

First Alliance

a christian & missionary alliance church

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WEEKEND SERVICES

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Pray for those in hospital: Hannah Janliglar, Solange Labreque, Abe Loewen, Foster McGillivray, Ken Miller.
Contact Anne Freeman afreeman@faccalgary.com
/403-258-8290.

SEPTEMBER GIVING (as of September 30)

Budget to Sept. 30/15	Received	Required
General \$1,100,599	\$1,076,843	\$ 23,756
Missions 220,672	199,333	21,339
Capital/Debt 213,991	155,882	58,110

For questions about your donations, please contact
Wale Aderoju waderoju@faccalgary.com/403-258-8288.

Generous Forgiveness



When my husband walked away from the Lord, and consequently from me and our 12-year-old son, the world I knew was shattered and my hopes and dreams seemed dashed. In the middle of my tears and fears I heard a sermon, *When the Music Stops ... the Dance Begins*. It didn't seem right, but I soon learned that what I thought was the end was just the beginning. **I began to move from knowing about God to a life-long dance with God.**

As I clung to Him out of desperation, the first thing He taught me was about prayer. He asks us to pray and seek His forgiveness for ourselves *and* to "forgive those who have trespassed against us." **This seemed impossible – forgiveness hadn't been requested, nor was it deserved. But, in a small step of obedience, I asked God to help me forgive.**

As in everything, I found His grace is more than sufficient for all my needs. In a miraculous way He healed my heart and gave me feelings that could only come from Him. The dance continued and I learned that His mercies are new every morning. But **I couldn't go forward and receive everything that God had in store for me each day if I was chained to the past** or filled with fear for the future. Granting forgiveness freed me from being stuck in bitterness and opened a window for His love, joy, peace, and hope to shine through.

- Anne Freeman

OCTOBER 3/4, 2015

A Generous Life

EVERYTHING

NEW SERIES! Follow [#facgenerouslife](https://twitter.com/facgenerouslife) @faccalgary 

Welcome!

NEW OR VISITING?

If you'd like us to contact you this week, just fill out a **Contact Card** in the seat back in front of you, or stop by the **Information Desk** – we'd love to answer any questions you have, and we have a coupon for you to enjoy a Café/Bistro drink as our guest! Visit us online: faccalgary.com.

NEED PRAYER?

After every service, our prayer team is available at the front of the Sanctuary. 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 faccalgary.com/prayer anytime.

GET CONNECTED

We'd love to help you get connected with a small group for regular Bible study, prayer and community! Drop by the Connect Desk this weekend or contact Janelle Emery jemery@faccalgary.com/403-258-8289.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Money Management: A 1-day workshop for newly and nearly (first 5 years) married couples. Work together with your spouse to identify your core values and create a financial plan that will allow you to provide for your family's future financial needs; Saturday, October 17, 9:00 am-2:30 pm, Prayer Centre. \$49.⁹⁵/couple; register online or contact marriage@faccalgary.com/403-258-8290.

CARE & SUPPORT

Widows' Connection encourages and empowers widows to move forward into a positive future in Jesus. Join us October 17, 1:00-3:00 pm in the Action Centre (no cost). For more info on this and other support groups, please contact Janet Loewen jloewen@faccalgary.com/403-252-7572.

OIL CHANGE DAY

THANK YOU to all of the sponsors and volunteers that made our Oil Change Day last Saturday possible. Due to their hard work and donations we serviced **54 vehicles!** To learn about our spring Oil Change Day, email oilchangeday@faccalgary.com.

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

DISCOVERYLAND

THANK YOU to all of our amazing volunteers who give your time and talent wholeheartedly to "build young lives that honour God" with us! We still have room for new people to join the team – interested in serving in DiscoveryLand? Contact Pastor Crystal Sylvester 403-258-8287/ csylvester@faccalgary.com.

WAYS TO SERVE

Preschool Small Group Leader

Help provide a safe and fun place for 3-year-olds to discover God during the Saturday 6:30 pm service. Contact Jenn Limacher jlimacher@faccalgary.com 403-723-6391.

Women2Women Tuesday Childcare

Watch over, play with and show Jesus' love to Preschoolers Tuesdays, 9:00 am-noon as moms connect & grow at their morning Bible study. Sign up with Dianne MacDonald dmacdonald@faccalgary.com

Bedrock Bistro & Cornerstone Café Teams

Help others connect and share life together over food and beverages! Join our team of baristas, cashiers and helpers. Training is provided; please contact Michele Flynn mflynn@faccalgary.com/403-723-6394.

STUDENTS

For event details and more, stop by the Info Desk or contact Sara Vanderveen svanderveen@faccalgary.com/403-212-8849. **NOTE:** Grade 5&6 and JHS will join the main services for "**Worship Together**" weekends NEXT WEEKEND and November 7/8.

Grade 5&6: during weekend services in our new room upstairs above the South Atrium. **Monster Mini-Golf:** October 30, 6:30-9:30 pm, meet @ FAC; \$12/student. **JHS (Jr. High):** Saturdays, 6:30 pm in the Gym. Follow @ JHSStudents or "like" [facebook.com/FACJHS](https://www.facebook.com/FACJHS). **JHS & SHS Dodgeball Tourny:** October 23, 5:00-10:00 pm, Rockpointe Church (drop off & pick up at FAC). \$15/student; RSVP with Sara Vanderveen svanderveen@faccalgary.com/403-212-8849. **SHS (Sr. High):** Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Gym. Follow @SHStudents or "like" [facebook.com/seniorhighstudents](https://www.facebook.com/seniorhighstudents). **Young Adults Worship & Small Groups:** October 22, 7:00-9:30 pm, Gym. We're on Instagram! Follow @fac_youngadults or "like" [facebook.com/groups/thesourcefac](https://www.facebook.com/groups/thesourcefac).

Need to Know

NEXT Meet some of our staff and explore what we're all about here at FAC over coffee, Saturday, October 10, 6:45 pm or Sunday, October 11, 9:30 am in the Action Centre. Explore how to move forward in building a life that honours God with us. No cost or registration; drop-ins are welcome!

DR. RAVI ZACHARIAS

VIDEO PRESENTATION Join us **THIS THURSDAY**, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary for an "encore" video presentation of international speaker and Christian apologist **Dr. Ravi Zacharias'** on, "**What It Means To Be Human**" from his *UREASON 2015* talk on September 29. No cost or registration – everyone is welcome!

CULTIVATE This 2-day women's conference is just around the corner on **October 16-17** featuring Bible teacher **Kelly Minter**, worship led by **Ginny Owens** and rich community with other women from FAC and other churches across Calgary! Be sure to invite a friend and register online this week: faccalgary.com/registrations. (\$55/person).

HARVEST MINISTRIES

Tuesday Café Lunch (11:30-12:30 pm) | **Wednesday Family Supper** (5:00-6:30 pm) **Breakfast @ First** (1st Sun. each month after the 9:15 & 11:15 am services) | **Wings 'N Things** (3rd Sat. each month after the 6:30 pm service) | **NEW Sunday Lunch** (3rd Sun. each month after the 11:15 am service). | **Café & Bistro** (open 30 min. before/after services). Check out faccalgary.com/kitchen.

PRAYER Everyone is welcome to a special thanksgiving-focused **Prayer Summit** **NEXT SUNDAY**, 1:30 pm in the Gym including an international lunch. No cost; childcare will be provided. Contact Pastor David Kang dkang@faccalgary.com/403-723-6390.