



GRACE NOTES

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! As we continue our study through Romans. Ragnar will use Abraham's example of faith as described in Romans 4, to invite us to also take a step of faith as Abraham did. Abraham's step of faith required moving to a new country and being willing to offer his only son back to God. From that pattern, we explore what God is doing today (through Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet) and learn about a church initiative launched today that captures the essence of both the Great Banquet and Abraham's faith."

Prelude, Hymns and Postlude:

Esther Bae - piano & Julie Probert - organ,

Grace Church Choir

& The Grace Worship Team

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** or contact her by phone at 506-449-0848.

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Rev. Jim Bae

Rev. Scott Dunham



MIDWEEK WINTER PRAYER LUNCHES Join us Wednesdays

from Noon to 1pm, for a time of lunch and prayer. Each week we will spend the first 30 minutes nourishing the body with a light lunch of soup and bread (no dessert), and then the second 30 minutes nourishing our souls in prayer. We will aim to be done on time to get you back to work or on with the rest of your afternoon. No cost, no praying experience necessary, and no one will be put on the spot. Everyone is welcome to join us in 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!



ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING 1 PM, SUNDAY, FEB 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 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. Anyone is welcome to attend, although only members are able to vote.

WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE



In Person: There are Offering Boxes just inside each Sanctuary door. Drop your offering info one of these boxes at worship or drop it into the church office during office hours.



Pre-Authorized Debit: You can set up an automatic withdrawal from your bank account. There are options for times of the month for withdrawal. Please contact Sheila sheiladunham770@gmail.com, or 506-454-6259 or the office.



By E-Transfer: Send e-transfers to treasurerat536@gmail.com. Please indicate clearly in the message section how much you are giving to particular funds. (Ex. Current, Missions, Benevolent, etc.)

Thank you

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 Bldng Deficit for	-26,734
Surplus at Beginning	32,689
Surplus at End of Period	5,954

THE LOGIC OF AGAPE
Saturday, March 14th
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. Be excited but don't "preach" the invite, instead try handing them an invitation card and say "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 dinner and conversation. A safe space to ask questions or just listen.

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**



THE WELCOME CENTRE CAFÉ is open Sundays after worship.

It is an opportunity to have refreshments and fellowship with your church family following worship. We are looking for volunteers to help serve on a weekly rotation. Please contact the office.