

**“For to Us a Child is Born  
To Us a Son is Given”**

*Isaiah 9:6*



***The Coming of Jesus Foretold***

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**Pastor Harry Kelm**

**December 24, 2017**

***WELCOME TO GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH!***

If you would like to find out more about our church or ministries,  
please visit our Welcome Centre located in the foyer.

If you are visiting with us today, please take and fill out a Guest Card  
from the pew rack. You can place it in the offering plate as  
it passes or bring it to the Welcome Centre.

We would love to hear from you!

## ***Merry Christmas!***

### ***Info For Everyone***

***Condolences*** — The Alberta Baptist Association Regional Minister, Jim Leverette, passed away on December 18. Jim recently spoke at GBC on October 1 and faithfully served the Lord in his leadership within the ABA and NAB. He made a huge impact on lives here at Grace and around the world. He will be missed dearly. Please pray for his wife, Cheryl, and his immediate and extended family. A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 29 at 2 pm at McKernan Baptist Church in Edmonton.

***2017 Donation Receipts*** — If you have had changes to your information in the last year, please make a note on a connection card and put it in the offering plate. All donations to GBC for 2017 must be received at the church office by noon on December 31 or Canada Post marked on or before December 31. If you would like to know your giving to date, please contact Bev Janzen at [bajanzen@shaw.ca](mailto:bajanzen@shaw.ca). Thank you for your continued financial and prayerful support!

***NAB Triennial Conference 2018*** — Our Triennial “Shaped for Mission” is taking place next year in Edmonton, July 26 - 29. This is a wonderful opportunity for us as churches, missionaries, and partnering organizations to gather together to celebrate, reconnect and discover where God is directing us. The early bird deadline is January 31, 2018 so don't miss it!

### ***Candlelight Christmas Eve Service***

We will be having our annual Candlelight Service tonight at 6 pm. Please invite your family and friends to this very special event. Our nursery will be open but not staffed. Please feel free to use it and provide your own supervision there.



## ***Children's Ministries***

*Kidz BLOX, "Building Lives On Christ", helps children from Preschool to Grade 6 grow in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and one another.*

**Baby BLOX** — Nursery is available for children under the age of two during the Sunday morning service today.

**Kidz BLOX** — Today we are celebrating Jesus's Birthday! Children aged preschool on up are invited to a very special birthday party during the morning service. Directions will be given at the children's dismissal.

**New Years Eve Morning** — There will be no Kidz BLOX or nursery provided during the New Years Eve morning service next Sunday. Please feel free to provide your own supervision in the nursery, but keep your older children with you during the service.

**Parent Café** — We are starting up again on Sunday night, January 7 at 6 to 7 pm in the R3 room. Mark it on your calendar so you don't miss it.

**Thank you** — Our greatest appreciation and thanks go out to the amazing volunteers who make Kidz BLOX a great place. You are making a huge impact on the next generation. May you have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

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## ***Prayer Requests***

### ***Pray for those unwell and/or at home:***

Rupert Aragon, Ella Bozicnik, Beth Campbell, Donna Clarke, Ruth Kind, David Nelson, Frieda Redlich, and Cindy Wilbur

### ***Pray for those in Extended Care:***

Aspen Lodge — Dais Davis, Lydia Sept

Cedars Villa — Gladys deVries

George Boyack — Vera Stewart

Glenmore Park — Elaine Hay

Peter Lougheed — Else Hilbrecht

St. Teresa Place — Enith Bettcher, Loretta Wiens

Waverly Home — Dennis Seever

Whitehorn Village — Clarence Priebe

Pray for those who are unable to join us on Sunday mornings due to illness or extended caregiving circumstances.

***Pray For:*** At this time of year as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, may we enjoy the fellowship of family and friends and be a demonstration of God's love to each other. Pray that we would extend patience, kindness, and forgiveness towards our loved ones when sometimes those efforts are not made toward us. Help us to remember those who live in seniors residences, are shut in, have lost loved ones in the past year, or have no family close by. This can be a lonely and sad time for so many. May we be sensitive and look for opportunities to reach out to those in need both physically and emotionally as well. May we represent Christ well in all we say and do during this special and sometimes difficult time of year.

***Prayer Chain:*** Email [frontdesk@gbccalgary.com](mailto:frontdesk@gbccalgary.com) with prayer requests or fill out the prayer request section on a Guest or Connection Card found in the pew racks.

***Prayer Time:*** Everyone is welcome to join us at 9:45 am Sunday mornings in the Prayer Room to pray for our church and the Sunday morning service.

*If there is a birth, death or illness of a loved one, and you would like support, assistance or prayer, please call the church office.*

*If you are interested in knowing what it means to be a Christ-follower, please contact Pastor Harry Kelm.*