

# The Journey

Spring / Summer 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](mailto: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. Even though things tend to slow down at SGAC over the spring and summer months; we still hope that you will *Thrive Spiritually*, be part of *Building* authentic *Community* and that we would serve our world and *Reach the Lost* with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thanks for picking up the Journey, it is an outline that helps direct your plans this spring and summer 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,  
Scott Buck

## LEADERSHIP STAFF

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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
May 5	Forgiveness	Matthew 6:5-15
May 12	Mother's Day	Selected Scriptures
May 19	Intro: Pray and Thanksgiving	Col 1:1-14
May 26	None Like Jesus	Col 1:15-23
June 2	Serving the Church	Col 1:24-2:5
June 9	Freedom	2:6-23
June 16	Father's Day	Selected Scriptures
June 23	Living Life in Christ	Col 3:1-4:6
June 30	Final Words	Col 4:7-18
July 7	I AM The Bread of Life	John 6:35
July 14	I AM The Light of the World	John 8:12
July 21	I AM The Door	John 10:9
July 28	I AM The Good Shepherd	John 10:11
August 4	I AM The Way, The Truth and The Life	John 14:6
August 11	I AM The Vine	John 15:1
August 18	VBS Sunday <b>1 Service at 10:00 am!</b>	Selected Scriptures
August 25	I AM The Resurrection and The Life	John 11:25
September 1	God's Word	Selected Scriptures

## 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>

## VOLUNTEER SURVIVOR

### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Calling all SGAC volunteers (ages 12+) . You and your spouse are invited to join us on May 15 at 6:00 pm. Participate in or observe the game of Survivor as it plays out. Proving once and for all that SGAC's volunteers have what it takes to outsmart, outlaugh, and outfun at all times! Please RSVP to the Church office no later than May 12.

# Worship, Arts & Prayer



Pastor Andrew: [andrew.bugiera@sgac.net](mailto:andrew.bugiera@sgac.net)

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

When we as a church abide in Christ, his gospel is realized in and through us and faith is built. My prayer is that we would abide and His kingdom would come and His will would be done in and through us.

## Sunday Morning Worship Services

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

## Worship Ministry Volunteers

Keep an eye on the upcoming bulletins for opportunities to get together this spring for fun, fellowship and skill development.

## Singin' the Gospel

July 14: A dynamic evening of music and worship with Angela Primm from Nashville TN (a recent Gaither Homecoming artist) and The Amundruds. You will not want to miss this concert.

## 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!

## Technologies Ministry

Our tech team is always looking for willing volunteers to help with Sunday mornings and special events. If this is an area you can help us, please e-mail Dave Janssen. [dave@sgac.net](mailto:dave@sgac.net).

## Drama Ministry

We have ignited a drama ministry here at SGAC and look forward to some more upcoming skits and opportunities to perform. If you would like to act or have talent in set design, costumes or stage management, please chat with Pastor Andrew or email him at [andrew.bugiera@sgac.net](mailto:andrew.bugiera@sgac.net).

## 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](mailto:merrillj@hotlinkwireless.com).

## Women's Prayer

Come and pray together with other women for our church and community on Monday mornings at 9:30 am for the months of May and June.

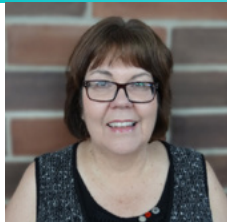
## Corporate Prayer

Our Wednesday evening Corporate Prayer time will resume again in September. Please look in future bulletins and the next edition of The Journey for dates and times.

## SGAC House of Prayer

Join us on May 26 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. This will be our final House of Prayer, and we will resume in the fall. Please look in future bulletins and The Fall Journey for dates and times.

# Children birth to grade 6



Pastor Coreen: [coreen.frey@sgac.net](mailto: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 must check in with one of our station supervisors and pick up a name tag. Parents with children age 3 to grade 4 will also pick up a parent tag. Nursery and 2 year olds can check in and pick up a parent tag outside the nursery. Grade 5-6 do not require a parent pick up tag.

**Please note:** There will be no Discovery Island during building maintenance, June 30, July 7, and July 14. Please join us for family friendly services on those three weekends. Nursery and 2 year olds will commence on July 7 at 9:15 am and 11:15 am. Age 3 to grade 6 Children's Ministry will return with reduced Summer Sunday programming on July 21 at 9:15 am and 11:15 am.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** There are many opportunities to serve in Children's Ministries all year long on a full time or part time basis. We welcome all ages 12 and up to serve in this area.

**We will have two Safety and Risk Management Trainings, June 9 at 1:00 pm or August 7 at 7:30 pm. Please note our VBS leaders meeting will be Wednesday August 7 at 6:30 pm.** Please contact Pastor Coreen at [coreen.frey@sgac.net](mailto:coreen.frey@sgac.net) if this is an area you would like to serve in.

## Grade 6 Celebration Banquet

The Grade 6 class will be moving to Jr. High next year and we want to say goodbye to them. We invite the Grade 6 students and their families on May 31 at 6 pm to celebrate their time in Children's Ministries. Cost is \$5/person Please RSVP to Janet at [janet.sawatzky@sgac.net](mailto:janet.sawatzky@sgac.net) before May 28.

## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

August 12-16 for ages 4 to grade 6, 9:15-12:15 pm. Early Bird price of \$20/child will be offered May 28 to July 31 and \$25/child August 1 to August 7. Join us as we go To Mars and Beyond. Each day we will explore where Gods power can take us! Online registration opens May 28. [www.sgac.net/eventregistration](http://www.sgac.net/eventregistration)

## SGAC Celebration Sunday

On Sunday, August 18 we will have a Celebration service at 10 am immediately followed by an old fashioned picnic and outdoor games. Bring the whole family and see what the kids have been up to at VBS. If your last name begins with A-O bring a LARGE salad to share, P-Z bring a LARGE dessert to share. We will provide everything else! This event is for the WHOLE church and community. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

## AWANA Registration

AWANA registration will open in August for our 2019/2020 program. Contact Janet at [janet.sawatzky@sgac.net](mailto:janet.sawatzky@sgac.net) for more information about AWANA. Online registration, for leaders committing to volunteer a minimum of twice a month, will be open July 31 to August 7. Online registration for everyone will be open August 20 to August 23. [www.sgac.net/eventregistration](http://www.sgac.net/eventregistration).

# Deeper Life School of Theology

Higher Education in Biblical Studies

Pastor Coreen Frey: [coreen.frey@sgac.net](mailto: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 Spring 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.

- **May 23-25, 2019: "The Road to Restoration"**  
*This is a study of grief. It examines its causes and effects to gain a greater understanding of God's plan for restoring broken lives.*
- **June 20-22, 2019: "How to Hear the Voice of God"**  
*Learn how to discern the voice of God. Emphasis is placed on distinguishing between the right voice and wrong voices.*

**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](mailto: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](http://www.sgac.net/youth) or to our Facebook page '[SGAC Youth](#)' to fill out this form.

## Friday Night Events for Grades 7-12

All events start at 7:30 pm and pick up is promptly at 10:00 pm. Our last youth event for the year is on June 14.

## Jr High & Sr High Small Group

Bible Study runs Tuesday evenings starting at 7:00 to 8:45 pm here at SGAC. Also, don't forget to come early at 6:30 pm for some games in the gym before study gets started. The final night for Small Groups is June 11.

## Youth Grad Send-Off

Our Grade 12 Grad "Banquet" is going to be a little different this year. This is not a formal dinner event. We want you all to attend.

All other youth - Grade 7-11 - this event is open to you to come and celebrate your peers who will graduate this year. It is going to be an epic event and you WANT to be a part of it.

Parents if you are able to help us with the food we are serving please contact us, and we can send you the information for the food for our unique "banquet" food.

All youth - think of great stories about the Grade 12's to share. Please give them to Pastor Josh.

## Grad Mystery Road Trip

Save the Date: May 25-26, 2019. Cost will be \$120. This trip is always a highlight of our youth year, where we get to treat our Grade 12 Grads to an amazing Trip before they head off. Registration forms will be available as soon as the Grads RSVP. Sign up Deadline ends Sunday May 6, so make sure to sign up as soon as you can, you won't want to miss it!

## 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!

We meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm at Mike & Bonny Piska's (13 Linksview Close).

We don't have our summer all planned out yet but we will have some bible study nights, some hanging out nights and likely some board game nights. All details and updates will be posted on our FaceBook Page [SGACYoung Adults](#) and our 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](mailto:karen.houcher@sgac.net)

Thank you to the many volunteers who serve faithfully to help make Women's Ministry happen – we are the body of Christ working together and it has been a fantastic ministry

year serving alongside you. As we head into Spring/Summer I pray that you and your families enjoy time together and experience a time of rest and rejuvenation. In Women's Ministries we purposely keep commitments light over the short summer months but want to be sure you know that we anticipate many good things that God has for the women of SGAC this fall. In September we look forward to connecting with you.

Join us over the next few months at:

## Deep Dish

### Connections, Community, and Conversation

A casual time for women of all ages and stages to come together to get connected and build community.

Drop into the Fireside room from 7 – 8:30 pm on May 7. Enjoy some coffee and dessert and a simple activity or craft as we dig deeper into life and faith.

## Women's Prayer

Come and pray together with other women for our church and community on Monday mornings at 9:30 am for the months of May and June.

## Park Play Days

Weather permitting, join us from 9:00 -11:00 am on Wednesday mornings starting June 5 and running until the end of July.

Bring your kids to play at the playground while you have a chance to connect with other women from SGAC. Check our Facebook page ([Spruce Grove Alliance Church Women](#)) for updates.

As we are at a park setting, please be aware there may be food allergens, please watch your child.

For more info call/text Lindsey Rion 403-335-2093.

Here is the Schedule:

- June 5 - Rotary Park in Stony
- June 12 - Fairway in Spruce
- June 19 - Lion's Playground in Stony
- June 26 - Rotary Park in Stony
- July 3 - Lion's Playground in Stony
- July 10 - Millgrove School in Spruce
- July 17 - Living Waters in Spruce Grove
- July 24 - Lion's Playground in Stony Plain
- July 31 - Millgrove School in Spruce Grove

# Keenagers & Care Ministries

(seniors 55+)

Pastor Art: [art.quist@sgac.net](mailto: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.

## Bible Study, Praise, Prayer and Fellowship

We welcome you to a wonderful morning of Bible Study, Praise, Prayer and Fellowship each Wednesday morning at 9:45 am with our Keenagers group. Since it is our desire to Thrive Spiritually, Build Community and Reach the Lost, we trust that you find these mornings together encouraging and beneficial. The first Wednesday is typically our meal time together. Watch for specific information on upcoming details regarding these.

Please note the following dates and Bible Study topics:

- May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – ‘Conversations With Jesus’
- June 5, 12 and 19 – Pastor Steve Kim will be leading the teaching sessions
- June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – ‘David, The Shepherd, The Man, The King – His Life, His Victories, His Follies, His Psalms
- We will break for the month of August and resume on September 4.

## Welcome Spring Brunch

May 11 at 10:00 am featuring The Fehr Family – Gospel Bluegrass Family – Cost \$10.00. Please RSVP to the Church Office.

## Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

This is a great place where we sing the great old hymns of the church: There are usually some great stories and personal testimonies that accompany the singing and then we enjoy tasty finger-food snacks afterwards. Hymn Sing will resume in September. Watch the bulletin for details.

## Baptism and Church Membership

Here at SGAC, we encourage you to be baptized and then we seek to encourage you to be part of our Membership. Pastor Art will be conducting classes on May 5 during both Worship Services. 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](http://www.biblegateway.com)
- **RIGHTNOW MEDIA:** [sgac.net/rightnowmedia](http://sgac.net/rightnowmedia)

# Child Dedication

[office@sgac.net](mailto: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

# RightNow Media

## 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

## rightnow MEDIA

We're excited to give you free access to **RightNow Media**, a wonderful library of video resources for all ages from churches and pastors all across the country, to help you develop and grow as both a disciple of Jesus and disciple-maker. Streaming directly to your computer, tablet, or mobile device, you'll find the online Bible Study Library includes relevant content for every age group or spiritual season. You can search by category, topic, or speaker. Additionally, many of the series have direct links to workbooks and leader guides. Parents, you'll find that RightNow has a multitude of videos and resources for your kids. Visit [www.sgac.net/rightnowmedia](http://www.sgac.net/rightnowmedia) to start using this resource today.

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# Giving at SGAC

## How can I donate at SGAC?

We have five 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 give online to Spruce Grove Alliance Church using a Visa or MasterCard debit cards or the traditional Visa or MasterCard credit cards.

### 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.

### 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.

### 5. E-TRANSFER

Use E-Transfer to give at SGAC, using [giving@sgac.net](mailto:giving@sgac.net). Please include your offering envelope number and contact information. The money is deposited directly into the church account and does not require a security question. (This method of giving is not to be used for registrations.)

## 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.

**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.**

# In the Community

## The Thinking Series

The Thinking Series is back. Join us for a time of discussion and Q&A as we explore life's biggest questions:

- May 2: What is the Meaning of Life?
- May 9: Does God Exist?
- May 16: Do all Religions Lead to God?
- May 23: Why is There Evil?
- May 30: Is There Life After Death?

Bring a friend and join Pastor Steve Kim at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room each Thursday night in May.

## Life Groups

Life Groups are a great way to get connected to the large church in a smaller setting. By getting together with a small cluster of people, either in someone's home or a smaller room here at SGAC, you will have the opportunity to build friendships as well as grow in your faith. There are many different small groups currently running, there are new groups forming, and our hope is that there is a group that is a good fit for you. If you are interested in learning how to lead or host a Life Group or if you would like more information please contact Pastor Scott.

## SGAC Celebration Sunday: 10:00 am

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## Meet & Eat

Meet n Eat is a chance to meet other people/families in our church community. Sign up to be placed in a group, take a turn hosting a meal and spend time getting to know one another. This is a fun, low stress way to build relationships. Contact **Natasha Frieser 780-850-8738** if you would like to get involved.

## Hands & Feet

Hands and Feet is a ministry that is made up of many people from the Spruce Grove and Edmonton area. What started out as one lady making and delivering 100 lunches once a month to the homeless in downtown Edmonton, has now spread to many people and families two to three times a month.

It was Mother Teresa that said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." It has been these small things done with great love that has produced joy and relationships with the people we meet and help on the streets of Edmonton. As a group we have prayed and cried with people and have had the opportunity to have deep conversations about God, as well as handed out many bibles.

When God calls and moves, He shows up. He has always provided all the help and items we need. If you're interested in helping or supporting this group in any way, please contact Natalie Boldt at [natalie@mikeboldt.ca](mailto:natalie@mikeboldt.ca).

If you would like to help make the lunches, you are welcome to join us in the kitchen, or if you would like to handout the lunches downtown we are happy to have people come for that as well.

*"And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Isaiah 58:10*

# Future Development

# Refugee Sponsorship at SGAC

## The Future Development Team

As we near \$2 million of cash on hand (first 1/3), we are excited to move into the next stage of fundraising; 3-year pledges. In order to meet district guidelines, we require the next \$2 million (1/3) in pledges (minimum \$4 million cash and pledges). We are asking each person who calls Spruce Grove Alliance church their home church to prayerfully consider how they can contribute financially over the next 3 years. New pledge forms are available. We would like to see pledges returned by June 1st, but the fundraising drive will continue until we reach the district guidelines. These new 3-year pledges will start in September 2019.

Utility upgrade work permits have been submitted for approval with a plan to begin this work in early summer. The work will be disruptive to our parking lot. Planning is taking place to assist with keeping full access to the building through this work. Planning continues to take place for the construction and layout of the education wing. Discussions with different groups who will be able to benefit from the new space are being gathered to maximize the potential.

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

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In a sermon about the Good Samaritan, a pastor in Calgary said, "Loving my neighbour does not depend on how I see them but on how I see the Lord." I love my neighbour because "He is the Lord" - the focus is not our neighbour, our focus is the Lord. My behavior is a reflection of my attitude towards God. If I believe He's the Lord of the world, I respond to my neighbour because of who God is. Love is about our actions not words. The Lord is looking for the evidence of what we say we believe. As a team we want to say thank you to the congregation for your support and putting your actions into words as we move forward with refugee sponsorship. In 4 months we have already raised over \$13,000.00; this is amazing, thank you! We are currently filling out paperwork to start the application process to receive a family. The family that we have applied for is one that has been sent to us by the Christian and Missionary Alliance. They are a Christian family of 4 that is being persecuted for their faith. Please pray for this family and pray that our application will be approved. Once the application has been approved it can take anywhere from 6 months to 2 years before they arrive.

We still have a ways to go to reach \$40,000, so please know that a refugee fund is open and this is something you can give to at anytime.

Our team is also putting on some different fundraisers in the next few months. **On Saturday, May 11 from 10:00 am -noon** we are having a painting fundraiser. Heather Langdale will be guiding everyone through a series of watercolour pictures. All will go home with a few different creations, along with all of their supplies. Children are welcome to join or if you need a Saturday morning out alone, please join us. **Tickets are \$25 and all the proceeds will be going directly to refugee sponsorship.** Stay tuned for our June fundraiser which will be a floor hockey and dodgeball competition.

*"I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy." Psalm 140:12*

*"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8*



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.

## Walking with Jesus

Mark 3:13-15



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. 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: Wednesday or Thursday night study groups, 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*.

*ALL STUDY GROUPS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.*

# Dates at a Glance

## MAY

- 7** Deep Dish
- 11** Paint for a Cause- Refugee Fundraiser  
Keenager's Welcome Spring Brunch
- 15** Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 23-25** DLST- "Road to Restoration"
- 24** Grade 12 Send Off
- 25** Grade 12 Mystery Road Trip
- 26** House of Prayer
- 28** VBS Registration Opens
- 31** Grade 6 Celebration

## JUNE

- 9** Safety & Risk Management Training
- 14** Last Friday Night Youth Event
- 20-22** DLST- "How to Hear the Voice of God"

## JULY

- 14** Singin' The Gospel

## AUGUST

- 2-5** Family Camping Trip
- 7** Safety & Risk Management Training  
VBS Leaders' Meeting
- 12-16** VBS
- 18** Celebration Sunday Old Fashioned Picnic

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