



Grace Memorial Baptist Church Oct 12th



## GRACE NOTES

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP & HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** Today is a day for gratitude to God for all His blessings. This morning's worship will include opportunities to express our thanks through various means, as we especially remember the people in our lives for whom we are grateful. There is also an intergenerational focus as we seek to include all ages in our worship today, including a special song from the Marilyn's Melody Choir.

**Marilyn's Melody Choir, Grace Church Choir,  
The Grace Worship Team**

**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 orange **Connection Card**. Please fill it out and drop it in the one of the offering boxes as you exiting the Sanctuary. We look forward to hearing from you!

**NEED PRAYER?** Each Sunday a member of the **Prayer Ministry** is available after worship 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](mailto:kbrewer168@gmail.com) or contact her by phone at 506-449-0848.

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# **EVERYONE NEEDS MORE GRACE ~ PROPOSAL FROM THE VISION TEAM**

*Four Priorities in the Next 3 to 5 Years*

**Vision Statement:** Our hope 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.

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

**1. Emerging Generations Pastoral Leadership:** A search team be formed to call an Emerging Generation Pastor to lead and nurture next generation ministries.

The salary for this position will be initially funded by a bequest from the estate of M. Tong.

**2. Worship Renewal:** 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:** 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:**

- 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.**



## **SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

Each year as we express our thanksgivings to God, we give a portion to a ministry beyond our walls. This year we are supporting our partner churches in the Dominican Republic as they 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. You can donate to the Thanksgiving Offering either through the special envelope available in the entryway, or through e-transfer to **treasureratgrace536@gmail.com** and put "Thanksgiving" in the note. And join us next Sunday as the Dominican SENT team shares some about these ministries and some of their experiences from their recent trip to the DR.

## **POTLUCK LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY (OCTOBER 19TH)**

Join us after worship next Sunday for a potluck lunch. Bring along your favorite dish to share with the potluck. It can be a main course or a dessert. You can take it to the big kitchen when you arrive for worship and then join us in the gym to share the meal together at lunch.



## **A REMINDER FOR YOUTH & PARENTS FOR TWO UPCOMING EVENTS**

If you already know that your youth will be joining us for these events, then reply to **graceyouthfredericton@gmail.com** with names/numbers (how many youth) as soon as possible. Please note the dates we need the information by to arrange for car pooling. More information can be found in the October bulletin.

### **1. Friday, October 17th - Fredericton Youth Rally 6-8:30 PM at Hope City Church**

- We need to register our group by Wed, Oct 15th.

### **2. Friday, October 24th - Jemseg Youth Character/Treasure Hunt, 7 PM at Jemseg Baptist Church**

- Please let us know by Wed, Oct 22nd.

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# FIVE WAYS TO GROW GRATEFUL KIDS

Gratitude is our response of thankfulness for God's goodness, love, provision, and grace.

As Christ-followers, we don't just practice gratitude because it's good for our health (although it is!), or only when things go smoothly. Our gratitude flows from an awareness that, regardless of our circumstance, God loves us and is with us. Here are five tips for cultivating grateful living with your family.

## 1 EXPRESS YOURSELF

Express your gratefulness to God and to others (including your kids!) out loud and often. They're taking their cues from you, and the best way to cultivate a grateful spirit in your kids is to cultivate it in yourself too.

## 2 PROVIDE PROMPTS

At mealtime, at bedtime prayers, and at other times, invite everyone to name a person/place/ thing/experience for which they are grateful, or to name something they can hear/see/taste/touch/ smell for which they are grateful.

## 3 TAKE NOTE OF GOD'S GIFTS

Keep track of God's good gifts using a format that works for your family. Some ideas: keep a family gratitude journal; jot your thoughts on sticky notes and post them on a Gratitude Wall; express your thankfulness on paper strips placed in a Gratitude Jar; write or draw things for which you are grateful on a paper tablecloth. Save your lists and drawings and revisit them at Thanksgiving, on New Year's Day, or anytime you'd like a reminder of God's provision.

## 4 REMEMBER GOD'S GOODNESS

During challenging circumstances, remind your kids that God is with them. Wonder about the ways in which God may be at work behind the scenes. Express gratitude for the fact that even though we may not fully understand God's plan, we can trust that God works for good in all situations and that our destiny is safe in his hands.

## 5 LIVE GRATEFULLY

Your practices should overflow into your community. Be generous with your time, talents, and resources. Show appreciation to others in tangible ways. Be a servant. And always try to treat others in ways for which they can be grateful and give thanks to God!