

GOD KNOWS YOUR NAME



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### PRAY FOR THOSE IN HOSPITAL

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### YEAREND GIVING (As of December 31, 2012)

	Budget	Received	Required
General	\$2,707,500	\$2,741,316	-\$33,916
Missions	503,060	500,706	2,355
Capital/Debt	693,200	496,429	196,771

Thank you for faithfully funding God's work through FAC!  
We reached 95.6% of our yearend goal of \$3,903,760.  
For more info about giving to the church, please contact  
Carey Thiessen cthiessen@facalgary.com/403-212-8844.

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After church on November 18, we put our church bulletins in our pockets and headed out, stopping at a local hardware store on the way home. At the cash register my husband emptied his pockets and handed me the bulletin to put into my purse; instead, I took the opportunity to pass it to the cashier, telling her, **"I have a special invite for you."**

She took it and read the word "BALI" in big print on the front, and asked me if I was a pastor. I smiled and replied, "No, but I am a new member to this church – you MUST see this church and hear the pastor speak!"

She asked me if I knew any Balinese, to which I answered, "No – only one word: my name, Satu. I am actually Finnish, but in Balinese, my name means 'number one.'"

She started to tear up and cry. She told me she had been a believer for many years but hadn't found a home church. We hugged, jumped and laughed with a total stranger! **All it took was handing out the church bulletin instead of throwing it into the garbage.** It just happened that the bulletin had BALI on it and she was from there. God was in the timing ... but was I willing? Revival starts with just a spark. I challenge each of you to take a small step – even just handing the bulletin out to a complete stranger as an invite.

*Written by Satu*

# UNCOMMON START

*living beyond the ordinary!*



WELCOME TO FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH | JANUARY 5/6, 2013

## WELCOME!

- 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](http://www.faccalgary.com).

## GET CONNECTED

Find a group of people you can meet with regularly to study God's word, pray and do life with! Drop by the **Life Connection Desk** on Main Street after the service, or contact **Angela McCombs** [amc.combs@faccalgary.com](mailto:amc.combs@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) (click on PRAYER).

## DISCOVERYLAND

is a safe place where your children can discover God through fun learning and caring relationships during weekend services. **NOTE: Grades 1-4 resumes NEXT WEEKEND.** Find a place to get connected and serve with us in 2013! Contact Crystal Sylvester [csylvester@faccalgary.com](mailto:csylvester@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8293.

### Employment Opportunities

The DiscoveryLand Team is currently looking to hire two 20 hrs./wk. positions:

#### **Grade School Small Group Director Early Childhood Director**

Go online for full job descriptions and information on the application process. Closing date to apply: **January 31, 2013.**

## STUDENTS

**Accelerate (Gr. 5-6)** resumes **Jan. 12/13**; please join the main service until then. **Movie Night: January 25**; 6:30 pm in Room 255 (no cost)! Contact Jon [jcaldwell@faccalgary.com](mailto:jcaldwell@faccalgary.com)/403-258-4354.

**elevation (Gr. 7-9)** resumes **January 12, January 25: Grade 9 Bowling Night; Grade 7/8 @ Laser Trek**; each cost: \$20; drop-off/pick-up at FAC. Contact Dennis V. [dvel@faccalgary.com](mailto:dvel@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8840.

**Oxygen (Gr. 10-12)** Join us for Worship **January 9**; 7 pm in the Gym. **Luau: January 11**; 7-11 pm in the Gym. (Cost: \$5) Contact Jonathan Klein [jklein@faccalgary.com](mailto:jklein@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8851.

### The Source (Young Adults)

Gym & Board Games Night: **Saturday, January 19**, 8:15 pm @ FAC. Join our Facebook Group: **The Source** or contact Jonathan Klein 403-212-8851/ [jklein@faccalgary.com](mailto:jklein@faccalgary.com)

## FAMILY LIFE

**Seniors & Friends** Christmas Luncheon **January 17**, 11 am-2 pm in the Harvest Rooms. Tickets: \$15 at the door. Contact: Dolores Dyck 403-251-0340 or Ed Dyck [edyck@faccalgary.com](mailto:edyck@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8841.

## GROW

**Discipleship Explored** is a course that journeys through the book of Philippians, a letter written by Paul to new believers. Be challenged and inspired to live a life that honours God and develop the habit of reading the Bible daily! Offered Thursdays, 7-9 pm in Harvest Rooms DE beginning **January 31**. Cost: \$5; register online or in Cornerstone Resources.

Learn about Christianity for the first time, or just brush up on the basics of your faith at **Christianity Explored** offered Thursdays, beginning **January 31**, 7-9 pm in Harvest Rooms ABC. Cost: \$5 (includes a workbook). Register online under EVENTS or at Cornerstone Resources.

## SUPER 7

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE @ FAC ...

**GRADE SCHOOL SMALL GRP LEADERS (month on/off)** Contact **Crystal Sylvester** [csylvester@faccalgary.com](mailto:csylvester@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8293

**2 YR. OLDS' CLASSROOM CAREGIVERS** Contact **Crystal Sylvester** [csylvester@faccalgary.com](mailto:csylvester@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8293

**GRADE SCHOOL SIGN-IN DESK ADMIN (Sundays)** Contact **Crystal Sylvester** [csylvester@faccalgary.com](mailto:csylvester@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8293

**JR. HIGH SMALL GROUP LEADERS** Contact **Dennis V.** [dvel@faccalgary.com](mailto:dvel@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8840

**STAGE CONSTRUCTION & SET-UP** Contact **Samantha Bell** [sbell@faccalgary.com](mailto:sbell@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8848

**COMMUNITY IMPACT TEAMS** Contact **Sharon Teichroeb** [steichroeb@faccalgary.com](mailto:steichroeb@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8847

**JUNE "SERVE DAY" COORDINATOR** Contact **Sharon Teichroeb** [steichroeb@faccalgary.com](mailto:steichroeb@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8847

## THE BIG 3

### REALIFE WOMEN'S STUDIES

Join us Tuesdays (morning, noon or evening) to connect with other women and grow in your spiritual walk. Winter Bible study options begin **January 8**! Pick up a list of options at the Info Desk; go online (CONNECT > WOMEN) or contact Dianne MacDonald [dmacdonald@faccalgary.com](mailto:dmacdonald@faccalgary.com).

### SUPPORT & RECOVERY

When life becomes hard, don't do life alone; get the support you need. For more info and to register for these Wednesday evening classes, go online (under EVENTS), stop by Cornerstone Resources or the Action Centre: **Grief Support** begins **January 9** (FREE) **DivorceCare** begins **February 13** (Cost: \$5)

### WEEKEND RESOURCES

Scan the QR code at any Sanctuary Entrance to download the bulletin, teaching notes, watch the video and more on your smartphone, or visit [faconline.tv](http://faconline.tv). Not really computer savy but need to register for a class or get info? Stop by the Action Centre after the service and we'll help you!