



Turning people into fully devoted followers of Jesus within Christ-like community

## Stop the Squabble...

Phil. 4:2-7



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### Children & Youth

**Saturday Service:**  
Children go directly to classrooms upon arrival.

**Jr. High (Grades 7-9) to the Youth Activity Center**

**Sunday Services:**  
Children ages 2 to Grade 6 & Jr. High (Grades 7-9) will be dismissed to their classes following the Kidz Komponent

*May you feel the reality of God's presence and love as you worship with us today. Let us know how we may assist and pray for you by filling out an "In Touch" card and placing it in the offering plate.*

Saturday Worship Service at 6:15pm    Sunday Worship Services at 9:15 & 11:15am

### *Helpful Information for New Attenders*

- Please drop by the Welcome Center to pick up a copy of the 'Journey' or check out our website ([www.sgac.net](http://www.sgac.net)) for information about Spruce Grove Alliance Church ministries and events.
- If you became a Christian today we have a New Believers package available for you at the Welcome Center.
- As our guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.
- Mailboxes located in the hall past the Welcome Centre are available for you as a means of delivering and receiving mail. Boxes are designated according to the first few letters of surnames. Please check the mailboxes weekly for your mail.
- Sound enhancement personal receivers are available for those with difficulty hearing. Please see an usher for one.
- A "Blessing Board" is located in the nursery hallway, across from the mailboxes for posting needs, services, etc., for our church family.



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## Sermon Notes

If you should miss a sermon or would like to hear one again, you can find them online at [www.sgac.net](http://www.sgac.net) in our archives.

### Stop the Squabble - Practice Joy

Phil 4: 2 - 7

***“The things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you” Phil 4:9 NASB***

We need to \_\_\_\_\_ to stay focused on Christ. Paul says 3 things need practice (with a 4th result): 1) practice \_\_\_\_\_, and stop the squabbling 2) practice rejoicing in the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, 3) Practice \_\_\_\_\_ in their prayer life. The result will be 4) God’s peace when it makes no sense at all.

#### ***STOP THE SQUABBING:***

How you would feel if an open letter to a church were read with your name in it?

***“Say to Archippus, ‘Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.’”***

***Colossians 4:17 NASB.***

In Phil 4:2 Paul tells 2 people who were having a catty squabble to get over it and get back to work... From time to time, with the Kingdom of God right in the midst, there are seasons in which dedicated workers can’t see “eye to eye”...

In Acts 14:4,14, Paul and Barnabas are called “apostles”, and they suffered for it!

***After some days Paul said to Barnabus, “Let’s return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the Word of the Lord and see how they are.” Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul thought it best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other...***

***Acts 15:36-39a ESV***

Paul part’s company with Barnabus over a staffing issue. Paul wrote Philippians, Colossians and Philemon 10-15 years later, around the same time (perhaps in the same room, surrounded by the same people)...

***Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner sends you his greetings; and also Barnabas’ cousin Mark (about whom you received instructions; if he comes to you, welcome him)... Colossians 4:10 NASB.***

***Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. Philemon 23-24 NASB.***

Even apostles quarrel to the point of separation, but reconciliation is always the way of the Lord. When the day was done, Mark and Paul were working together again. With this background (and Mark likely right there) Paul tells these workers to get along.

Is there a disruptive disagreement, and many know? Put it aside. There are some with whom you need to learn to work. There are others in which the good of the whole needs to be balanced; the best thing is to let it go and move on. Stay focused, keeping the glory of the Lord in the center, and to practice getting along. Practice... and keep it up.

#### **REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS:**

A difficult command: It is easy to be happy when life sets us up for laughter. It is another thing when circumstances make for trouble. What is rejoicing as opposed to happiness? Rejoicing does not depend on circumstances, but on God’s presence; we are to invite this into whatever we are living. How do we do it? The text provides its own answer: prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. It is not a frenetic offering of my baggage. Rather it is a deliberate placing of my needs, my anxieties, my cares and my loves, before the Father of all goodness. It is to then enter into a trusting relationship with Him based on the fact that I can thank Him that the concern is now no longer my own, but His. If I get to the place of thanks then it is given over. If I don’t get to the place of thanks, then it is still in my hands and my power to answer.



# Journey

## Updates

**JAM Time** Wednesday mornings from 10:30am to 11:15am. This is a drop in time for 0 - 5 year olds and a parent to enjoy songs with bouncing, dancing and cuddling. See Journey for details.

**Hymn Sing** takes place Sunday night Feb. 12, 6- 7pm. Open to all ages. Please bring finger food to share for fellowship time following.

**Youth Merge Event** on Feb. 10 is Terminal Velocity. Check website [www.mymerge.ca](http://www.mymerge.ca).

**Youth YC Event** is May 25-27. Registration is now open. Cost of \$175.00 includes transportation, a T-shirt and 2 lunches - A deposit of \$88.00 due upon registration. Deadline to register is Feb. 25th. All monies 100% non-refundable after March 1. Talk to Pedro or Bonny today.

**Singles Life Group** - Is there an interest in this type of group getting together for a weekly study? Please contact Pastor Steeve at [steeve.arseneau@sgac.net](mailto:steeve.arseneau@sgac.net) if you are at all interested.

**Alliance Women's Project** - Niger Vocational School for Girls. CHANGE FOR CHANGE Coffee Cup Campaign. This is your last weekend to pick up your cup.

**Discover your Spiritual Gifts Class** beginning Feb. 15 for 3 weeks. Register with Joanne or Bonny at the church office.

**Teachers Training** - Feb. 11 from 9 - noon. Art Quist will be providing training for all Sunday School volunteers. Pancake Breakfast is provided. Please RSVP to Karen 780 962 4700 ext 227 by Feb 9.

**Prayer 102** begins Wednesday Feb. 15 at 6:30pm. This is a new study featuring Power Praying Book.

### **Update from Costa Rica Development Team:**

As a result of much prayer, the team has chosen not to do a 2012 summer missions trip. We feel God's leading to take this year to discern our partnership with the Guarari ministry. The team is interacting first with SGAC leadership, then a small team will go to Costa Rica to explore future opportunities. Costa Rica 2013 summer trip will be determined once information from the discernment trip has been processed. We would appreciate your prayers for wisdom.

### Financial Update:

	<u>December</u>	<u>Ministry Year</u>
General Fund:		
Revenue	\$138,353	\$576,711
Expenses	\$103,471	\$603,428
Net Surplus/(Loss)	\$34,882	-\$26,717
Designated Funds:		
Global Advance	\$21,156	\$101,299
Canadian Ministries	\$4,234	\$27,975
Future Development	\$8,277	\$61,905
Communion Offering	\$8,561	\$18,796
Total Giving	\$180,581	\$786,686



## Family Matters

Congratulations to Kristi and Jeremy Herd as they dedicate Alexa Grace to the Lord this weekend.

Our parking lot will be used as a Park & Ride Venue Feb. 8 - 11 during the Winter Games in the area.

### Board of Elders Update:

Copies of an updated letter from the Board of Elders is available at the Welcome Centre. Those on our website newsletter subscription list will have received this by email. To receive future updates by email please go to [www.sgac.net](http://www.sgac.net) and click on "subscribe".

In January there was an incident in our Youth Dept. where a leader and support staff were removed from their roles. For more information please contact Neil Hollands at [chair@sgac.net](mailto:chair@sgac.net).

## Prayer

Please pray for:

- Our Christian workers:
- Gabe & Felicia Lerca
- Kerri-Anne Ibsen
- Tim & Julie Wiebe
  
- Costa Rica Development Team would appreciate your prayers in the process of discernment regarding their commitment in partnership with Norma and Fernando. See previous page for announcement.

## We're here for you!

### Pastoral Staff

*Lead Pastor:*

Rev. David Chotka

*Executive Pastor:*

Rev. Russ McDermott

*Women's Ministries:*

Pastor Josie Vance

*Children's Ministries:*

Pastor Coreen Frey

*Worship & Creative Arts:*

Pastor Daryl Sam

*Youth & Young Adults:*

Rev. Pedro Escamilla

*Senior Adult Ministries:*

Rev. Russell Mueller

*Evangelism & Outreach Ministries:*

Rev. Scott Buck

*Pastoral Intern: Men & Connections:*

Rev. Steeve Arseneau

## This Week...

<b>MONDAY</b>	February 6
6:00 pm	Youth Worship
7:00 pm	Monday Night Men's
<b>TUESDAY</b>	February 7
6:30 am	Men's Prayer
9:00 am	Daybreak
10:15 am	The Meeting Place
12:00 pm	Staff Meeting
7:00 pm	Men's Badminton
7:00 pm	Young Adults Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	February 8
9:45 am	Keenagers Bible Study
10:30 am	JAM Time
5:30 pm	QUEST
6:30 pm	AWANA
6:30 pm	Prayer 101
<b>THURSDAY</b>	February 9
7:00 pm	Noizemakers
<b>FRIDAY</b>	February 10
7:30 pm	Youth Terminal Velocity
<b>SATURDAY</b>	February 11
9:00 am	Teacher Training
6:15 pm	Saturday Service
<b>SUNDAY</b>	February 12
9:15 & 11:15 am	Sunday Services
6:00 pm	Hymn Sing
6:00 pm	Divorce Care
6:00 pm	DC4K

## Elders

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