

# Let's talk about sex.

**Part 4: Destiny**

January 28/29, 2017 #FACLetsTalk [facthisweek.com](http://facthisweek.com)

# Welcome to FAC!

## New or Visiting? Need Prayer?

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

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**.

## Fly Fishing & Tying

Connect with others while learning a new skill! Men and women of all ages are welcome to learn the basics of fly fishing & tying! **Sundays, February 5-April 2** in the Discovery Theatre from 2:00-4:30 pm. No cost and no registration is required. Interested in helping with the class? Contact Colin Callbeck  
[fouroaks@explornet.com](mailto:fouroaks@explornet.com)/403-938-1312.

## Students

**Grade 5&6:** Cops & Robbers, **February 3**; meet in the Gym at 7:00 pm; \$2.

**SHS Senior High:** Legacy Youth Conference at Ambrose. **March 17-19**, \$130. For all student ministries service times and events visit [facalgary.com/students](http://facalgary.com/students).

## DiscoveryLand Parents

If your kids regularly attend DiscoveryLand, consider being a part of our Parent Serve schedule and serve 2-3 times between March and June. For more info, contact Jessica Roy  
[jroy@facalgary.com](mailto:jroy@facalgary.com)/403-539-2253.

## Ways to Serve

**Preschool Small Group Leaders:** Provide a safe, fun place for 4-6-year-olds to deepen their understanding of God (9:15 & 11:15 services).

**Early Childhood Leaders:** We're looking for leaders for the Green Turtles Room (2-year-olds).

**40 days on Mission Super Group Host:** Sunday evenings starting February 5 (6-weeks).



Contact Cindy Bartlett to sign up  
[serve@facalgary.com](mailto:serve@facalgary.com)/403-258-4355.

# Need To Know



## Super Group

On **February 4/5**, we'll begin our 6-week teaching series, "40 Days On Mission." If you're not already in a small group, join our Sunday evening "Super Group" led by Pastor James, designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend teachings using the small group workbook curriculum. To register for "Super Group" (or to be a table host) visit the **Info Desk** or [faccalgary.com/registrations](http://faccalgary.com/registrations).

## Gary Thomas Event

You won't want to miss an evening with **Gary Thomas**, internationally renowned author of *Sacred Marriage* and *Sacred Pathways*. He will be speaking on the topic of sex within the context of marriage. This **Sunday, January 29** in the Sanctuary, 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15/person, available at **Cornerstone Marketplace** or online through [funandfaith.ca](http://funandfaith.ca).

## Preparing for Baptism

Join us **Tuesday, February 7**, 7:00 pm in Harvest A for a free adult baptism info session. Register online at [faccalgary.com/registrations](http://faccalgary.com/registrations). Parents, if you have a child who is interested in getting baptized, please contact our children's staff to help you determine next steps. Our next baptism weekend is **February 11/12**.

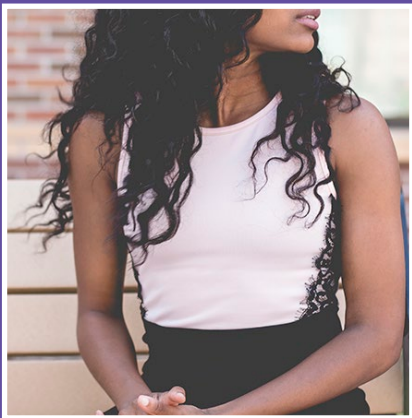


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## Services (& Translations)

Saturdays 6:30 pm  
Sundays 9:15 am (Spanish)  
11:15 am (Farsi & Mandarin)





# My Story

Born and raised in Western Africa, I spent the first 23 years of my life feeling confused about my gender identity. My mother told me as soon as I could speak clearly, I often asked, "Why am I a girl?" Then I would say, "**There's been a mistake.**"

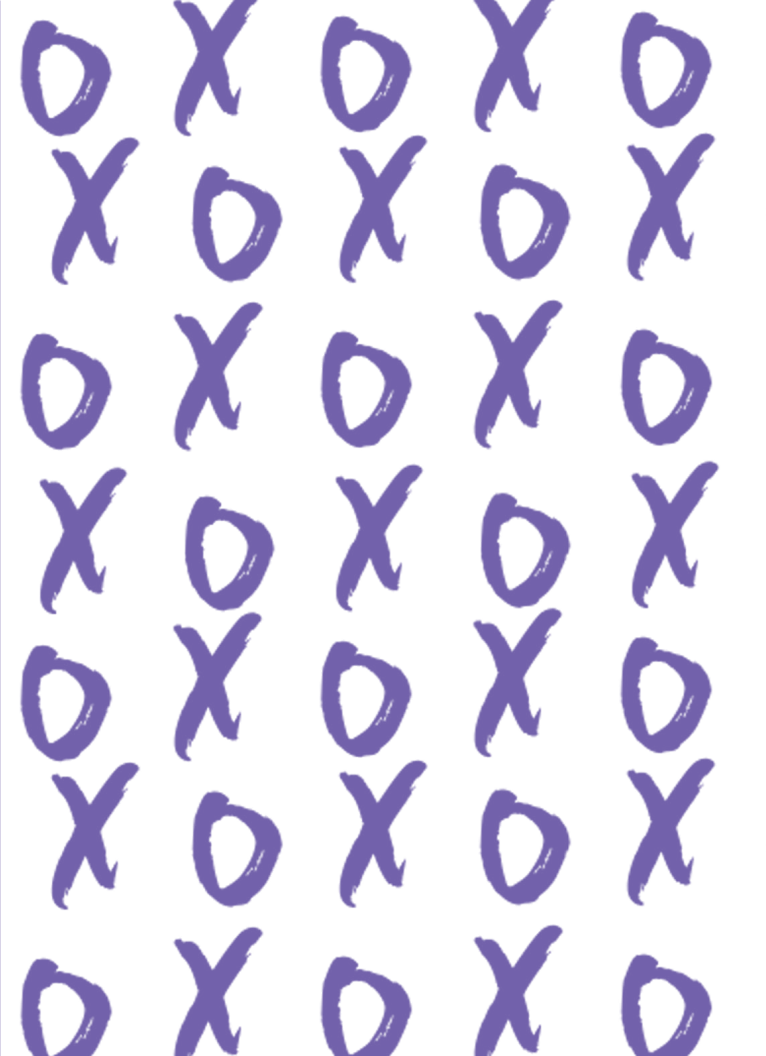
remember feeling frustrated, trapped, and anxious at various stages of my life, because I didn't want to be a girl. I desperately hoped and prayed for miraculous gender transformation. **After puberty, my discontentment increased as I felt hopelessly trapped in a girl's body.**

I had accepted Jesus at age 10, and committed to following Him when I was 18 years old. In the midst of my firm belief in the Lord, my gender identity continued to be a struggle; I remained secretly disgruntled, and anxious about the future. I dreaded the thought of ever being in an intimate relationship, though I still hoped one day I would find love and have a family of my own. My family were the only ones who knew my story and always supported and prayed for me, even when I had given up.

As I grew spiritually, I realized this was not God's will for my life, and I began to pray for a breakthrough. One day, I felt the Holy Spirit say, "**Just ask Me, and I will take it away.**" So I asked, and God gave me joy and peace like I had never felt before. I could finally look forward to the rest of my life and feel comfortable in my own skin.

I am now married to a lovely man and we have been blessed with two beautiful children. We have had our challenges along the way, **but our faithful God continues to see us through. His name be praised always!** -Tolu

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



# January Giving

(as of January 22)



	YTD Budget	Received	Shortfall
General	\$3,158,125	\$2,876,003	\$282,122
Capital/Debt	\$501,923	\$380,543	\$120,930
Missions	\$537,936	\$462,549	\$75,387
Total	\$4,197,984	\$3,719,545	\$478,439

**Thank you** for your generous giving and for your commitment to building lives that honour God ... all for Jesus! For more info on giving, contact John Siebring [jsiebring@faccalgary.com](mailto:jsiebring@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8850.

## Congregational Care

**In Hospital:** Chris Taksas, Clarence Wagenaar. For updates, contact Anne Freeman [afreeman@faccalgary.com](mailto:afreeman@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8290.

**A funeral** for Leila Cross will be held at FAC in the Harvest Rooms on February 3, 3:00 pm.