



**PRAY FOR THOSE IN HOSPITAL:**

Norm Peterson; David Harvie; Gunter Bruckner;

Anna Six; Carol Henderson; Katherine Clark.

For more info, contact Pastor Ray Matheson

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**YEAREND GIVING UPDATE**

	Budget	Received	Required
General	2,284,500	1,501,443	783,057
Global Impact	463,200	365,240	97,961
Capital/Debt	654,800	507,408	147,392

Total Required by **December 31, 2011:** \$1,028,410

Donations to be included in your 2011 giving must be dropped off in the Main Street safe (left of the Café) or postmarked by mail no later than **11:59 pm on December 31, 2011.**

**BECAUSE YOU GIVE {to the CHURCH}**

This past summer we showed a video about a man named Gates in the weekend services. In it, he shared how he was giving more of himself to Christ, how he had come off the street and how the ministry of The House community (126 - 10 Street NW) had changed his life. .

Since the interview, he has spent almost a month in the hospital with liver problems, and has been given a prognosis that he is terminal. Although we are praying for God to heal Gates, it has definitely given him clarity in his life. **More and more he continues to give himself to Christ, allowing Jesus to take over the places in his life that before were filled with anger and bitterness.** He has reconnected with his once estranged daughter and his ex-wife, asking for their forgiveness for not being the parent and husband that he should have been. As a result, those relationships continue to grow. He's actually been able to spend time and build a relationship with his grandchild! **He continues to be a contributing member of our church at The House.** We're actually helping him move to a new place next month.

Gates recently told me, **"You have a pretty amazing church to have a place like this that will help a guy like me."** Please continue to pray for Gates, for his spiritual journey and his health and that through him God's light will be shown.

-Derrick Mitchell (Pastor of The House Coffee Sanctuary)  
[www.thehousecoffe.ca](http://www.thehousecoffe.ca)

December 3/4, 2011

LOOKING FOR  
**HOPE**





# WELCOME TO FAC ... building lives that honour God

## CONNECT

Find a group of people you can meet with regularly to study God's word, pray and do life together! Drop by the **Life Connection Desk** on Main Street after the service, or contact **Angela McCombs** amccombs@faccalgary.com/403-258-8289.

## NEED PRAYER?

Request prayer through filling out a **Contact Card** located in the seat back; call our prayer hotline **1-877-677-2948** or submit prayer requests online anytime [www.faccalgary.com](http://www.faccalgary.com).

## NEW OR VISITING?

- We invite you to fill out a **Contact Card** located in the seat back so we can offer info specific to your needs; drop-off boxes are at Sanctuary exits
- Stop by **Action Centre** after the service and meet Pastor Scott
- Pick up a **FIRSTLIFE catalogue** from the Info Desk for an overview of FAC & get a free latte coupon!

## FAMILY LIFE

### SENIORS & FRIENDS

"Generation Celebration" Coffee House **Saturday, December 17**, 2-3:30 pm in the Harvest Rooms with speakers Pastor Ed Dyck and Pastor Jonathan Klein, with our grade 10-12 students. Cost: \$8; RSVP to Dolores Dyck 403-251-0340.

### REALIFE DESSERT NIGHT

All women are invited to a Christmas-filled evening to enjoy delicious desserts and hear Heather Holt & Colleen Derkson share their stories **THIS TUESDAY**, 6:30-8:30 pm in Harvest Rooms AB! Tickets: \$5 available online under EVENTS or at Cornerstone Resources.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are currently seeking a full-time Administrator for Worship Arts. Please send your resume & cover letter by **December 15** to Cathie Hall [chall@faccalgary.com](mailto:chall@faccalgary.com)/403-258-7249. Full job description available online.

## DISCOVERYLAND

### Prologue Christmas Drama/Cookie Café

Everyone is invited to enjoy our Prologue students present 'Of Angels and Journeys' **THIS SUNDAY**, 2 pm in the Gym! Cost: \$2.

## STUDENTS

**Accelerate (Gr. 5-6)** After this weekend, Accelerate will break until **January 7/8**. Christmas Party: **Dec. 16**, 6:30-9 pm at Laser Trek (7905 Flint Rd SE). Cost: \$15.

**Elevation (Gr. 7-9)** This weekend is the last Saturday worship until **January 7**. B.I.G. Night: **December 16**, 6:30-9 pm @ FAC; cost: \$10. Contact Dennis V. [dvel@faccalgary.com](mailto:dvel@faccalgary.com) /403-212-8840.

**Oxygen (Gr. 10-12)** Last Wednesday Night Worship is **December 14**, (7-9 pm in the Gym) until **January 11**.

### The Source (Young Adults)

Christmas Banquet: **Dec. 18**, 6-10:30 pm in the Harvest Rooms. Tickets: \$15.

## Super 7

places to SERVE this week @ FAC

**CHRISTMAS CAFE DESSERT NIGHTS (Dec. 7-11)** Contact Gail Hunter [ghunter@faccalgary.com](mailto:ghunter@faccalgary.com)/403-258-7245

**GUEST SERVICES: DEC. 8-11** Contact Suzanne Van Herk [svanherk@faccalgary.com](mailto:svanherk@faccalgary.com)/403-258-4353

**CHRISTMAS EVE PARKING TEAMS** Contact Suzanne Van Herk [svanherk@faccalgary.com](mailto:svanherk@faccalgary.com)/403-258-4353

**TRANSLATION AUDIO COORDINATOR (Weekends)** Contact Pat Worsley [pworsley@faccalgary.com](mailto:pworsley@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8845

**GRADE SCHOOL DESK ADMIN. (1 wkd/month)** Contact Colleen Hoare [choare@faccalgary.com](mailto:choare@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8285

**GRADE SCHOOL SOUND TECH. (1 wkd/month)** Contact Colleen Hoare [choare@faccalgary.com](mailto:choare@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8285

**BAPTISM ASSISTANT** Contact Janet Loewen [jloewen@faccalgary.com](mailto:jloewen@faccalgary.com)/403-252-7572

## \* Please Note \*

There will be NO Saturday evening service NEXT WEEKEND due to the "Two From Galilee" performance!

## GROW

### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Coping with the Holidays** Have you lost a loved one in the last few months? Join us **December 6**, 7-9 pm in Harvest DE for resources & support to help you through the holiday season. No cost; register with Janet Loewen [jloewen@faccalgary.com](mailto:jloewen@faccalgary.com)/403-252-7572.

### DIVORCECARE

**Surviving the Holidays** The prospect of facing the holidays this year without your spouse may cause anxiety & dread. Join us **December 14**, 7-9 pm in Harvest AB for support and advice to survive the holidays. No Cost; register with Janet Loewen [jloewen@faccalgary.com](mailto:jloewen@faccalgary.com)/403-252-7572.

## The FAC BIG 3

**1 CHRISTMAS @ FAC** We want to be a church that "feels like home" for the many guests that will come through our doors during our Christmas production and on Christmas Eve. Help make that difference by serving in Guest Services, Harvest Ministries or DiscoveryLand! Stop by the Action Centre for details and to sign up.

## 2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

"Two From Galilee" is just around the corner, **December 8-11!** Tickets: \$10; (reserved seating) available online or in the Action Centre. Christmas Café tickets: \$5 (sold separately). For performance times & more info, call 403-212-8858.

## 3 PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Our next baptism weekend is **December 31/January 1**. What a great way to begin the New Year, by publicly declaring your commitment to Jesus Christ! A "Preparing for Baptism" info night is on **Tuesday, Dec. 20**, 6:30 pm in Meeting Place 1. Sign up in the Action Centre, or online under EVENTS.