:30 PM to get to Jemseg youth group in time. Please let us know by **Wed, Oct 22nd** so we can plan the car pool to Jemseg. Don't forget to bring a friend!

For both of these events, if you already know that your youth will be joining us then reply to graceyouthfredericton@gmail.com with names/numbers as soon as possible. Thank you!

God Bless, Ragnar - for the wider Youth Group Leadership Team

# Seniors' Event - Wednesday, October 22nd

Seniors are invited to attend a social event in the Family Centre on **Wed, Oct 22nd** from 1:30-3:30 PM. There will be a slide show by Allan Spurrell, refreshments, and presentation by Rachel Neal. Please **sign up** in the Welcome Centre by **Sun, Oct 19th** to give us an idea of numbers to prepare for. Contact person is Judy Neal at **judyneal@nb.sympatico.ca** or Dale Sproull 506-454-0247.

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF GRACE;
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Many Peoples—One Community

#### EVERYONE NEEDS MORE GRACE

#### PROPOSAL FOR FOUR PRIORITIES IN THE NEXT 3 TO 5 YEARS

In December of 2024, the Leadership Board formed the Vision Team to develop 3-to-5-year goals for Grace. The team includes Karen Ancheta, Jim Bae, Cindy DeAdder, Peter Lohnes and Dale Sproull. The team used a five-stage process:

- **1. Input** From January to March the team looked at current ministries and consulted with the congregation in a variety of ways including visiting small groups, surveys, and listening groups. Over 70 different individuals supplied input through these means.
- **2. Discernment** Through April and May the team thoroughly reviewed the input and prayerfully looked for themes, key points and common concerns seeking to identify key priorities which God is leading us to focus on.
- **3. Draft Document** The team identified four priorities, and drafted an initial statement.
- **4. Draft Revisions** The draft was shared with the Leadership Board, church staff and key leaders who gave feedback and suggested various revisions.
- **5. Seeking Congregational Approval** The team is sharing the proposed priorities with the congregation for consideration. Print copies of the priorities document and some ideas for moving forward are available in the entry way. A Congregational Meeting is planned following a potluck lunch on October 19. Please continue to keep the congregation in your prayers as we continue going through this season of discernment, seeking God's leading and vision for Grace.

#### SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSAL

**Vision Statement:** The 2020 Vision Team developed a "Vision Story" which emphasized the intercultural and intergenerational nature of the congregation. Input from the congregation affirmed that continuing desire to be intergenerational, intercultural people. The 2025 Team is proposal keeping that same emphasis, but with a much shorter statement still utilizing the Revelation 7:9-10 reference:

## Our dream is for Grace Memorial to be transformed into a community where every nation, tribe, people, language and generation will experience God's grace and enter into a growing and life-giving relationship with God.

There was an abundance of input from the congregation, and four areas in which the comments seemed to focus. Other areas of ministry and church life were highlighted, but these four areas were the most commonly commented on and seemed most pressing in people's concerns.

#### **Four Strategic Priorities for Next Three to Five Years:**

- 1. Emerging Generations Pastoral Leadership The results of the 2020 vision process empowered a Pastoral Search Team for both a Community Connections Pastor and an Emerging Generation Pastor. At that time, there was no suitable candidate for the Emerging Generation and Grace called Pastor Jim to the Community Connection position. In the wake of COVID, and a changing financial position, the Emerging Generation position remained unfilled and children's and youth ministries have been led and organized by both volunteers and the other pastoral staff. The need for dedicated pastoral leadership for this position was the most commented on item by the congregation. Additionally, a recent unexpected (God-provided) estate gift can provide stable funding for this position. Two recommendations are being made in this area:
  - A search team be formed to call an Emerging Generation Pastor to lead and nurture next generation ministries.
  - The salary for this position be initially funded by a bequest from the estate of M. Tong.

CONT. SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSAL

- **2. Worship Renewal** Comments on worship were the second most frequent topic, which one might expect, because it is the primary opportunity for the congregation to connect on a weekly basis. People were appreciative of the blended worship style, the biblical teaching, and the friendly atmosphere. There was generally a sense we should continue to seek to be less formal in our approach to worship, with lots of suggestions for more intergenerational and intercultural elements in our worship services. On the hardware side, there has been significant strides in the upgrading equipment over the past few years, including, among other things, new computers and cameras to enable livestreaming, newer microphones and a new digital sound board and there seems to be desire to continue to build on these further. Recommendations in the area of worship include:
  - Added elements to the format of Sunday worship highlighting the intercultural and intergenerational nature of the congregation along with our blended worship style.
  - Upgraded elements to both sound and livestreaming equipment to continue to build the worship experience for both in-person and online worshippers.
- **3. Deepening Congregational Connections** Christian faith deepens and grows within relationships, both with God and with God's people. There is great appreciation for the Welcome Café and the opportunity to fellowship after worship each Sunday. Comments from the congregation expressed a desire for more opportunities to connect outside of Sunday worship, such as informal fellowship events and after worship meals. Similarly, there is a concern to maintain connections and ministry with those who are no longer able to attend in-person events or worship due to health and/or aging complications. The Vision Team recommends we:
  - Develop a more comprehensive strategy for maintaining connection especially for those limited in their ability to connect with the congregation.
  - Develop a strategy to allow for greater opportunities for fellowship and connection outside the Sunday morning worship.
- **4. Leader & Volunteer Development** Every contemporary organization seems to be having an issue finding people willing or able to volunteer, especially post-COVID. As Christians we believe God has placed a call on His people to be part of His ministry and that He works through the hands and feet of His people. For several years it has been a challenge to be able to staff several important and key ministries which also makes it hard to find persons to lead them. People believe a new approach is needed. The Vision Team recommends Leadership:
  - Develop a strategy for volunteer development.
  - Develop a strategy for leadership development.

A Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote on these proposed priorities will be held 12:30 PM, (following worship and a potluck lunch), on Sunday, October 19th.

Please continue to keep the congregation in your prayers as we continue going through this season of discernment, seeking God's leading and vision for Grace.

#### **GIVING THANKS 2025**



THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING & DOMINICAN TEAM PRESENTATION Each year as we Your World express our thanksgivings to God, we give a portion to a ministry beyond our walls. This year that portion will go through Canadian Baptist Ministries to our partner churches in the Dominican Republic as they seek to bring grace and hope to the small rural and poorer urban communities in which they minister. These funds will help support important life-changing educational and poverty relief programs in the country.

During their trip in June, our Grace Dominican SENT Team got to see several of these ministries first hand and were impressed by the impact these small but vibrant churches are having in their communities. Join us in worship on October 19th, to learn more about the amazing work in the Dominican as the SENT Team shares their experiences from their journey.

COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: FREDERICTON COMMUNITY KITCHENS Each month, in cooperation with JoyFM and churches across the city, one local community non-profit and the work they do in serving Fredericton is selected. This month we're highlighting the work of Fredericton Community Kitchens. This will be the last Community Partner highlight for 2025 as they are updating the program in January 2026.

Starting in 1982, Fredericton Community Kitchens have been providing free meals to Fredericton's hungry through several different initiatives. At their Brunswick Street location, they provide three meals each weekday and two on Saturdays and Sundays. Through the Student Hungry program, they provide lunches at over twenty -different schools throughout the city. In the Outreach Program they provide emergency food boxes. And at the Doone Street Community Center they provide a grab and go breakfast during the school year. In 2023 the combined effort of all their programs providing almost two hundred thousand meals, averaging 16,500 meals served per month.



Outreach ministry opportunity for Grace, pastor Jim Bae and Paula Dunnett would like to extend the invitation to Grace to volunteer monthly on the third Thursday or Fridays, at the Northside Doone Street Community Centre. Mornings are spent helping to pass out grab

and go breakfast items and snacks for students at the Doone Street Community Centre located at 578 Doone Street. The shift is from 7 to 8:15 AM on all school days. If anyone would like to join us, please fill out a volunteer application with the Fredericton community kitchens. For more information on this opportunity, please contact pastor Jim.

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#### LOVING COMMUNITY October 2025



**SECOND CHANCE CLOTHING COLLECTION** - **Thank you** for the ongoing support for this local ministry! These donations support individuals transitioning from incarceration back to society. It collects all types and sizes of new or used men's clothing, and donates them to the Saint John Regional Correctional Facility, for men to receive on the day they are released from jail.

When men arrive at jail, their clothes are taken and held for months/years until their release date, after which the clothes are too big or small, dirty or torn. About half of the men do not have a home or family waiting for them at release, so they have a challenging road ahead.

**We can meet this need** by donating pants, shirts, hats, coats and shoes- provides dignity to these men, and following scripture, Matthew 25:36, "I needed clothes and you clothed me...". Simply check your closets and dresser drawers to get rid of items you no longer need (or fit into!), bag them, and bring them to the entryway of the Sanctuary.

For more information, contact Valerie Marshall, of Faith Baptist Church in New Maryland, at valmarq3@gmail.com.

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#### SCHEDULE FOR GRACE OCTOBER 2025

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	Wed, Oct 1	
	GriefShare, Par	7:00 PM
f	Worship Team, Sa	7:00 PM
	Thurs, Oct 2	
	Grace Senior Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
	Fri, Oct 3	
	Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
	Sun, Oct 5 ~ Communion & Food Bank ~	
	Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30 AM
	Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
	Q & A Vision Team, FC	12:00 PM
	Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM
	Mon, Oct 6	
ř	LEVL, Par, GG	1:00 PM
	Thomas & Brunswick Hall, Shannex service	2 PM & 3 PM
	Monday Night Group, GG, Par	6:30 PM
	Tues, Oct 7	
	Pickleball, gym	6:45 pm
	Peter Lohnes, GG, Par	7:00 PM
ı	Thurs, Oct 9	
	Grace Senior Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM
	Fri, Oct 10	
-	Grace Youth, gym, FC	7:00 PM
	Sun, Oct 12	
	Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30 AM
	Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM
	Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM
	Mon, Oct 13 $\sim$ Office closed $\sim$ Happy Thanksgiving $\sim$	
	Tues, Oct 14	
	Craft Group, Par	1:30 PM
	Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM
	Peter Lohnes, GG, Par	7:00 PM
	Wed, Oct 15	
	GriefShare, Par	7:00 PM
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Rooms: Sanctuary; Sa, Parlour; Par, Welcome Centre; WC, Family Centre; FC

Grace Groups; GG (see chart)

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.

#### Sun, Oct 12

Ushers: 1 Eric Smith

2 Ed Stairs 3 Gerry Taylor

WC Greeter: Carolyn Power

Media: Emilio Ancheta

**Prayer Team:** Betty Ann Taylor

#### Sun, Oct 19

**Ushers:** 1 Mel Sproull

2 Patsy Burke

3 Blair Burke

WC Greeter: Dale Sproull Media: Reymer Salvador Prayer Team: Lisa Lohnes

#### Sun, Oct 26

Ushers: 1 Afolabi Sanni

2 Daniel Corrier

3 Shade Oyedepo

WC Greeter: Daniel Corrier Media: Kate Thompson

Prayer Team: Connie Storr

The **Library** is located in the Family Centre and is open half an hour before service and again after service. This is a wonderful resource for everything from books, music, bible studies, movies, resource bible books and much more! Everyone from toddlers to adults can enjoy this outreach. If you have questions please contact Danielle at <u>schriver.danielle@gmail.com</u> contact the office.

### **Operation Christmas Child**-It's

just around the corner! Soon you will see our Christmas Shoeboxes. Join us in providing international relief through Samaritan's Purse. Our mission is to reach out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

#### Cont. SCHEDULE FOR GRACE OCTOBER 2025

	Thurs, Oct 16			
	Grace Senior Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM		
•	Fri, Oct 17			
	Grace Youth, Fredericton Youth Rally, Hope City Church $\ast$ see advert p. 3	6:00 PM		
1	Sun, Oct 19			
Č.	Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30 AM		
	Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM		
	Potluck, gym & Church Business Meeting, FC	12:00 PM & 1:15 PM		
	Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM		
	Mon, Oct 20			
	LEVL, Par, GG	1:00 PM		
	Monday Night Group, GG, Par	6:30 PM		
	Prop & Fin Team, Board Room	6:30 PM		
	Tues, Oct 21			
1	Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM		
ĺ	Peter Lohnes, GG, Par	7:00 PM		
	Wed, Oct 22			
	Senior's Event, FC	1:30 PM		
	Thurs, Oct 23			
6	Ferne Sewell WMS, Par	1:15 PM		
	Grace Senior Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM		
	Fri, Oct 24			
	Grace Youth, Jemseg Youth Character Treasure Hunt, Jemseg Baptist Church * see advert p. 3	7:00 PM		
	Sun, Oct 26 ~ Pastor Appreciation Sunday ~			
	Marilyn's Melody Choir, FC	9:30 AM		
	Worship service, Sa	10:30 AM		
	Pickleball, gym	2:30-4 PM		
	Mon, Oct 27			
	Connection Team, BR	1:30 PM		
	Tues, Oct 28			
	Pickleball, gym	6:45 PM		
	Peter Lohnes, GG, Par	7:00 PM		
	Thurs, Oct 30			
	Grace Senior Choir, Choir Room	7:00 PM		
	Fri, Oct 31 ~ Happy Halloween ~			
	Grace Youth Group, gym, FC	7:00 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 is for 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.

Fridays from 7 - 9 PM, this high -energy community of middle and high school students meets from October 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.



#### 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: <a href="mailto:treasureratgrace536@gmail.com">treasureratgrace536@gmail.com</a>. 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.

