

Let's **talk** about sex.

Part 1: Desire

January 7/8, 2017 #FACLetsTalk facthisweek.com

Welcome to FAC!

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 facalgary.com/smallgroups or fill out the attached **Contact Card**.

Christmas in January

Luncheon with Special Guest Phil Callaway on **Thursday, January 19** in the Harvest Rooms, 11:00 am. Tickets \$20/person, available online facalgary.com/events or **Cornerstone Marketplace**. Invite your friends!

DiscoveryLand

Give serving a try with a sneak-a-peek; serve at one service in any classroom, one time! Discover where you fit in this exciting and rewarding ministry! For more info, contact Crystal Sylvester csylvester@facalgary.com/403-258-8293.

Gary Thomas

Let's Talk about Sex: Sunday, January 29 in the Sanctuary, 7:00 pm. Tickets \$15/person, available at **Cornerstone Marketplace** or online through funandfaith.ca.

Ways to Serve

Banquet Team: Prep/serve or clean up during a banquet for Camp Chamisall Friday, January 27.

Mosaic Childcare: We're looking for volunteers to serve every Sunday from 12:30-2:30 pm during the Farsi Fellowship; screening is required.

Show 'N Shine: Join the event lead team to help plan and organize Show 'N Shine in July 2017. To sign up for these positions, contact Cindy Bartlett serve@facalgary.com/403-258-4355.

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, a video talk, and conversation starting **January 19** – free. For more info and to register, visit facalgary.com/registrations.

Relationship Fitness

We're committed to helping build marriages that honour God. That's why our marriage ministry offers a variety of courses and events designed to strengthen the relationships of couples and help you live God's plan for your marriage and family. Find the full listing of classes on the bulletin insert. To register for all classes visit facalgary.com/registrations or [Cornerstone Marketplace](#).

Women & Men at FAC

Women2Women Tuesday Bible Studies

(morning or evening option) start **January 17**. For the January 17-May 9 semester registration is \$32.50 (now includes workbook). Childcare is available for \$80/child per semester during the morning study. Registration is now **exclusively online** at facalgary.com/registrations. For more info, contact Briana Southerland bsoutherland@facalgary.com/403-258-4359.

Men@First Swing for the Fences: To find out more about chances to hang out with other guys to connect, grow, and serve together, you won't want to miss our fun Men@FAC event **January 22**, 2:00 pm at Hitz Batting Cages, Okotoks. Tickets are \$20/person. Learn more at the Men@FAC table on Main Street, or register online facalgary.com/registrations.

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Sundays 9:15 am (Spanish)
11:15 am (Farsi & Mandarin)





Desire

For as long as I can remember, I've wanted to be a wife and a mother. As an adolescent, I fed my desire with romance novels. By the time I was in my late teens, I could not imagine a future without marriage, especially the sex part! When I found myself single in my early 20s, I started questioning God – **how could He have put these desires in me and not do anything to fulfill them?!** I felt unseen and unwanted. I became disappointed in God, angry that the desires He had placed in me were not being met.

Believing that physical intimacy was the answer, I became involved in a sexual relationship with a female friend. It was exciting at first – I felt like a whole new world had opened up for me. Over time, however, I started to realize that this was not my true identity. **I still had a hunger in me, a sense of a deep unmet need.** My thoughts turned back to God. Maybe He was what I was missing. I remained very angry – a big part of me blamed God for my situation.

Although it was incredibly difficult, I made the decision to leave the relationship and move back in with my parents. Almost immediately, I started to experience God's presence in ways I never had before! Every church service I attended was a powerful worship experience. I still had deep desires for marriage and motherhood and sex, but as I leaned on God, I started to realize that no matter what – even if I remained single – I would be okay. I am now a wife and a mother and, as fulfilling as these roles can be, **I continue to learn that only God's love can fill the deepest places in my heart!** –Colleen Derksen

Building Lives that Honour God ...all for Jesus!

2016 Year-End Giving

(as of December 31) 

	YTD Budget	Received	Shortfall
General	\$2,847,276	\$2,652,282	\$194,994
Capital/Debt	\$462,222	\$318,684	\$143,538
Missions	\$487,098	\$428,411	\$58,687
Total	\$3,796,596	\$3,399,378	\$397,218

Thank you for your generous giving in the month of December! We were able to bring in over \$1.25 million towards our year-end budget. Thank you for committing to build lives that honour God ... all for Jesus! For more info, contact John Siebring jsiebring@faccalgary.com/403-212-8850.

Congregational Care

In Hospital: For updates, contact Anne Freeman afreeman@faccalgary.com/403-258-8290.

