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PRAY FOR THOSE IN HOSPITAL:
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YEAREND GIVING UPDATE

	Budget	Received	Required
General	\$2,284,500	\$2,288,027	\$(3,527)
Missions	\$463,200	\$450,620	\$12,580
Capital/Debt	\$654,800	\$635,165	\$19,635

Total Required by **December 31, 2011** **\$28,688**

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.**



“Foreknowledge” means to sit at a place where you can see from horizon to horizon. Throughout history, man has had the desire to sit in this spot. Ancient peoples did all kinds of wacky things in order to know “the next” – including reading animal internal organs – yep, they would dig through some guts to know what’s ahead. Wow.

As you know, **God is the only One who can sit in the place of foreknowledge.** What we can do is to look back and see how God has been moving. We bring 2011 to a close with **much to be thankful for.** We have seen many accept Jesus, connect in this church family, grow more like Christ, serve one another, and advance God’s kingdom locally and globally. We have had a great year.

But I want to know what’s next – don’t you? I can look at my calendar and see many events planned; I can track sermon ideas, leadership gatherings, and prayer opportunities, but I want to know what God is up to!

I know that I cannot know the future, but I can know and follow God. I can shape my dependence on Him through obedience, that will connect me with God’s plan. I can also trust that just as He was with us last year, He will continue to be with us again in 2012. I can’t alter His plan, but I can **join Him in His work!** I pray that you will do the same as together, we *Build Lives that Honour God* here at First Alliance Church.

- Pastor Scott Weatherford (Lead Pastor)

AMAZING MERCY

December 31, 2011/January 1, 2012

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 (click on PRAYER)

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
- Pick up a **FIRSTLIFE catalogue** from the Info Desk for an overview of FAC & get a free latte coupon!
- Visit our website: www.faccalgary.com

FAMILY LIFE

MEN'S HOCKEY PARTY

All men are invited to watch the Calgary Flames vs. Anaheim Ducks on **Thursday, January 12**, 7:30 pm in the Loft (above the Gym)! Snacks available for small donation.

REALIFE WOMEN'S STUDIES

Join us Tuesdays (morning, noon or evening) to connect with other women and grow in your spiritual walk. Winter study groups begin **January 17!** Pick up a list of options at the Info Desk, or contact Dianne MacDonald dmaacdonald@faccalgary.com.

DISCOVERYLAND

is a fun & safe place where children (**infants-grade 4**) can discover God during weekend services. Grade School resumes **NEXT WEEKEND!** For more info, contact Crystal Sylvester csylvester@faccalgary.com/403-258-8293.

STUDENTS

Accelerate (Gr. 5-6) resumes **January 7/8.**

Check out: [facebook.com/Accelerate56](https://www.facebook.com/Accelerate56)
For more info, contact Jon Caldwell jcaldwell@faccalgary.com/403-258-4354.

Elevation (Gr. 7-9) worship resumes **NEXT SATURDAY**, 6:30 pm in the Harvest Rooms. For more info, contact Dennis V. dvel@faccalgary.com/403-212-8840.

Oxygen (Gr. 10-12) Wednesday worship resumes **January 11** (7-9 pm in the Gym)!
Luau Night: January 13, 7-11 pm @ FAC. Cost: \$7. Contact Jonathan Klein jklein@faccalgary.com/403-212-8851.

The Source (Young Adults) Join us on Facebook for regular event updates! Search: **The Source**, or contact Jonathan Klein jklein@faccalgary.com/403-212-8851.

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HELP WITH REALIFE KIDS!
(Tuesdays) Contact Dianne MacDonald
dmaacdonald@faccalgary.com

GR. 3/4 BOYS' SMALL GRP. LEADER (Sat. PM) Contact Colleen Hoare
choare@faccalgary.com/403-258-8285

GR. 3/4 GIRLS' SMALL GRP. LEADER (Sun. 9:15 am) Contact Colleen Hoare
choare@faccalgary.com/403-258-8285

DISCOVERYLAND SOUND TECH. (1 wk/month) Contact Colleen Hoare
choare@faccalgary.com/403-258-8285

GR. 5/6 SMALL GROUP LEADERS Contact Jon Caldwell
jcaldwell@faccalgary.com/403-258-4354

HARVEST KITCHEN HELP (Chili Warm Up) Contact Gail Hunter
ghunter@faccalgary.com/403-258-7245

SANCTUARY STAGE SET-UP TEAM Contact Suzanne Van Herk
svanherk@faccalgary.com/403-258-4353

GROW

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED

Have you recently decided to follow Christ? **Discipleship Explored** is a discussion-based course that journeys through the book of Philippians, offered Thursdays **beginning January 19**, 7-9 pm in the Harvest Rooms. Cost: \$10 (includes workbook) register online or contact Sharon Teichroeb steichroeb@faccalgary.com/403-212-8847.

PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY

Join Elaine Pusch for this in-depth study of the book of Judges! Each week entails 90 min. of home study with group discussions Wednesdays in the Action Centre (12:30 pm or 6:45 pm) beginning **January 18**. Cost: \$21 (includes workbook). Register online under EVENTS, or at Cornerstone Resources.

The FAC BIG 3

1 CHILI WARM UP! Starting to get winter cabin fever? Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Jan. 29**, and plan to come for an afternoon of tropical/winter family fun, 3-6pm here at FAC! This is a free community event, so be sure to invite your neighbours and friends!

2 GUEST SERVICES: PARKING

We believe first impressions are important. As we begin a new year, we want to "beef up" our Parking Teams so that everyone feels welcomed and well-directed each weekend! **Sign up to serve!** Contact Suzanne Van Herk svanherk@faccalgary.com/403-258-4353.

3 CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Learn about Christianity for the first time, or just brush up on the basics of your faith at **Christianity Explored** offered Thursdays, **beginning January 19**, 7-9 pm in the Harvest Rooms! Cost: \$10 (includes workbook). Register online under EVENTS or contact Sharon Teichroeb steichroeb@faccalgary.com/403-212-8847.