



PARALLELS
encounter

APRIL 1/2, 2017 | MATTHEW 17:1-20
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WELCOME TO FAC!



NEED TO KNOW...

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 until **April 8/9**. Pick up an empty bag today, fill it, and bring it back next week. For more info visit faccalgary.com/communityimpact.

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@faccalgary.com/403-258-4353.

easter at fac

Our Parallels series has invited us on a journey with Jesus, to encounter Him in the moments along our way that parallel His own. Our Good Friday and Easter services will invite us to view our death and life in the light of His and challenge us to our next steps.

Good Friday services (and translations) are **April 14** at 5:00 (*Farsi & French) and 7:00 pm (*Spanish & Mandarin). DiscoveryLand is only available during the 5:00 pm service for Infants-Kindergarten.

Easter Services (and translations) are **April 15/16** – Saturday 6:30 pm, Sunday 9:15 am (*Spanish), and Sunday 11:15 am (*Farsi & Mandarin). DiscoveryLand is available for Infants-Grade 4 at all services. For more info visit faccalgary.com/easter.

**Translation headsets are available at the Info Desk.*

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**.

ways to serve

Communion Server: An opportunity to serve communion at the service you attend.

Preschool Small Group Leaders: We need leaders for our Brown Bears class (3-year-olds) and Red Parrots (4-year-olds) for both Sunday services.

Stage Construction: We'd love to have your help on our team!

To learn more contact Cindy Bartlett
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**, \$15.

web developer

We're hiring! Please submit your resume to Heather Wile, Director of Environments, hwile@facalgary.com. For the job description please visit **facalgary.com/employment.**

kids

Do you want to make a BIG difference? Join the DiscoveryLand team and make an impact in the lives of children. Every weekend we welcome new kids, which means we need more people to lead small groups, lead worship, and hold babies! If you love kids, we want to connect with you! Contact Crystal Sylvester **csylvester@facalgary.com/403-258-8293.**

students

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

CALLED TO THE EXTRAORDINARY



After becoming an adoptive home in 2011, we began to see different situations where kids needed homes and our hearts began to break for the needs of children in our city. We decided to investigate how we could help by becoming a foster family. It really was God softening our hearts over a period of time and us eventually surrendering.

There are many challenges in foster care. We watch parents sometimes take 2 steps forward and 3 steps back as they work to regain custody of their children. We have to be very flexible with our schedule. The system isn't perfect, but we try to keep our focus on loving each child while they are in our home.

There are also many rewards! We love watching these little ones thrive as they receive love in a healthy family environment. We have been fortunate to have contact with some of our babies after they've left our home. We were the target of one dad's grief and frustration for a while, but chose to always respond graciously. Once the child started transitioning home, dad's hostility diminished. He has come to a few church events, texts for parenting advice, and frequently sends pictures. We are able to see our foster son whenever we'd like and occasionally provide childcare for him.

If foster care is on your mind, don't ignore the prompting! God doesn't call you and not equip you. We aren't amazing people. **We are ordinary people called to do something extraordinary and we just said yes!!!** – Nikki Nieboer (submitted by Colleen Derksen)

Join us April 7-8 for "Empowered to Connect Simulcast," practical teaching in a safe and supportive community designed to equip families, churches, and professionals to better serve children impacted by adoption and foster care. Want to know more? Visit facalgary.com/registrations.

SERVICES (and translations)

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

giving update

(as of March 28, 2017)

	YTD Budget	Received	Shortfall
General	\$3,938,590	\$3,579,367	\$359,223
Capital/Debt	\$ 633,476	\$ 483,503	\$149,973
Missions	\$ 668,959	\$ 586,311	\$ 82,648
Total	\$5,241,025	\$4,649,181	\$591,844

Have questions? Please contact John Siebring
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congregational care

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