

Weekend Services

Saturdays 6:30 pm
 Sundays 9:15 & 11:15 am
 The Exchange: Sundays @ 5:30 pm

Congregational Care

Please pray for those in hospital: Iris Driediger, Pamela Ryan, Mike Thompson. For updates, please contact Anne Freeman 403-258-8290/afreeman@faccalgary.com.

August Giving Update

Budget to Aug. 31/15	Received	Required
General \$ 661,000	\$436,788	224,212
Missions 122,880	75,758	47,122
Capital/Debt 123,076	69,324	53,752

To learn more, please contact Carey Thiessen cthiessen@faccalgary.com/403-212-8844.



It all started in 1968 in a tent in a remote and frozen part of Antarctica with a clumsy, mumbling, fractured and confused version of the Lord's Prayer, recalled from school days. Overcome with carbon monoxide, it was all I could utter, with the added plea that if I didn't make it home to New Zealand, "please, God, look after my wife and three daughters." Six years later, at the bottom of the barrel, I felt His nudge. **Our eldest daughter brought the gospel home. Christian neighbours adopted us, and friends and acquaintances prayed for me. And two years later, eight**

years after that first contact, an Edmonton Eskimo footballer told me about Jesus Christ.

Forty years later we reflect on a miracle-charged life as my wife Lois and I begin each day with a commitment to centre on Christ. It has been an interesting romp, the ups and downs through a career in three countries and a decade owning our business. As a writer, it is now time to write and I seek the help and support of Jesus to inspire His presence through the imagination and creativity of story-telling.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart today," (Psalm 139:23-24) that I may continue to tell the story of Christ and the exciting promises of His word.

- Graeme Connell

Check out Graeme's book, available at Cornerstone Resources, to learn more about his story.



Summer
REFLECTIONS

PSALM 73

AUGUST 22/23, 2015

WELCOME

New or Visiting?

- If you'd like us to get in touch with you, please fill out a **Contact Card** located in the seat back in front of you.
- We'd love to answer your questions at the **Information Desk** – and we have a coupon for you to enjoy a Café drink!
- Visit us online: www.faccalgary.com.

Need Prayer?

After every service, our **prayer team** is available at the front of the auditorium. You can also ask for prayer through the **Contact Card** located in the seat back, call our prayer hotline **1-877-677-2948** or visit www.faccalgary.com/prayer anytime.

Get Connected!

We'd love to help you get connected this summer with a small group for regular Bible study, prayer and community! Drop by the **Connect Desk** or contact Cory charasym@faccalgary.com/403-258-4364.

Building lives that honour God ... all for Jesus.

Opportunities to Serve

Costume & Prop Management: Support our weekend & seasonal drama ministry by organizing prop and costume pieces in their designated storage space. Help periodically as needed, individually or with fellow team members. Contact Cheryl Siebring csiebring@faccalgary.com/403-539-2251.
Dog Days: Meet new friends preparing and serving food after the Saturday 6:30 pm service on **August 29!** Contact Gail Hunter ghunter@faccalgary.com/403-258-7245.

City of Calgary Green Line

You're invited to a public meeting hosted by The City of Calgary on **September 10**, 7 pm in the Action Centre to learn about the "Green Line" – a planned addition to the current transit network, connecting southeast and north Calgary. Explore how it will service Calgarians living in communities surrounding First Alliance Church.

Opportunities to Grow

- **Growing Stronger in Your Faith:** Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm starting **September 17**. (Cost: \$20)
- **Precept Bible Study on Acts:** Wednesdays, 12:30 pm OR 6:45 pm starting **September 16**. (Cost: \$26)
- **DivorceCare:** Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm starting **September 9**.

Visit www.faccalgary.com/registrations, stop by *Cornerstone Resources* or contact *Janet Loewen* 403-252-7572/ jloewen@faccalgary.com.

DiscoveryLand

New Staff Welcome: We're excited to introduce our two new, part-time staff: **Jessica Roy** (Children's Ministry Director of Operations) and **Janeen Robertson** (Director of Early Childhood).

Students

Grade 5&6 Students fall kick-off will be **September 12/13!** **JHS (Jr. High)** starts up **September 12** during Saturday 6:30 pm services (Gym). Follow @JHStudents or "like" us at facebook.com/FACJHS.

JHS & SHS Summer Events

Calaway Park: August 20! 1-7 pm; drop-off/pick-up at FAC. \$30 (includes bus & park pass); register online (sorry, no refunds) – limited space!
SHS (Sr. High) fall kick-off is **September 9**. Follow @SHStudents or "like" us at facebook.com/seniorhighstudents.

Young Adults Wednesdays in the Park:

Join us August 26, 7 pm, North Glenmore Park West (Snowy Owl Site), weather permitting. "Like": facebook.com/groups/thesourcefac.

For more information and for staff contacts, visit www.faccalgary.com/students.

Employment Opportunities

We are currently looking to hire a Life Group Representative, Environments Administrative Assistant and a Video & Story Associate. Please visit www.faccalgary.com/employment/ for job descriptions.

Global Impact

Info Night for Haiti Mission Trip: Learn more about this trip planned for **October 5-17, 2015** and explore joining the team at an info night on **September 12**, 7:45 pm in the Prayer Centre. Contact globalimpact@faccalgary.com/403-258-7274.

Marriage Matters

Dynamic Marriage: Led by trained facilitators, make a stagnant marriage vibrant again or get a marriage in crisis back on track. Offered Wednesdays, 7-9 pm, Room 255 starting **September 9**. \$200/couple; register online or at *Cornerstone Resources*. Questions? Contact marriage@faccalgary.com/403-258-8290.

NEED TO KNOW

Expansion "Sneak a Peek"

Get a last preview of the south expansion on **September 5/6** before DiscoveryLand moves in! When you stop by, chat with one of our DiscoveryLand "team builders" to learn how you can **get involved this fall**



and help build lives in this exciting new space – or sign up today! Scan this QR code on your smart device or visit www.faccalgary.com/kids.

Beast Feast

Guys, invite a buddy to join you **September 11**, 6:30 pm in the Harvest Rooms for beef brisket, wings and more as Pastor James Paton shares his vision for FAC. Tickets: \$20 advance or \$30 at the door. Register online or at *Cornerstone Resources*.

Cultivate

This 2-day women's event on **October 16-17** will feature Bible teacher **Kelly Minter**, special music & worship led by **Ginny Owens**, and rich community with other women from FAC and other churches across Calgary. Earlybird rate: \$45/person until **August 31!** Invite a friend and register online or at *Cornerstone Resources*.

