

The Journey

Winter 2019



SPRUCE GROVE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Thrive Spiritually. Build Community. Reach the Lost

Jesus is our Saviour, our Sanctifier, our Healer, and our Coming King



Welcome



Pastor Scott: scott.buck@sgac.net

Welcome to Spruce Grove Alliance Church (SGAC). We hope that if you are new with us, you will make yourself at home. Please fill out a Connection Card or stop by the office to introduce yourself to us. As we move into the winter; we still hope that you will make time to thrive spiritually, engage in authentic community and join us as we seek to serve our world and reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thanks for picking up the Journey, this book will help to direct your path this winter at SGAC. Take time to look through it and prayerfully consider where God is calling you to get involved.

Please remember, that the Staff and Elders are here to serve you. Please feel free to be in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Lead Pastor

Rev. Scott Buck

LEADERSHIP STAFF

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Worship, Arts & Prayer Pastor:
Andrew Bugiera

Youth & Young Adults Pastor:
Josh Palsky

Worship Services

Sunday Morning:

9:15 am & 11:15 am

The 2nd full weekend of each month, we offer (gluten-free) Communion, followed by a Benevolent Care Offering.

SGAC's Library is available for signing out resources on Sunday mornings.

Children's Ministries

Full children's programming provided at both Sunday Morning Services.

- Birth - 24 months - Nursery
- 2 Year Olds - The Meadow
- 3 Year Olds - The Marsh
- 4 Year Olds / Kindergarten - The Reef
- Grade 1/2 - Classroom 1
- Grade 3/4 - Classroom 2
- Grade 5/6 - Classroom 3

Missed a worship service? Check out www.sgac.net and listen online!

SGAC Spruce Grove Alliance Church

NEW TO SGAC?

We're glad you're here! A few things we encourage you to do to get to know us:

1. Go to the Welcome Center to pick up a New Comer's Gift Package.
2. Check out www.sgac.net. We'll share a bit about ourselves, and let you know about ways you can get connected at SGAC.
3. Fill out a Connection Card. Take a quick moment to let us know of your visit!

Find a Connection Card:

- In the New Comer's Gift Package
- In one of the chair pockets in the main Sanctuary
- At www.sgac.net.

Ways to stay informed:

1. Check our website for news and information, and sign up for our e-newsletter: www.sgac.net
2. Read your weekly bulletin at weekend services (or find a copy on our website under the news section)
3. Find us on Facebook!
 - "Spruce Grove Alliance Church"
 - "Spruce Grove Alliance Church Children's Ministry"
 - "Spruce Grove Alliance Church Filipino Ministry"
 - "Spruce Grove Alliance Church Women"
 - "SGAC Youth"
 - "SGAC Young Adults"

Worship & Preaching Themes

Date	Title	Text
January 6	Peace	Philippians 4:2-9
January 13	Deeper	2 Timothy 2:14-16
January 20	Pray	Luke 18:1-8
January 27	Worship	Isaiah 6
February 3	Trials	James 1:1-5
February 10	Miracles	John 9
February 17	Mission	Matthew 10
February 24	Filled	Ephesians 5:11
March 3	Giving	Malachi 3:8-18
March 10	Justice	Micah 6:8
March 17	Heaven	1 Corinthians 2:6-16
March 24	Hell	Luke 16:19-31
March 31	Satan	Isaiah 14:12-15
April 7	Humility	Philippians 2:1-12
April 14	Good News	Selected Scriptures
April 19	Cost	Selected Scriptures
April 21	King	Selected Scriptures
April 28	Forgiveness	Matthew 6:5-15

MISSED A SERMON?

If you missed a sermon or want to re-listen to an old one, check out our website. Scroll through old sermons and listen to ones you have missed. Sermons can be found on our website at:

<http://www.sgac.net/sermons>



Worship, Arts & Prayer



Pastor Andrew: andrew.bugiera@sgac.net

Revelation 1:6 To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

-Amen

As a kingdom of priests to our God, we have been blessed with the responsibility to carry His presence, to minister to Him and to bless in His name everywhere we go. (Deuteronomy 10:8) Here are some opportunities to do just that.

Sunday Morning Worship Services

We meet every Sunday morning at 9:15 & 11:15 am to worship our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome.

Worship Ministry Volunteers

Stay tuned to the Journey updates for our opportunities to get together this Spring for fun, fellowship and skill development.

Singin' the Gospel

February 24: The Martens Sisters, and Dirty Andy and the Mud Slingers

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 24 at 6:00 pm. Details to be confirmed so watch the website.

Musicians Wanted

We are always on the lookout for skilled musicians to add to our Worship Teams. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, we'd love to hear from you!

Easter Weekend

Good Friday: April 19 at 9:15 & 11:15 am

Easter Sunday: April 21 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

Men's Prayer

Men, come pray with us on Monday mornings at 9:30 am for our outreach ministry. For more information please contact Merrill at merrillj@hotlinkwireless.com.

Women's Prayer

Do you love to pray or have a prayer need that you would appreciate prayer for? We invite all women to join us for a time of prayer Mondays from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the Prayer Room. You are welcome to stay for the whole time or come for a few minutes to be prayed with.

"Then you shall call and the Lord will answer". (Isaiah 58:9)

Corporate Prayer

Our Wednesday evening Corporate Prayer time will resume again on January 9. Please join us every Wednesday at 6:40 pm as we gather together to uphold our ministries in corporate prayer.

SGAC House of Prayer

Join us on January 20, February 17, March 17 and April 14 for SGAC House of Prayer. A night of unbroken modern worship, praise and prayer. Come and spend time in an atmosphere of scripture-based worship and prayer over our church and community.

Into His Presence

Join us on February 3, March 3, & April 7 at 6:00 pm for this Worship & Praise Party.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits -Psalm 103:2

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. - Psalm 63:3

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6

Children birth to grade 6



Pastor Coreen: coreen.frey@sgac.net

We believe that teaching kids about Jesus, faith and Biblical values is critical to prepare them for a purposeful and fulfilling life. We want them to know they

are loved, accepted, and belong here as we grow in relationships, teach, and train them in serving. We want to partner with parents to help grow our kids in the respect and love of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Discovery Island

New to our Church? Please fill in a registration form at the "Check In" station in the foyer. All children check in at the station in the foyer before the service.

AWANA:

- **Grand Prix:** March 16, 2019 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Puggles to Journey pick up your car kit at AWANA starting late January. Car weigh in will be at AWANA on March 13.
- **Car Workshops:** Book a space to create your car on either March 8 or 9. Contact Janet Sawatzky for details at janet.sawatzky@sgac.net
- **Awards Night:** April 24 at 6:30 pm for all AWANA clubbers. The kids have worked very hard this year to hide God's Word in their hearts and to learn more about Him. Come congratulate our clubbers on a job well done! Bring goodies to share afterwards. Clubbers don't forget your AWANA money for store night.

Volunteers

There are many opportunities to serve in Children's Ministries all year long. Would you be willing to be trained to work alongside the kids during AWANA, or Discovery Island? You can help out twice a month, once a month, every 6 weeks, or when someone is away or sick. We welcome all ages 12 and up to serve the Kingdom of God. Please contact Pastor Coreen at coreen.frey@sgac.net if this is an area you would like to bless and be blessed.

Safety & Risk Management Training

All youth and adults who have been or would like to work with children are required to be trained once per year. For the safety and protection of both those in our care as well as the volunteers who serve.

Please join us for this training on

- 1) January 12 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am
(Continental breakfast provided)
OR
- 2) January 13 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
(Hot dogs provided)

Teacher Training Breakfast

Please join us on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. All Children's Ministries volunteers are invited for a time of training and refreshing our skills. Breakfast provided.

Outreach Spring Break Camp

Watch the website for details about our Outreach Spring Break Camp for Grade 1 to 6 students that will run March 25 to 29. This will be an all day camp. Start thinking of neighbours or friends you would like to invite to share the message of Jesus with.

Save the Date:

VBS will take place August 12-16

Deeper Life School of Theology

Higher Education in Biblical Studies

Pastor Coreen Frey: coreen.frey@sgac.net

Intro

We exist to:

- Be obedient to the great commission to make disciples (Matthew 28:19).
- Equip the saints to do the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:11).
- Help raise a new generation of effective servant leaders without sending them away to Bible School; making it affordable and flexible.
- Encourage diligent study of the Word of God and recognize their accomplishments.
- Raise up people who have a thirst to know God and His Word. People who find freedom and wisdom in the Spirit for practical life and ministry.

Accreditation

Christian Life Educators Network (CLST Global) is a world leader in church-based theological and leadership education for over 30 years. It belongs to the International Association of Bible Colleges and Seminaries, as well as Peter Wagner's Academic Council for Educational Accountability. CLST Global has met the state requirements under the Post-Secondary Educational Authorization Act and can legally award certificates and degrees ranging from a Diploma of Theology through to a Doctor of Theology.

Divisions of Study

- Historical Theology
- Practical Theology
- Biblical Theology
- Christian Counseling
- New & Old Testament

Degrees Offered

- Diploma of Theology - 30 Credits
- Associate of Theology - 60 Credits
- Bachelor of Theology - 126 Credits
- Master of Theology - 171 Credits
- Doctor of Theology - 300 Credits

Standard of Conduct

We are a community of Christian believers who confess and follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The community is expected to uphold the Word of God and apply Biblical standards to morality and integrity in life. We are to conduct ourselves in a manner in keeping with Christian decorum and testimony. This involves embracing attitudes and actions the Bible identifies as virtuous and avoiding attitudes and actions the Bible identifies as sinful.

Courses Winter 2019

Class times are Thursday & Friday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

- **January 17-19, 2019: "Interpersonal Relationships & Personality Patterns"**
Students will identify their own personality patterns. Learn to "identify peoples needs" and enhance relationships at home, church and work.
- **February 21-23, 2019: "Romans 1 - Wrath to Righteousness"**
This course studies the first 3 chapters of Romans with insights from the Greek.
- **March 22-24, 2019: "Feasts of the Old Testament"**
A study of Jewish Holy Days and Feasts. Emphasis placed on the messianic significance and God's plan for man.
- **April 25-27, 2019: "History of the Early Church"**
Study the churches origins from 30 A.D. to the Council of Chalcedon in A.D. 451.

You must pre-register for all courses ahead of time. Please contact Pastor Coreen to register or learn more.



Youth & Young Adults



Pastor Josh: josh.palsky@sgac.net

For the most up-to-date information on weekly events check out our Facebook group: **'SGAC Youth'** or our *NEW* Instagram page **'sgacyouth'**. All students in grades 7-12 are welcome at Youth.

IMPORTANT: All youth must fill out a 2018-2019 youth information form in order to attend all youth events.

Please go to our website www.sgac.net/youth or to our Facebook page **'SGAC Youth'** to fill out this form. These will also be available at our parent's meeting on January 13.

Parent's Meeting

Parents please come to hear from Pastor Josh about all the exciting things that we have planned for youth in the new year. We will meet on Sunday, January 13 at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

Friday Night Events for Grades 7-12

All events start at 7:30 pm and pick up is promptly at 10:00 pm. See our Facebook, Instagram or website page for weekly details.

Jr High & Sr High Small Group

Runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm until 8:45 pm. For more information, please contact Pastor Josh. Bible study begins again January 8. There will be no Bible study the week of Spring Break.

Youth Retreat

Save the Date: February 22-24, 2019 @ Camp Nakamun. Early Bird Cost will be \$120 until February 10. From February 10-17 cost will be \$130. See Pastor Josh for payment details, Registration forms are available at the office or you can register online. Make sure to sign up as soon as you can, you won't want to miss it!

Trek/Journey

Wednesdays from 5:30 pm until 6:20 pm. Contact Laurie Breitreuz at 780-962-2554 or Janet Sawatzky at 780-962-4700. Cost is \$60.



Young Adults

Are you a "Young Adult"? Do you want to learn more about Jesus or the Bible? Do you want to get to know some other Young Adults? Join us!

New Year new day of the week! Starting January 9 we will be meeting on Wednesdays – still at 7:30 pm and still at Mike & Bonny Piska's (13 Linksview Close)

Our Winter kick off potluck is Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm. Watch our Facebook Page for details.

This winter our goal is to do a monthly social night on the last Wednesday of the month, we will post details closer to the date. Our dates are : January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24.

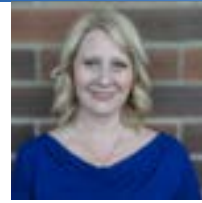
Mark your calendars for other upcoming events:

Nerf Tag Friday, March 22 details TBA

All details will be posted on our Facebook Page **'SGAC Young Adults'** and our NEW Instagram Account **'YoungAdults.SGAC'**.

For more information contact Corisa Vanderveen at 780-996-8687 or Bonny Piska 780-916-3648

Women



Pastor Karen: karen.houcher@sgac.net

Paul wrote in Romans 12 "...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think." We hope you'll be able to join us this year as we allow God to transform us into the women of God He desires us to be.

Women's Banquet

Love Beyond Borders

Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Make it a ladies night out! Bring your friends and be blessed. Our speaker will be Linda Driediger from Vancouver who will share the gospel with an opportunity to respond. Linda will also share her inspiring story of redemption and grace.

A silent auction with fair trade items is planned.

100% of the proceeds for the silent auction along with any proceeds remaining from the sale of tickets, will be donated to refugee sponsorship.

Tickets will be available at the church office or the Welcome Centre.

Daybreak & Evening Edition

Women of all ages join us either at Daybreak or Evening Edition for a study by John Eldridge "Beautiful Outlaw: Experiencing the Playful, Disruptive, Extravagant Personality of Jesus". Registration is open on-line.

Daybreak: Beginning January 29 join us for 13 weeks Tuesday mornings from 9-11 am.

Childcare including supervision and tutoring for homeschooled children is available.

Evening Edition: Beginning January 24. Join us Thursday evenings for 9 weeks from 7:00-8:30 pm

Deep Dish

Connections, Community, and Conversation

A casual time for women of all ages and stages to come together and get connected. Drop in to the Fireside room the 1st Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 pm for a time of building friendship with other women. Enjoy some coffee and dessert as we dig deeper into life and faith.

Women's Prayer

Do you love to pray or have a prayer need that you would appreciate prayer for? We invite all women to join us for a time of prayer Mondays from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Prayer Room. You are welcome to stay for the whole time or come for a few minutes to be prayed with.

"Then you shall call and the Lord will answer". (Isaiah 58:9)

2 Little 4 Me

The 2 Little 4 Me Children's Clothing and Toy Sale is a bi-annual outreach event and we will once again open our doors to the community on **Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Invite your friends and neighbors to stop in for the sale and to check out the church!

Mark your Calendar: Table rental registration for the Spring sale will open on **March 21, 2019 at 9:30 am in person at the church.**

Check out the 2 Little 4 Me Children's Clothing & Toy Sale Facebook page for the most up to date information.

Women's Retreat

April 12 -14 at Camp Nakamun

Early bird rate: \$160

Late rate: \$170

For more information please contact Kareen Stoesz at stoeszkm@gmail.com.

Keenagers & Men's Ministry

(seniors 55+)



Pastor Art: art.quist@sgac.net

Welcome to our church. We desire to serve you in the best ways possible. You are important to us and I consider it a privilege to serve you here.

Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

Join us in the Fireside Room at 6:00 pm on the following dates to sing the great old hymns of the church: January 13, February 10, March 10, and April 14. There are usually some great stories and personal testimonies that accompany the singing and then we enjoy tasty finger-food snacks afterwards and have happy fellowship around the tables.

Bible Study, Praise, Prayer and Fellowship

Keenagers Bible Study will resume on January 9 at 9:45 am. As seniors, we have much to offer in the life of the church. We desire to Thrive Spiritually, Build Community and Reach the Lost.

We invite you to join us as we begin a new study in 1st Peter. "Peter was well-qualified to write a letter to those whose faith was being tried in so many ways.

Jews from several regions had, no doubt, been in Jerusalem and heard Peter preach at Pentecost and had taken the Gospel back with them. Now, some 30 years later, Peter writes to them to encourage them as they face persecution in the Roman empire." - Dr. David Jeremiah

This study will open on January 9 at 9:45 am. Plan to stay afterward for a great meal for \$5.00.

We have a \$5.00 meal the first Wednesday of every month.

Monday Night Men

We will be doing a six-part study called "Goliath Must Fall - Winning the Battle Against Your Giants". Pastor Louie Giglio says, "It's not the height of the giant but the size of our God."

It's likely that you have a giant in your life an adversary that's diminishing your ability to live a full life. Frozen in the grip of rejection, fear, anger, comfort or addiction, you've lost sight of God's promise for you and have settled for less than His best.

In this six-session DVD Bible study, Pastor Louis Giglio uncovers a new-found twist in the story of David and Goliath.

Men's Retreat

March 8-10 at Camp Nakamun

Men of all ages, you are welcome to join us for a great weekend of growing in God's richness. Men's Retreat is a great way to meet guys from our church, build and deepen friendships and enjoy great fellowship.

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Jim MacLellan of Elk Point Baptist Church, Elk Point, AB. as our keynote speaker.

We also are pleased to welcome Pastor Andrew Bugiera and his worship team.

Registration will open sometime in the new year, so watch for Journey Updates in your weekly bulletin.

Baptism and Church Membership

Here at SGAC, we encourage you be baptized and then we seek to encourage you to be part of our Membership. Pastor Art will be conducting classes in both these areas in the coming weeks and months.

Please watch the Journey Updates section of the weekly bulletin for more details.

Please feel free to contact Pastor Art for help with these important steps in your life.

Baptism

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BAPTISM

If you are interested in learning more about Baptism, Contact Pastor Art.

Baptism is a public declaration of one's belief in God and a testimony of God's involvement in a person's life. It is a decision to tell the world that we love Jesus, that we believe He died and rose again for us, and that we want to live our lives for Him.

We at Spruce Grove Alliance Church understand baptism as a personal decision that each believer must make after entering into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For that reason, we do not baptize infants or others who have not yet placed their faith and trust in Jesus.

Baptism is not required for salvation. The Bible says, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). Baptism in itself does nothing without faith. It is simply an outward sign or a public declaration of what God has done in a person's life.

Like all C&MA churches, Spruce Grove Alliance Church practices baptism by full immersion in a public setting. We understand this to be the Biblical pattern, expressing death to self and new life in Jesus Christ (see Romans 6). Under certain circumstances, however, we will consider a different method of baptism.

RESOURCES

- **SGAC LIBRARY:** Enjoy numerous fiction and nonfiction resources, available for sign-out.
- **FOR BIBLE STUDY:** www.biblegateway.com

Child Dedication

office@sgac.net

We are committed to partnering with you as you seek to raise your child in the nurture and knowledge of the Lord. Child dedication is one option you will want to consider as you seek to pass along your faith to your children.

Child dedication is a formal commitment that parents make to the church family and to God to provide for the spiritual growth and development of their children. As such, it is a promise on the parents' part to raise their children in a loving, Christian home that is actively involved in a local church. The church family, in turn, promises to assist the family as they raise their children in the Christian faith.

Although the Bible does not suggest that God requires parents to dedicate their children, it does record at least two instances in which parents sought God's blessings for their children. In the Old Testament, Hannah dedicated Samuel to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:20-25), and in the New Testament, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:22-33).

For children, a time of formal dedication to the Lord marks the beginning of their spiritual journey, and celebrates the blessings and protection of God throughout their whole life.

In most cases, a pastor of your choice from Spruce Grove Alliance Church will preside over your child's dedication. We recognize, however, the involvement of many others in your spiritual journey. You therefore may request that small group leaders, Sunday School teachers, pastors from other churches, or other significant spiritual mentors be involved in the dedication ceremony.

If you are interested in dedicating your child at Spruce Grove Alliance Church, please contact us.

Knowing Jesus Personally

EXPLORE:

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? What's my next step?

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE:

God loves you and created you to know Him personally. He has a wonderful plan for your life. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

OUR CONDITION:

People are sinful and separated from God, so we cannot know Him personally or experience His love and plan. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

GOD'S RESPONSE:

Jesus Christ is God's only provision for our sin.

Through Him alone we can know God personally and experience God's love and plan.

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" John 14:6

OUR RESPONSE:

We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; then we can know God personally and experience His love and plan.

"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

Refugee Sponsorship at SGAC

As a church body we are excited to be moving forward with Refugee Sponsorship. With all that is going on in the world we believe that we are called to be the Hands and Feet of Christ.

At this time we are moving forward with sponsoring a refugee family from Syria. As a church we need to raise \$40,000 to support the family for a year. We have many exciting fundraiser events ahead including the Women's Banquet on February 2.

There will be many volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved in the coming months. This will be an amazing opportunity for the body of Christ to come together and love beyond our walls.

It says in Isaiah 58:6-7, "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe him and not to turn away?"

"We are family not because we bear the same last name - but because we bear the image of the same God." Ann Voskamp

If you have any questions or would like to get more involved in refugee sponsorship please contact Natalie Boldt - natalie@mikeboldt.ca



Giving at SGAC

How can I donate at SGAC?

We have four methods of donating to SGAC:

1. ONLINE GIVING

Whether it is a one-time gift or you would like to schedule a recurring donation, you can now give online to Spruce Grove Alliance Church. With this new option, you are able to give using a Visa or MasterCard debit card or the traditional Visa or MasterCard credit cards.

Spruce Grove Alliance Church recognizes that there are those who will prefer to use their credit card to give, however, it is a desire of Spruce Grove Alliance Church that donors are not incurring debt when giving to the church.

2. DIRECT PAYMENT FROM A BANK ACCOUNT

Pick up a pre-authorized debit agreement form at the Welcome Centre. You can fill it out and then return it with a voided cheque - just drop it in one of the offering plates or return it to the Welcome Centre in an envelope marked "Confidential: Donations Clerk".

3. ENVELOPES IN THE CHAIR POCKETS

There are envelopes in the chair pockets in the sanctuary that you can use to make an offering at any time. Please print your name and address (and Giving Number if you have one) clearly so we can correctly disburse the funds and issue your tax receipt.

If you don't already have a Giving Number, please inquire in the office and we'd be happy to set you up with one. A Giving Number helps our staff in tracking donations and issuing accurate receipts.

4. INTERAC

Use Interac at the Welcome Centre to make your donation while at church, then fill out your donation envelope as normal including your name, address, giving number and insert your debit receipt so we can disburse funds as directed.

Where are the funds used?

General Fund: *Make a donation to support the Ministry of Spruce Grove Alliance Church.* Your donation to SGAC will help support the general ministries of our church in Spruce Grove. This includes ministry staffing, office staffing, facilities, operating costs and other administrative costs.

Canadian Ministries Fund: *Make a donation to support Canadian work of The C&MA.* Contributions to the Canadian Ministries Fund will go towards church planting in Canada, the C&MA's Ambrose University/College and Seminary and to other Canadian initiatives. CMF funds are forwarded monthly to the Canadian Alliance Head Office.

Future Development Fund: *Make a donation to support SGAC's Future Development Fund.* This fund has been approved by the Board to be used for major building repairs, equipment purchases and the development of the existing site with a new Christian education wing, sanctuary, chapel and office space.

Global: *Make a donation to support the Global work of The C&MA.*

Around the globe Alliance workers are active. The Global Advance Fund is the primary means of providing for our Alliance workers. Each worker's cost of living in the country where he or she serves comes from this fund. Your gift to Global Advance will help support the full-time missionaries that have been sent from SGAC to the Desert Sand, Asian Spice, Silk Road and Caribbean Sun districts of the world. GAF funds are forwarded monthly to the Canadian Alliance Head Office.

You are able to direct your donations to any of the above funds through designations on the offering envelopes and/or through the on-line giving page.

The Big Story

With TJ Syroteuk

Friday, January 25 & Saturday, January 26. The Bible is a story. The Big Story. A story unlike any other. Spanning thousands of years and dozens of writers, it is the most fascinating, intricately-woven story ever written. The author is God Himself, and every page of His captivating narrative is connected, telling one story of a battle between eternal enemies: a battle of cosmic proportions that has massive ramifications on history past, present and future. Watch your bulletin for details.

Faith Hockey Night

Faith Hockey Night is a night you do not want to miss! Come on out on February 8 at 7:00 pm for a great hockey game, starring the Spruce Grove Saints, and stay for pizza, games and prizes. Invite your friends and family! Watch your bulletin and our website for more details to come.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is Sunday, April 14. Join us for one of our morning services and enjoy a presentation from our Children's Ministry department. The kids work hard each year to present on this meaningful day and it is always such a treat for the whole congregation.

Easter Weekend

- Good Friday is on April 19 and we will host 2 morning services at 9:15 and 11:15 am. Join us that evening at 6:00 pm for a free, family friendly screening of the Jesus Film.
- We hope to see you on Sunday, April 21 for Easter Sunday at SGAC. We will have 3 morning services at 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am.

Keep an eye out for invitations that you can share with your family and friends.

Holy Spirit Encounter

May 3-4 - Save the Date

The Holy Spirit Encounter is a weekend designed to give focused time in going deeper with God and to access the power that He has promised. With every HSE, each individual can anticipate having an encounter with His love and power. The weekend's content has teaching and practical ministry that addresses the following issues:

- Removing roadblocks to the Holy Spirit
- Hearing God's voice
- Learning to forgive
- Dealing with lies

Watch our website and your bulletin for registration details coming soon!

DivorceCare

You Don't Have to Go Through It Alone

Thursday evenings from January 17 - April 18 at 7:00 pm.

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never faced before. DivorceCare is a place where you can be around people who understand what you are feeling. It's a place where you can hear valuable information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce and help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

Don't go through separation or divorce alone.

For more information or to register, Call Duke at 780-907-1392 or Ceci at 780-977-2225. Registration fee: \$25/person (includes participants guide)

Future Development

The Future Development Team

... is going underground!

The Future Development Team is aiming to raise \$750,000 – and we need your help!

The Future Development Team, with the support of the Church Board, is aiming to begin preparing the church site for future construction. We have a lot of work to do to get ready!

This groundwork will include:

- Storm System install (\$100,000)
- Water line (\$100,000)
- Sewer line and tie in (\$125,000)
- Parking lot ground work and dirt removal (\$250,000)
- Foundation ground work (\$50,000)
- Power upgrade tie-in (\$75,000)
- Telecommunications and internet upgrade (\$50,000)

This work is part of the original Phase 1 work and the \$750,000 is part of the original \$6 million budget.

We are looking to raise \$750,000 to fully fund this preliminary stage of the project – site service upgrades.

The team has been hard at work preparing for this groundwork to begin:

In September we began working with our architect on the design development and preliminary engineering on the Christian Education Centre (we had put that work on hold as we turned our focus to fundraising for the project).

In October the City of Spruce Grove confirmed that we will require a development permit for the planned site upgrades. We have directed our architect to begin preparing the drawings required for that submission. We hosted a meeting with the architect and our ministry staff to discuss specific space requirements for the Christian Education Centre.

At this meeting it was decided that a tour of other churches would be helpful to ensure that our new space is designed to best meet the needs of all of the groups that will use the new building.

The next step in this project – happening in parallel with our fundraising – is developing conceptual plans for the new build. We look forward to sharing these with the congregation for comment and feedback.

We encourage all those who call Spruce Grove Alliance Church home to consider how they can and will contribute to the success of this project. We are looking to raise \$750,000 to fully fund this preliminary stage of the project – site service upgrades.

Join us today and help build a spiritual home for the people of Spruce Grove and Parkland County!

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Learn more at: www.sgac.net/phase1





The Christian and Missionary Alliance grew out of the vision of Rev. Albert Benjamin Simpson, who was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in 1865 and became the pastor in one of Canada's most prestigious pulpits. During the next number of years, the Holy Spirit revolutionized his life, making him more passionate for neglected people and people living in poverty at home and around the world.

In 1887, compelled by a sense of urgency to take the message of Jesus Christ to all nations, Simpson was used by God to give birth to The Christian and Missionary Alliance. It was only natural that his vision should extend to Canada. Many of the leaders in those first years were Canadians. The first Alliance church in Canada was Bethany Tabernacle, founded in 1887 by John Salmon in Toronto.

Dr. William Cassidy, a Toronto medical doctor, was the first ordained missionary in the new mission society. He died of smallpox en route to China. However, his death was the "spark that ignited the Alliance missionary blaze" which has been burning to this day.

By the 1920s, the C&MA became a major evangelical movement both in the United States and Canada. In Canada, saddle-bag preachers visited the homesteads of the West, and evangelists conducted campaigns in the East, bringing many people to Christ. By 1926 there were 19 "branches" in eastern and central Canada and four in western Canada. The growth of the church in the 1930s was in direct contrast to the depression experienced by the entire country.

In 1941, the Western Canadian Bible Institute was opened in Regina as a direct result of the need for trained workers.

Aiden Wilson Tozer served pastorates across the United States, including 30 years in Chicago.

He became known as a writer with a wider evangelical audience and his writings continue to influence Christians around the world. His final pastorate was at the Avenue Road Church in Toronto, Ontario. From there, his sermons and writings greatly impacted Canadians in the post-World War II years.

Throughout the early years, the C&MA in Canada was governed by the U.S. Alliance. An autonomous Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada came to a new direction during the founding Assembly held in Winnipeg in June 1980. A constitution was adopted, a president elected, and a Board of Directors chosen in preparation for full Canadian autonomy January 1, 1981. The two organizations, from Canada and the U.S., still maintain a close cooperative relationship today.

Over the past 30 plus years, the Canadian C&MA has had four presidents: Mel Sylvester (1980-1992), Arnold Cook (1992-2000), Franklin Pyles (2000-2012) and David Hearn (2012-present). We have grown from 241 churches to more than 440.

Who We Are

The Christian and Missionary Alliance (the C&MA) in Canada is a group of approximately 440 local churches across Canada that aims to be a Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, and Mission-focused movement in everything we do. We send people to live on mission locally and globally.

Our ultimate goal is to fulfill the Great Commission and bring Matthew 24:14 to fruition: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

The C&MA is taking steps to complete this mission by focusing on least-reached people groups in the world. We aim to challenge our church members to live on mission with God, whether that be in a Canadian suburb or in a remote mountain village in Asia. Join us as we complete God's call to tell everyone about the Good News of Jesus Christ!

SGAC's Board of Elders

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The Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA) states the following regarding our Church Elder Boards:

"The highest functioning authority of the local church shall be the Board of Elders which may be called by another name and is herein referred to as the Board.

Board members shall be elected, and along with the senior pastor, will provide oversight of the ministry and operation of the local church."

Chair: Henry Banman

(First year of first term)

Ministry Experience: Acting Chair (2018/2019)
Past Board of Elders, Sunday School, Life Groups, Habitat for Humanity, Future Development, Camp Nakamun

Occupation: All Weather Windows, currently transitioning and studying for a third career

Treasurer: Del Dyck

(Second year of second term)

Ministry Experience: Acting Treasurer (2018/2019), Building Committee, Sunday School, Boys Club, Boomers, Board Chair

Occupation: Retired

Secretary: Tim Wiebe

(Second year of second term)

Ministry Experience: Acting Secretary (2018/2019)
Prayer, Youth, Sunday School, Small Groups

Occupation: Hockey Ministries International

Jim Bouchie

(First year of first term)

Ministry Experience: Saturday Night Kids, Sunday School, Youth, Missions

Occupation: Plumber/Gasfitter

John de Steiger

(Second year of second term)

Ministry Experience: Youth, Missions, Saturday Night Kids, Sunday School

Occupation: Field Manager for Mechanical Contractor

John Olsen

(First year of second term)

Ministry Experience: Camp Leader and Director, Missions, Sunday School

Occupation: Site Supervisor and Carpenter

Orv Perry

(First year of first term)

Ministry Experience: Missions, Life Groups

Occupation: Retired

Anthony Toornstra

(Second year of first term)

Ministry Experience: Youth Leadership, Missions

Occupation: Power Lineman with Fortis Alberta

Dante Vinuya

(Second year of first term)

Ministry Experience: Sunday School Teacher, Evangelism, Bible School and DLST, Deacon, Church Planting, Missions, Bible Study Leader

Occupation: Carpenter

Fred Zelensky

(Second year of first term)

Ministry Experience: Youth Leader, Church Elder, Sunday School Teacher, AWANA, Usher, Offering Counter, Young Adult and Young Married Life Group Leader, Camp Nakamun Board Member

Occupation: Retired

Discipleship Pathway...

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Centered in Jesus Christ, we will thrive spiritually, build community, and reach the lost by loving our community and serving the world.

It is the goal of SGAC to have the **resurrected Jesus** at the centre of all things. Our desire is to see people grow in their spiritual journey. From one who **investigates** the claims of Jesus to one walking with Jesus as a **mature** person of faith.

To help with the journey we have developed this wheel that helps identify key steps along the pathway. The foundation of a Christian life is to first **believe** in the person of Jesus Christ as the only substitute for our sin, then to **repent** or turn from our sins, followed by a public profession of our faith through the waters of **baptism**. Finally we are to be **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** in order to walk out the Christian journey. In order to mature in our faith we long to encourage followers of Jesus to develop rhythms that foster and

strengthen a daily personal relationship with Jesus through prayer and scripture reading.

The second leg in the journey is to “Study to show yourself approved” (2 Tim 2:14-16). It is our hope that each person that attends SGAC would have a clear, in-depth, accurate and full understanding of the **Word of God** and seek to apply it in their daily lives.

In addition, as the Bride of Christ walks in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, the **fruit of the Spirit** will be evidenced in our lives. As the fruit of the Spirit is evidenced so too will we operate using the **Spiritual gifts** in order to glorify God, edify the body and reach lost people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Finally, we desire to encourage maturing believers to **serve/mentor** others in the church and those seeking truth and salvation. We long to be a people who make a significant impact for the Kingdom. That Jesus would be pleased by our service and sacrifice.

The Discipleship Pathway has been created to help you discern what the next step is for you in your faith journey. Maybe you are investigating who Jesus is and why He came. Would you consider attending “The Case for Christ” to meet with others on a similar journey in find answers to questions you have? Maybe you have resolved who Jesus is but you are not sure how the Old or New Testament fit together, consider attending our “Understanding” studies to gain a deeper knowledge. You have a basic grasp but need to strengthen your bible knowledge. Or maybe you have a decent understanding of God’s word but want to dive in a bit deeper on a specific subject. Please consider: Daybreak or Evening Edition, Men’s Monday Night study, Keenagers, Young Adults, Youth or Awana. These studies are geared to help you grow in your *understanding of God’s Word*.

Wednesdays at 6:40 pm

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This study will attempt to bring some continuity and clarity to the Old Testament writings, highlighting some of the main characters, concepts, and timelines within these 39 books.

From beginning to end, the Bible is God’s story of promise and provision. Get to know this story - His story. Join us in understanding more about His story through the Old Testament. Starts January 23.



If you were a journalist, how would you investigate the top story in human history? Join the award-winning former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune as he cross-examines scholars to uncover incontestable evidence supporting Jesus’ claims. Includes updated archaeological material, an interview with Strobel, and more. A powerful defense of the Christian faith! Join us on a quest for truth about Jesus. Packed full of well-researched, reliable, and eye-opening investigations of some of the biggest questions of skeptics and believers alike, The Case for Christ will bring faith to life by addressing the existence, miracles, ministry, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Starts January 23.

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

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Brokenness grasps for the soul of humanity. We are broken body, soul, and spirit, and we need the healing touch of Jesus. Soul Care explores seven principles that are profound healing tools of God: securing your identity, repentance, breaking family sin patterns, forgiving others, healing wounds, overcoming fears, and deliverance.

Dr. Rob Reimer challenges readers to engage in an interactive, roll-up-your-sleeves and get messy process – a journey of self-reflection, Holy Spirit inspiration, deep wrestling, and surrender. It is a process of discovering yourself in true community and discovering God as He pierces through the layers of your heart. Starts January 24.



Understanding the New Testament will be a 9 week course presented in the same format as the “Understanding the Old Testament” course. This course will focus on the fulfillment of Old Testament scripture in the person of Christ with emphasis on new covenant.

Come and join us in this study as we endeavor, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to understand God’s special revelation to us in the person of Christ through the writings of the New Testament. This is God’s story and we need to know it! Starts January 24.

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