

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Dallas, Texas, featuring several prominent skyscrapers. A large, semi-transparent, light-colored letter 'P' is overlaid on the left side of the image. The word 'PARALLELS' is written in a large, black, sans-serif font across the middle of the image, with the 'P' being significantly larger than the other letters. Below 'PARALLELS', the word 'temptation' is written in a smaller, lowercase, black, sans-serif font.

# PARALLELS

temptation

MARCH 25/26, 2017 | MATTHEW 4:1-11  
[facthisweek.com](http://facthisweek.com)

# WELCOME TO FAC!



## NEED TO KNOW... 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@facalgary.com/403-252-7572](mailto:jloewen@facalgary.com/403-252-7572).

## food drive

FAC has an ongoing partnership with the Calgary Food Bank. Last fall, you brought in more than 5,900 pounds of non-perishable food items to bring practical, hands-on hope to those in need. Collection bins will be at our north and south entrances again **April 1/2 and April 8/9**. Pick up an empty bag today, fill it, and bring it back next week. For more info visit [facalgary.com/communityimpact](http://facalgary.com/communityimpact).

## ways to serve

**Grade School Worship Leaders:** If you love to sing, dance, and show others how to engage in worshipping God, this is the role for you!

**Early Childhood Leaders:** Provide a safe, fun place for 2 & 3-year-olds to discover God.

**Bread Team & Coordinator:** Pick up bags and bins, then go to COBS in Mahogany at 8:00 pm on Saturday night to pick up bread. To learn more contact Cindy Bartlett [serve@facalgary.com/403-258-4355](mailto:serve@facalgary.com/403-258-4355).

## upcoming class

**Power of Knowing God:** Through the truths in this study you will get to know what God says about Himself, and your strength and faith will increase. You'll be able to stand in confidence, having seen for yourself who your God is, what He wants, and how we can live in relationship with Him. Thursdays starting **April 6** at 7:00 pm, Room 247AB. Register online [facalgary.com/registrations](http://facalgary.com/registrations), \$15.

## 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](http://faccalgary.com/smallgroups) or fill out the attached **Contact Card**.

## bridges course

This practical, biblical, and much needed training will help us see our Muslim neighbors through the eyes of Jesus. This study also features real-life stories and interviews to give a better understanding of Islam to help you connect with your Muslim friends. **Saturday, April 1 & 22** 8:30 am-12:00 pm in the Prayer Centre, no cost. Register at [faccalgary.com/registrations](http://faccalgary.com/registrations).

## creative worship

Join us for *Encounter* – an evening of music and worship that will provide a space to be expressive and free. Please come and go as you need. **Saturday, April 1** at 8:15 pm, Gym. For more info contact Grace Young (music intern) [gyoung@faccalgary.com](mailto:gyoung@faccalgary.com).

## web developer

**We're hiring!** Please submit your resume to Heather Wile, Director of Environments, [hwile@faccalgary.com](mailto:hwile@faccalgary.com). For the job description please visit [faccalgary.com/employment](http://faccalgary.com/employment).

## DiscoveryCamps

Save the date! On July 4-7 join us for Preschool and Grade School day camps as well as Summer Slam, Sewing Camp, and Music Camp. Online registration opens **Monday, April 17** at [faccalgary.com/registrations](http://faccalgary.com/registrations). For more info, or to volunteer, email [discoverycamps@faccalgary.com](mailto:discoverycamps@faccalgary.com).

## students

For all service times and event details, visit [faccalgary.com/students](http://faccalgary.com/students).

# BRAND NEW!



**B**efore I knew Jesus I was reckless; I had a void in my soul that I didn't know how to fill. I put all my energy into trying to appear as if I had the perfect life when inside I was lost and lonely.

I came to really know Jesus after facing an incredibly difficult time. After 11 years my marriage had crumbled and I knew at that time that I needed more in my life. **I needed to start a new journey and I wanted to have Jesus with me every step of the way.**

Since welcoming Jesus into my life I have felt such a sense of peace. I know that I can trust in God's plan for me; that no matter the struggle Jesus will be there to lift me up in spirit. Since welcoming Jesus into my life I am "no longer a slave to fear" – no longer will fear hold me back from living life. I am a child of God and He loves me

no matter my faults. **He has made my spirit brand new again!**

– *Crystal Caswell*

**Are you looking for ways to grow in your relationship with Jesus? Contact Pastor Heather Brown [hbrown@facalgary.com](mailto:hbrown@facalgary.com)/403-212-8854 or fill out the attached contact card and we will be in touch with you this week.**

## services (and translations)

Saturdays 6:30 pm

Sundays 9:15 am (Spanish)

11:15 am (Farsi & Mandarin)

## giving update

(as of March 21, 2017)

	YTD Budget	Received	Shortfall
General	\$3,938,590	\$3,515,155	\$423,435
Capital/Debt	\$ 633,476	\$ 467,957	\$156,519
Missions	\$ 668,959	\$ 577,672	\$ 91,287
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,241,025</b>	<b>\$4,569,784</b>	<b>\$671,241</b>

Have questions? Please contact John Siebring

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## congregational care

**In Hospital:** Christie Bartel, Ann Loewen,  
Chris Taksas, Donelda Wiebe.

For updates, contact Anne Freeman

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