

Ministry Report

Joining Jesus | Year at a Glance | July 2025-June 2026



"I can't thank you enough for the opportunity to serve for a few days during the strike camp. It truly was one of the most meaningful and joyful days of my life. This experience touched my heart deeply, it's something I've been praying for. I've been asking God to show me ways to serve, to extend my hands in helping others and the church that has so warmly welcomed me and my family without hesitation. With tears of gratitude, I want to say that for the first time in a long while, I no longer feel like an outsider." – Strike Camp Volunteer

"For parents like me, it was a huge blessing to have such an engaging, fun, and educational place to send our children during the strike. Knowing they were in a safe, productive environment was invaluable. Thank you to FAC for being so thoughtful and proactive during a challenging time."

"Our son loved the camp during the teachers' strike and still talks about it to this day. He enjoyed the fun activities and spending time with friends. As parents, we appreciated the support it provided our family. We're thankful for such a positive experience, and he can't wait to attend another camp at FAC!"



3,375
Average Weekend Attendance Total
(all campuses)

10%
increase from last year

91
New Members

By Campus:
- Deerfoot - 45
- Português - 39
- Southwest - 3
- Español - 3
- Online - 1

5,681
Christmas Eve Attendance
(all campuses)

5,470
Easter Attendance
(all campuses)

2,825
Deerfoot Campus
avg. weekend attendance

2,489
Good Friday Attendance
(all campuses)

Missions

Care & Support

- 96 people received counselling and financial support through the **Care Fund**
- 130 households received **Emergency Food Hampers**
- 1,500 families received support through **Calgary Food Bank** at FAC
- Our **Food Drive** received 1,350 pounds of donations to help those facing food insecurity in Calgary
- 130 students accessed our **Breakfast Store** program at a partner school each week
- 15 **Stephen Ministers** were commissioned to help provide compassionate care
- 1,000 people connected with FAC at 2 **Community BBQs** at partner schools
- 57 **Christmas Hampers** provided practical support for families in financial crisis. Through the Christmas Giving Walls, our community partners received gifts and urgent resources
- 40 women supported through **Widow Connection**.
- 30–40 people weekly found hope and healing through **Celebrate Recovery**
- 62 people received support through **Grief Share**
- Partnered with City of Calgary Social Workers and the Centre for Newcomers to provide **150 backpacks and school supplies** for students in Calgary

Global Engagement

- 12 people went to Colombia on a **Short-Term Mission**
- 14 ***Unfinished Story*** evangelism course participants
- 20 women pray for our International Workers through the **Women of Prayer** group



"On behalf of Alpha House, thank you, FAC, for your generous support of our client Christmas party. Your generosity and willingness to help on short notice is deeply appreciated. Despite a snowstorm the day of the party, we had a fabulous turnout that brought staff and housing clients together for a delicious meal, laughter and community." – Bonnie

Community Partnerships

- 3 local CBE partner schools
- Meals on Wheels
- Teen Challenge
- Radiance Family Society
- The Mustard Seed
- The Calgary Food Bank

Refugee Sponsorship

"What kept us hopeful during those difficult times was our faith in God and our belief that one day, things would get better. My parents always reminded us to hold on to hope, to stay strong, and to trust that God had a plan for us. That faith, along with their love and perseverance, carried us through the hardest moments. Until we finally found peace and safety in Canada." – FAC sponsored refugee from Afghanistan

"We want to express our deepest thanks to God and to all of you who helped save our lives and the lives of our children from the difficult and painful situation we faced ... Under God's grace, and through your support, we have found safety and hope."
– FAC sponsored refugee from Eritrea



56 **New refugees sponsored by FAC in 2025-2026:**

- 31 from Afghanistan
- 18 from Iran
- 5 from Ethiopia
- 2 from Eritrea

49 **Previously sponsored refugees who arrived in Alberta in 2025-2026:**

- 12 from Eritrea
- 7 from Ethiopia
- 11 from Iran
- 3 from Somalia
- 16 from Syria

Discipleship Pathway

180 **Alpha Course Guests**
(all campuses)

226 **Baptisms**
(all ages & campuses)

169 **Discipleship Volunteers**
(all ages & campuses)

All Praying

- **FAC Prayer Nights** every month across all campuses

"It is such a blessing to be part of the After Service Prayer Team at FAC Deerfoot and to have the opportunity to come alongside others in prayer. We're privileged to witness God at work in people's lives and to be a source of encouragement, comfort, and hope. What a gift it is to serve in this way and to trust God with every prayer and every person who comes forward." – Bonnie Fader

New! **Catechism Class** developed by Pastor James and piloted with 30 particpants at FAC Deerfoot.

New! **Ministry Pathways** developed and piloted with 32 participants taking 2 classes offered in partnership with Ambrose University at FAC Deerfoot for those "Called and Curious" about vocational ministry.



Groups

78 **Small Groups**

- 56 Deerfoot Groups
- 9 Southwest Groups
- 7 Português Groups
- 5 Español Groups
- 1 Online Group

9 **Short-Term Small Group Studies** provided spiritual growth and community in a seasonal format

New! **The Friendship Lab** course offered at Deerfoot and Southwest Campuses



"In our small group, every year brings another cycle of personal battles and triumphs among our members ... Each of us have our moments ... I have learned to never underestimate the comfort, strength and encouragement of prayer when most needed from a group of people who know you well and care about you." – Dwayne C.

"The Friendship Lab helped me see the value of community and realize that I have something to offer others, too. The course helped me grow in my ability to support others, have meaningful conversations, and build a network of people who want to grow together, and even share my faith in the community." – Sydni

"The focus of our SW Campus women's small group, which averaged 11 women per week, is a personal close relationship with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We have a lot of discussion, dig deep into our own hearts, and cross-reference related Bible verses to see how our lives are impacted. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to meet with these ladies and have monthly lunch dates together. Thank you for the opportunity to lead!" - Barb S.

DiscoveryLand

310
Avg. Weekend Attendance
Infants-Grade 4 *(all campuses)*

85
Children said YES to Jesus for the first time!

- **DiscoveryCamps** had **322 campers** between FAC Deerfoot and FAC Southwest (Grade School & PreSchool)
- Many families enjoyed our free **Indoor Family Picnics** at FAC Deerfoot throughout the year



"As a former teacher, I love working with kids again, and it means even more to be teaching them about Jesus. What an absolute gift."

"This year I've seen God work through DiscoveryLand by helping the children feel loved, safe, and welcomed. It's been amazing to see them learn about Jesus, participate in activities, and build relationships with their leaders. I'm reminded that God can use even the smallest moments to impact a child's life."

15 **Children Baptized**

97
Weekly average of **people helping** in DiscoveryLand



"I've enjoyed serving on the team and interacting with the children. It's wonderful to see more children attending regularly with smiles and eagerness."

Youth & Young Adults

104
Wednesday Night Youth
Avg. attendance

22
Young Adults
Avg. attendance (Sept-June)

79
Grade 5&6
Avg. weekend attendance

6
Grade 5&6 kids said YES to Jesus for the first time!

"FAC Youth has been such an important part of my life from Grade 7-12. I've struggled with relationships and finding where I fit in, but here I found a place where I feel like I belong. So many of the leaders have poured into me, encouraged me, and walked alongside me through different seasons of my life. It's been such an encouragement, and I really believe being part of this community has helped shape who I am today. Through FAC, I've also gotten a better sense of where I feel God is leading me." - Shiloh K. (Grade 12)

"Over the past year I struggled with unemployment. Being at Young Adults gave me a community to go to for advice, prayer and encouragement. I believe it was through group prayer that God opened the right door for me to get the new job I have now. I learned the power of group prayer during this time of waiting." – Duncan S.

7 **Youth Baptized**

- **19** Grade 5&6 Leaders
- **28** Youth Leaders



Family Life

56 **Children Dedicated to the Lord**
(all campuses)

15 **Celebration of Life services**
hosted at FAC Deerfoot

12 **Couples in Young Marriages Group**
Growing together with enrichment topics like Conflict for Healthy Couples, Vision for Your Family, Money & Marriage, Communication, and Intimacy

Seniors & Friends

122 average attendance at **monthly luncheons**

- Hosted annual **Summer BBQ at Fish Creek Park**
- 188 attended **Christmas Banquet**
- 161 attended **Spring Dinner Theatre**
- Facilitated monthly Sunday services at **AgeCare Seton**
- Offered **Wills & Estate Planning** Seminar
- Avg. 55 participants in **Morning Wellness Exercise Class**

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Gathering Sundays, 11:15 am at FAC Deerfoot

176 Avg. Sunday attendance

20 Baptisms

75 Avg. # of people serving on Sundays

45 Alpha en Español participants (Winter 2025)

- We held a 4-day **Spanish Camp** for kids and teens at Camp Chamisall for Grade 3-9 with great participation and saw God's hand moving mightily in the kids' lives.
- Our **Interest Groups** met regularly during the year becoming a special space for men, women and couples to grow in their faith and experience community.
- **Quarterly Family Nights:** About 50 children under age 10 met for playtime, worship, and Bible lessons while parents gathered for a parenting talk and prayer for their kids.





"Being part of the Spanish Campus has been a refuge for me ... a place where I have friends who pray and laugh with me. Here I discovered the God who sees me, and through seasons of great responsibility, uncertainty, and personal struggles, I have felt His presence providing and surprising me, opening incredible paths where there seemed to be none. Today I can look back and declare that I have never walked alone and that His plans continue to be good, because I walk by faith and not by sight." – Desire Zabaleta

fac em português

Gathering Saturdays, 6:30 pm at FAC Deerfoot location

128
Avg. Saturday attendance

8
Baptisms

25
Alpha participants

7
Small Groups
Avg. 16 people connected

- **18** Newcomers
- **33** People at Português Men's Breakfasts
- **55** People at Português Women's Breakfasts
- **13** Avg. engaged in Campus Prayer Nights
- **23** People serving on weekends
- **73** Attended our Winter Family Retreat





"Alpha at FAC has been a wonderful blessing. Although I knew what to expect, the Word of God continually renews the experience! We have witnessed a strong sense of community develop as attendance remained remarkably consistent, with participants eager to watch the videos and form genuine bonds at their tables. This connection has deepened their relationship with the church as a whole, leading to over half of the participants actively serving across various FAC ministries. Having the Portuguese Campus watch the video sessions in the same room as the English Alpha has further strengthened our unity as 'one family' at FAC. It has been a joy to watch brothers and sisters approach the English prayer team for prayer, guidance, and community. Likewise, members of the English tables have frequently reached out to our leadership for prayer and personal support. Discussion over the last 2 seasons have grown significantly in depth and time." – Raquel and Andre



"Serving at church this past year has been such an uplifting and meaningful experience for me. It has given me a deeper sense of belonging and community, and it has truly been an honor to serve under the leadership of the Portuguese Campus. Through serving, I've felt empowered to embrace my calling, grow in my faith, and live more intentionally in community with others. It has also been a beautiful opportunity to give back to a community that has poured so much into my life and into my family. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to serve, grow, and be part of what God is doing through our church." – Haquila



"This past year serving in DiscoveryLand has been a very humbling and meaningful experience for me... It has also been such a joy to see children growing in their understanding of Jesus and experiencing so much happiness as they learn more about Him. My own daughter attends and she absolutely loves it! Another great blessing has been serving alongside Emmanuel Vedoya and Tamara Wong. Their love for Jesus, for the volunteers, and especially for the children is very evident. One of the biggest challenges we experienced was finding enough volunteers to support DiscoveryLand and ensure that the children could attend consistently... seeing children sometimes miss out because we did not have enough volunteers was truly heartbreaking. This year has taught me not only how to serve, but also how to trust God more deeply. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of what God is doing through FAC." – Laura Lins



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New!

FAC LEARN is a new online discipleship platform that was developed and tested in 2025/26. You can now grow deeper in your faith through guided courses and assessments designed for connection, wherever you are in the world: **learn.faccalgary.com**

FAC EXPERIENCE APP

1,792 new downloads
1,521 app opens per month

341 **online prayer requests** submitted & prayed for

22 people **helping** make online ministry happen

"This past ministry year, a person submitted an online prayer request, requesting prayer for direction. I sent her my email, and within minutes, she reached out wanting to meet in person and pray. The following week, she came to my office, and prayed to receive Jesus. That same day, she signed up for Alpha and was baptized a few months after that. She has experienced first-hand the way that Jesus is making everything new, with it all starting from asking for prayer online!" – Pastor Rosalind Coben

"I am Doris from Meheba Camp in Zambia. I am a member of FAC Online for almost 2 years now. Before, I believed that social media couldn't bring someone closer to God, until I became a living testimony of it. The more I was watching FAC Online, the more I wanted to know and read the Bible. I thank both Pastor Cory and Rosalind and the whole Online Campus who help to make it possible for us ... Let us all use social media as an instrument of spreading the gospel around the world!"

"FAC Online has been like a spiritual lifeline for me over the past year and a half. I serve in ministry overseas to a people group who speak a different language. By the weekend I'm exhausted. Getting out to a church is difficult. So having technology to stream FAC Online in my apartment here gives me the spiritual boost I need to continue to serve here each week. The beautiful thing is that my Sunday morning here is Saturday night in Calgary, so it times perfectly for me to have church at home each Sunday morning. Thank you, FAC, for the ministry you do to reach those of us who can't get out to a church service." - Norm

fac southwest

Gathering Sundays, 11:15 am at Glenmore Christian Academy

2 **People said YES to Jesus as their Saviour!**

- **DiscoveryLand** shifted format so kids begin in the main service before being dismissed into their classes to allow for intentional family worship
- 12 people participated in spring **Deeply Devoted Workshop**
- 7 participated in the SW Campus **Friendship Lab Course**

"Serving on the SW Tech Team has brought me so much joy and a true sense of belonging in our church community.... I really appreciate how everyone works together from setup to cleanup, making things easier for the whole team." –Leo





2,100
Approx attendance of SW Stampede Breakfast

246 ▲
Avg. Sunday Attendance (including children)

12
Alpha Course participants

16
Baptisms

fac Music & The Arts

- ***Simply Worthy*** won "Praise & Worship Song of the Year" at the Christian Creative Arts Awards
- First time hosting **Fill The Room en Español** and **em Português**
- Released trilingual ***As One*** EP
- **Joel Bhaskaran** joined the team as Deerfoot Campus Music Associate
- Choir participated in the **Psalms Project** with Mike Janzen & Steve Bell, both in Calgary and in Edmonton.
- ***Every Voice*** won "Best Canadian Contemporary or Praise and Worship Album/EP of the Year" at the Canadian Music Selah Awards
- **FAC School of Music** grew to over 140 students with 10 instructors

19 **Music Teams**
helping lead us in worship across all 5 campuses with about 210 musicians serving churchwide

- **Visual Arts Collective** showcased at Ambrose University
- Portuguese Campus featured a **Christmas drama**
- Rachel Costea created a progressive **I AM mural** exhibit for FAC Deerfoot (January-February)
- Ceili Gallagher provided an interactive **Ash Wednesday charcoal series** at FAC Deerfoot
- Spanish Campus featured an **Easter dance piece** (April)
- **FAC History Wall** was redesigned with artist Ruth Roche Bertsch; photography curated by Thando Mkhabela







Operations

We hosted Alliance Canada's **General Assembly** at FAC Deerfoot, June 8-12. 75 dedicated Harvest Ministry volunteers prepared and served guests:

- 2,000 Desserts
- 1,615 Lunches
- 5,372 Coffee Break Refreshments
- 475 Dinners

Facility Rentals

464 **External Bookings at FAC Deerfoot**

We open our doors and welcome many who would not otherwise come into a church building for dance recitals, high school graduations, homeschool groups, memorial services, and more. Energy is spent on deepening relationships with returning rental groups, taking time to connect beyond event logistics but to encourage, engage, and embrace those who use our facilities.

95 **Birthday Parties**
Hosted at Discovery Park Play Place

Cornerstone Marketplace

- A place to not only shop local, but with purpose: **all purchases support the ministries and mission of FAC.**
- Staffed by an amazing team of **10 volunteers** who gave 1,000+ hours of their time serving their FAC family.
- We see new customers every week from *all over Calgary.* We're becoming known as a **local Christian bookstore that can be counted on** to provide spiritual growth resources.
- Recently, a customer came in celebrating the 1 year anniversary of us helping her find her very first Bible. She was so excited to share how she's reading her Bible daily and learning so much! She was thrilled to now recognize the verses on various products in the store as things that now express what she believes as a follower of Jesus. It's stories like this that show why we say we're in '**retail ministry**' not just 'retail sales'.