



# PARALLELS

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# WELCOME TO FAC!



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS WEEK...

### prayer retreat

You're invited to renew your hope and joy at Hope Again, a half-day prayer retreat at FAC **Saturday, April 1**. Enjoy a continental breakfast at 8:00 am in the Harvest Rooms, then spend time in reflection and prayer from 8:30 am-2:00 pm. Drop in, or stay for the morning. There's no cost or registration. To learn more contact Janet Loewen  
**[jloewen@faccalgary.com](mailto:jloewen@faccalgary.com)/403-252-7572.**

### will it be you?

We want children to encounter Jesus and know His love! But someone needs to share this with them - we want it to be you! FAC staff will be on Main Street **this weekend**, ready to help you sign up for this opportunity to touch the lives of children in our church. For more info visit a DiscoveryLand check-in desk (located at the south end of the building).

### men's breakfast

Join us for a delicious, hot buffet breakfast and meet Richard Osiowy, president and founder of Coco Brooks. Hear his journey of commitment to serving others while serving Christ in both his business and personal life. **Saturday, March 25** at 8:30 am, Harvest Rooms. Tickets are available at Cornerstone Marketplace or online [faccalgary.com/registrations](http://faccalgary.com/registrations) for \$15 until March 23 or \$20 at the door. To learn more contact Pastor Grant Sylvester  
**[gsylvester@faccalgary.com](mailto:gsylvester@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8843.**

## 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**.

## students

**JHS and Grade 5&6:** Let's worship together in the main services **March 25/26** (no separate services).

**SHS (grades 10-12):** No service on **Wednesday, March 22** due to spring break.

**Camp Chamisall:** Summer camp registration (Grade 3-12) is now open, **campchamisall.com**.

For all service times and event details, visit **facalgary.com/students**.

## saviour

New West Symphony and Chorus and FAC choir and orchestra together will present this modern oratorio. Arranged for choir and soloists, Saviour has a classic sound that combines elements of inspirational, pop, and traditional styles. Sunday, April 9 at 7:00 pm, Bow Valley Church or **Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 pm, FAC**. No cost. To learn more contact Gillian Paton **gpaton@facalgary.com/403-258-4353**.

## concert

**Dan Bremnes/Love & The Outcome:** You don't want to miss this special night of music and worship, perfect for the whole family, this **Sunday, March 19** at 6:30 pm, \$15-45. Presented by Compassion Canada. For tickets, visit **danbremnes.com** or stop by their table on **Main Street** this weekend **March 18/19**.

## ways to serve

**Greeters:** Welcome all who come to church.

**Harvest Culinary Ministries volunteer:** Help prep/serve/clean at the Men's Breakfast, **March 25**.

**DiscoveryLand 1-on-1 assistant:** Work with a child who has special needs. Help them participate to ensure all children have an opportunity to grow in their faith. To learn more contact Cindy Bartlett **serve@facalgary.com/403-258-4355**.

# recent baptisms in DiscoveryLand!



I am thankful that God sent His only Son to die for our sins. God showed us kindness by sending His only Son, Jesus, down here on earth so we could live eternally. And by dying on the cross for us, He is giving us mercy. But, we don't deserve this. I believe that Jesus is the only One who can save us from sins.

I accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour when I was 4 years old in DiscoveryLand. I learned about Jesus by talking with my parents. I am deciding to be baptized because Jesus

instructed us to be baptized; I am being baptized as an act of obedience. My favourite scripture is Psalms 30:5: *"Though weeping may last for the night, the joy comes in the morning."* I like this verse because it will help me through tough problems.

– Livia Kenny



When I was three at home with my parents I asked Jesus to be my Lord and Saviour. When I was four at Sunday School I accepted Him again with my leader. Jesus has shown me what I should do, how I should do it, when, and why. Jesus has always been there for me.

I want to be baptized because I want to show others and Jesus that I want to follow Jesus for the rest of my life. Matthew 19:26 says, *"With man this is impossible but with God all things are possible."* When I read this it helps me remember that God is always with me and I can do anything with Him.

– Miriam Reimer



## services (and translations)

Saturdays 6:30 pm

Sundays 9:15 am (Spanish)

11:15 am (Farsi & Mandarin)

## giving update

(as of March 13, 2017)

	YTD Budget	Received	Shortfall
General	\$3,938,590	\$3,402,943	\$535,647
Capital/Debt	\$ 633,476	\$ 467,438	\$166,038
Missions	\$ 668,959	\$ 563,643	\$105,316
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,241,025</b>	<b>\$4,434,025</b>	<b>\$807,000</b>

Have questions? Please contact John Siebring

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## congregational care

**In Hospital:** Christie Bartel, Chris Taksas

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