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THE STORY CONTINUES

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Welcome to Fall!

NEW OR VISITING?

We're glad you're here! Stop by "NEXT" in **Meeting Place 2** after the service - we'd love to meet you.

NEED PRAYER?

Prayer teams are available at the front after the service, or fill out the attached **Contact Card**.

GET CONNECTED

We'd love to help you get connected! Visit faccalgary.com/smallgroups or fill out the attached **Contact Card**.

STUDENTS

Happy New Year! We're looking forward to our 2017 kick-off dates. Grade 5&6 resumes **January 7/8**. JHS (Junior High) resumes **January 7**. SHS (Senior High) resumes **January 4**. See you soon!

DISCOVERYLAND

Grade School will resume **January 7/8**. We're so excited to see the kids again and hear about their Christmas adventures!

NEW SERIES!

Our 4-part "Let's Talk about Sex" series will start **January 7/8**, covering the topics of Desire, Design, Damage and Destiny. DiscoveryLand and Grade 5&6 will be available during services.

CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY

Luncheon with Special Guest Phil Callaway on **Thursday, January 19** in the Harvest Rooms, 11:00 am. There will be a traditional turkey dinner with dessert. Tickets \$20/person, available online, at Cornerstone Marketplace, or by calling Anne Freeman, 403-258-8290. Invite your friends!

SERVE

Show 'N Shine: Join the event lead team to help plan and organize Show 'N Shine in July 2017.

Mosaic Childcare: Serve every Sunday from 12:30-2:30 pm during the Farsi Fellowship; screening is required.

To sign up for these positions, contact Cindy Bartlett serve@faccalgary.com/403-258-4355.



Answered Prayers & Mini-Miracles

God has had many years to do mini-miracles and assure me He is in charge of my life. **I have experienced the comfort of knowing no matter how bad things were, how impossible it seemed, God was in charge.**

By a series of God's mini-miracles (another story for another time), I graduated from university in 1951. A few years into a happy marriage with a nice, new house and two little girls, I was stunned when my husband left us. It was a struggle, but again God had plans. He sent a long-time friend who loved us and "married the three of us." He was a much-loved daddy to the girls, and God gave us another little girl to add a lot of fun and interest to our lives. My good husband went to Heaven almost nine years ago.

I moved with my youngest daughter to her Equestrian School. Soon after my 80th birthday, a serious operation threatened my life, but God answered prayer for a quick recovery. The failing economy caught up with us in 2010. I was just about homeless and into my 80s, but God was there! He made it possible for another daughter to provide a nice home near the church and good friends.

I don't know what is next but I do know God has been in charge and will continue to be – so let the next challenge come if it must! He will handle it. **Prayers will be answered as God wills, and mini-miracles occur when you don't even notice them sometimes.** -Thelma Parker

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 40:6-7)

Need to Know

ALPHA

Explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open, and informal environment. Invite a friend to join you Thursday nights at 6:30 pm in the Harvest Rooms for dinner and conversation starting **January 19** – free. For more info and to register, visit faccalgary.com/registrations.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Join a free program that connects you with tools and resources as you grieve the death of a loved one. If you've experienced a significant loss, you don't have to go through it alone. Wednesday evenings starting **January 11** at 7:00 pm, 247 AB. For more info and to register, visit faccalgary.com/registrations or **Cornerstone Marketplace**.

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Services & Translations

Saturdays 6:30 pm

Sundays 9:15 am (Spanish)

11:15 am (Farsi & Mandarin)

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

At some point in our lives, we all experience struggles we just can't seem to move past, struggles that have caused deep hurts to ourselves and others that can keep us from experiencing true joy and peace. Join a free, weekly, adult support group that walks through 8 principles for moving through life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits to find wholeness and healing in Christ. Come anytime for a large-group discussion, and then connect in men's, women's and issue-specific small groups. **Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm, 255 AB. For more info and to register, visit faccalgary.com/registrations.

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2016 YEAR-END GIVING

Cash/Cheque: in-service offering baskets, safe drop-off (left of the Café)

Online: (via credit card) faccalgary.com/giving OR through the "FAC Experience" App

Debit/Credit Card: through Cornerstone Marketplace

Stocks or Gifts in Kind: church office

Note: Donations to be included in your 2016 tax receipt must be received online or postmarked before 11:59 pm on December 31, or received before the building closes December 31.

Thank you for giving towards "building lives that honour God ... all for Jesus."

YEAR-END GIVING TARGET (as of Dec. 23)

	Budget	Received	Required
General	\$1,200,000	\$429,619	\$770,381
Capital/Debt	\$225,000	\$70,137	\$154,863
Total	\$1,425,000	\$499,756	\$925,244

For more info, contact John Siebring jsiebring@faccalgary.com/403-212-8850.