

THE GOD WHO CARES



It was a sunny June morning, but I was drowning in fear. Later that day, my mom would undergo surgery to partially remove a tumour from her brain, and I couldn't free myself from the overwhelming fear that I might never see her again. **I cried out to God, desperate for rescue. I prayed He would help me see Him. Immediately, the image of a face filled my mind. I knew the Holy Spirit had broken through – the fear**

was gone! I felt only peace, and the story of Peter walking on water with Jesus came to mind. I had been terrified and sinking, but Jesus had reached out and rescued me! I felt the Lord's presence with me at the hospital, and was able to recognize my fear that I'd never see her again was based on a lie. Even if she died, this wasn't the end because we share an eternal destiny in heaven.

Mom has now completed the first stage of cancer treatment and is doing well. As the holidays approach, however, I can feel the fear threatening to take over again ... the "what ifs" can be overwhelming. **All I can do when the waves of fear wash over me is reach for my Saviour's hand.** And every time I am reminded that no matter what the future holds, He is with me. There's no room for fear in the presence of such perfect love, and I am deeply grateful!

- Colleen Derksen

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WEEKEND SERVICES

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Those in hospital: Hannah Janbiglar, Ryan Veysi, Connie Walcott. For updates please contact Anne Freeman afreeman@facalgary.com/403-258-8290.

OCTOBER GIVING (as of October 28, 2015)

| | Budget to Oct. 31/15 | Received | Required |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------|----------|
| General | \$1,466,489 | \$1,430,020 | \$36,469 |
| Capital/Debt | 314,602 | 215,740 | 98,862 |
| Missions | 286,051 | 263,604 | 22,447 |

Questions about your donations? Please contact
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GOD SIGHTINGS

WELCOME | OCTOBER 31/NOVEMBER 1, 2015



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DISCOVERYLAND

Hey, parents! If your Grade School child has grown in his/her relationship with Jesus and wants to be baptized November 21/22, pick up a **Baptism kit** at the Info Desk or any DiscoveryLand Desk, and register by Nov. 9 by contacting Pastor Crystal Sylvester csylvester@facalgary.com/403-258-8293.

WAYS TO SERVE

"Stars of Christmas" (December 6):

- Serving & Preparing Food
- Guest Services: Greeting/Parking
- Children's Activities Helpers
- Set-Up/Take-Down
- Decorating
- Set Building
- Students' Activities Helpers
- Other Help

Help us host "Stars of Christmas"! To sign up to serve, visit facalgary.com/events, email stars@facalgary.com, or stop by the **SERVE kiosk** after the service this weekend.

STUDENTS

NOTE: *Grade 5&6 and JHS will join the main services NEXT WEEKEND for "Worship Together".*

Grade 5&6: Upstairs during weekend services! Friday Event: November 27.

Follow us on Instagram @grade56students.

JHS (Jr. High): Saturdays, 6:30 pm in the Gym; November 21 is "House Wars." Follow @JHSstudents or "like" facebook.com/FACJHS.

SHS (Sr. High): Wednesdays, 7-9:30 pm in the Gym. Follow @SHSstudents. House Party:

November 13; contact your small group leader. **Young Adults:** Dress Up Dodgeball November 14, 8:15 pm, Gym. Worship & Small Group Connect: November 26, 7 pm, Gym. We're on Instagram @fac_youngadults!

For more info, contact Sara Vanderveen svanderveen@facalgary.com/403-212-8849 or visit facalgary.com/students.

Welcome!

NEW OR VISITING?

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: facalgary.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 facalgary.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@facalgary.com/403-258-8289.

Singles' Ministry: Fuse@First invites you to connect Tuesdays, 7-9 pm in the Loft at FAC. Email: fuse@facalgary.com for event info.

Need to Know ...

LIFE INTERRUPTED

Through large group teaching and connecting in men's, women's and issue-specific small groups, explore 8 Principles for moving through life's hurts, hang-ups and habits toward wholeness and healing in Jesus at Life Interrupted. Offered year round, join us **Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm** in Room 255. No cost; register anytime online under EVENTS.

DATE NIGHT WITH DAD

Connect with your daughter/granddaughter/niece at a special night out on **Friday, November 13**, 6:00 pm in the Harvest Rooms. Dress up for a special photo, enjoy dinner and hear from special guests. Tickets \$20 online under EVENTS. For more info contact Pastor Grant Sylvester gsylvester@facalgary.com/403-212-8843.

GLOBAL IMPACT

Sean Litton of *International Justice Mission* (IJM) is our guest speaker on November 7/8 and invites any **legal professionals** at to a Q&A NEXT SATURDAY, 8:00-9:30 pm in the Southbend Room to learn more about how you can get involved with this social justice ministry partner. No cost or registration.

MOSAIC MINISTRIES

Prayer Summit for all Nations: Join us NEXT SUNDAY, 1:30 pm in the Gym as we seek healing and renewal through the Holy Spirit (offered the 2nd Sunday each month). Everyone welcome! Childcare provided. **ESL Classes:** Available every Sunday, 11:00 am -12:30 pm in the Prayer Centre. Improve your English while meeting new people! All language levels are welcome. No cost.

OTHER

FAC Library Used Book Sale: November 7/8 & November 14/15 (Saturday 4:00-8:30 pm; Sunday 8:30 am-1:00 pm). Most items \$1 or less; proceeds go to purchasing new resources. We accept gently used Christian book donations!

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