

connect online



pray for those in hospital

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february giving update

	Budget	Received	Required
General	\$2,841,500	\$3,072,923	\$(231,423)
Missions	576,200	608,199	(31,999)
Capital/Debt	814,600	802,356	12,244

2011 TAX RECEIPTS were mailed out February 14.
 For info about giving to the church, contact Carey
 Thiessen cthiessen@facalgary.com/403-212-8844.



When I first attended FAC in 2009, I loved it right away! The singing, the messages, the presence of God ... I knew I'd found a church home. But so many people! I knew if I was going to have any kind of meaningful community, I'd have to purposefully involve myself.

At the Women2Women Expo last spring, I met a woman whose circumstances were similar to mine – I come to church on my own, because my husband

has little interest in 'church stuff'. We shared the frustration of feeling somewhat adrift; we're not single, but we're on our own spiritually – and sometimes it gets lonely.

We asked about a group for women like us. Next thing we knew, we began a new Life Group based on our common situation. It was marvellous to watch God move on our behalf!

We started in late September. Soon I was leading the group on my own – I had never even attended a Life Group before, never mind led one! I was completely dependent on God and He came through ... as He always does.

We began to see the Holy Spirit work in our hearts and lives as we studied a book on marriage. What a relief to be able to share with others who really understand! Now our group is a little bigger, a little closer, and we pray a little harder for each other. For me, Life Group is a place of refuge, encouragement, strength and friendship – all in Jesus' name.

I am convinced that everyone at FAC needs to be part of a group of believers who can support and encourage each other in their walk with Christ!

Written by Bonnie Turk

welcome to ...

in the **house** connecting

march 3/4, 2012

... building lives that honour God **super 7**

big 3

new life groups

Not connected in a life group yet? Sign up for one of these NEW "in the house" life groups that are starting up THIS WEEK!

- Women Only (Tues., 6:45 pm, Harvest DE)
- Men Only (Tuesdays, 7 pm, Mtg Place 2)
- 35+ Singles (Tues., 7 pm in Mtg Place 3)
- Mixed Adults (Wed., 7 pm in Harvest DE)
- Mixed Adults (Thurs., 7 pm, Action Center)
- Women Only (Thurs., 7 pm, Mtg Place 2)

new or visiting?

- If you'd like us to contact you with specific info, just fill out a **Contact Card** located in the seat back in front of you
- Stop by the **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 coupon for a free latte!
- Visit our website: www.faccalgary.com

connect opportunities

LADIES' BUNCO NIGHT
All women are invited to a fun night of BUNCO, a team-based dice game, on **Monday, March 19**, 7-9 pm in Harvest Rooms CDE and meet new friends! No experience necessary. Cost: \$5; register online or at Cornerstone Resources!

discoveryland kids

FAMILY EASTER PARTY
Friday, March 16, 6:30-8 pm in the Harvest Rooms. Cost: \$5/family. Register online (under EVENTS) or for more info, contact Cherie Merryweather cmerryweather@faccalgary.com/403-258-8287.

life group [noun] *A small group of people who meet on a regular basis to study the Bible, pray, serve and do life together.*

students

Accelerate (Gr. 5-6) Join us during week-end services in Room 255 AB! For more info, contact Jon Caldwell jcaldwell@faccalgary.com/403-258-4354.

Elevation (Gr. 7-9) Join us for worship on Saturdays, 6:30 pm in the Harvest Rooms!

Elevation & Oxygen City-Wide Event:
TTYL Dance Theatre: March 9, 7-9:30 pm at FAC (Sanctuary). Cost: \$5; for more info contact Sara Vanderveen svanderveen@faccalgary.com/403-212-8849.

Oxygen (Gr. 10-12) Join us Wednesdays, 7-9 pm in the Gym for worship! For more info, contact Jonathan Klein jklein@faccalgary.com/403-212-8851.

The Source (Young Adults)
UnBirthday Bash: March 31, 8 pm @ FAC! For more info, contact Jonathan Klein jklein@faccalgary.com/403-212-8851.

opportunities to serve

SHOW 'N SHINE PLANNING TEAM
Contact Dale Sevcik
dbadsevcik@shaw.ca/403-236-5619

GR. 1-4 LARGE GROUP TEACHERS (1 service/wkd)
Contact Colleen Hoare
choare@faccalgary.com/403-258-8285

GR. 1-4 SMALL GROUP LEADERS/SUBS
Contact Colleen Hoare
choare@faccalgary.com/403-258-8285

CLASSROOM RESOURCE COORDINATOR
Contact Colleen Hoare
choare@faccalgary.com/403-258-8285

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP TEAM (month on/off)
Contact Janet Loewen
jloewen@faccalgary.com/403-252-7572

FAC "ODD JOB SQUAD" (every 2nd Mon.)
Contact Noelle Bannister
nbannister@faccalgary.com/403-258-4357

SR. HIGH/YOUNG ADULT ADMIN. HELP (weekdays)
Contact Jonathan Klein
jklein@faccalgary.com/403-212-8851

opportunities to grow

BRIDGING THE GAP Walk through the Biblical days of creation as Don Daae, (*Geologist & Executive Director of Genesis International Research Association*) explores the compatibility between the record of the Bible, astronomy, geology, archeology & anthropology! Sundays, 10:35-11:15 am in Harvest ABC **starting March 11**. Cost: \$5; register online under EVENTS.

"66 LOVE LETTERS" BIBLE STUDY
Discover the message of each book of the Bible and how it relates to us today, based on Larry Crabb's book, "66 Love Letters". Join Georgina Hus **Wednesdays**, 6 pm in the Atrium (no cost) – drop in anytime! Book available for purchase at Cornerstone Resources 403-212-8846.

1. JOIN THE PARKING TEAM!

First impressions are important, and as our weekend attendance increases, we have an URGENT need to "beef up" our parking team ministry! Sign up in the Action Centre or contact Suzanne Van Herk svanherk@faccalgary.com/403-258-4353.

2. PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

As followers of Jesus, we're asked to publicly declare our faith through the waters of baptism. Join us **Tuesday, March 13**, 6:30 pm in Meeting Place 1 for an info session that will prepare you for baptism on **Sunday, March 25** at 5 pm! Stop by the Action Centre or sign up online.

3. JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Stay connected online throughout the week at www.faconline.tv or on Facebook/Twitter (@faccalgary). We're also starting **6 NEW LIFE GROUPS this week** that will meet here at FAC during March – sign up at the Life Connection Desk after the services!