

NEW! Christmas Eve Services

12:00 pm

2:00 pm - Spanish translation; childcare for infants-5 yrs.

4:00 pm - Spanish & Mandarin translations;
 childcare for infants-5 yrs.

6:00 pm - Mandarin & Farsi translations;
 childcare for infants-5 yrs.

8:00 pm

(NOTE: There will be no Saturday 6:30 pm service on
 December 26. Please join us December 27 for our regular
 9:15 & 11:15 am services.)

November Giving (as of Nov. 24, 2015)

Budget to Nov. 30/15	Received	Required
General \$1,868,969	\$1,779,328	\$ 89,641
Capital/Debt 399,393	252,152	147,241
Missions 361,173	330,735	30,438

Questions about your donations? Please contact

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The Place Where the Past is Buried



Blessed am I to have had Jesus living in my heart and soul! Even still God led me to the "Unstuck" program at here at church and reached down to the depth of my hurts and made it all clear.

I suffered with severe asthma that left me spending most of my childhood in the

hospital gasping for breath. With missing so much school, life became a huge challenge. When attending school, I was forever bullied.

As a small child I walked with Jesus as He planted all the dreams and desires of my heart. I prayed for the perfect husband, the house with the white picket fence. To live happily ever after ... That perfect husband turned out to be an alcoholic and the house with the white picket fence was one I left, when God told me, "Get up! It's time to leave." I left, but I was filled with shame.

The enemy always hands you the shovel and shows you exactly where to dig up all the hurts, pain, shame, and emptiness – everything that is not of God. That voice continuously reminded me of all my mistakes, failures, flaws, and imperfections. Then ... **I gave up!** I gave up on fighting that voice filled with all the lies, torment and pain. **I took that shovel and buried that voice to its final death! I buried the past! I gave it up – finally, freely and completely to my Heavenly Father. I looked up – and I am finally free.**

- Shannon Scott

Bethlehem

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November 28/29, 2015 • Genesis 35:16-20

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: 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.

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

Support & Care

We know facing Christmas can be tough when you're hurting. Let us walk beside you.

Grief Support: Coping with the Holidays: THIS MONDAY, 7:00 pm, Harvest CDE.

DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays: Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 pm, Harvest AB. Both evenings are free; please register online under EVENTS or contact Janet Loewen jloewen@faccalgary.com/403-252-7572.

Life Interrupted: A free, adult support group offered **Tuesdays**, 6:30 pm in Room 255. Walk through 8 Principles for moving through life's hurts, hang-ups and habits to towards wholeness in Christ. Join anytime; drop-ins are welcome.

"Stars" Serve Opportunities

We're looking for more 14 helpers for our Kids' *Wintery Woods* (Gym) and help with Guest Services for **Stars of Christmas** NEXT SUNDAY. Sign up at the Serve Kiosk today or email: stars@faccalgary.com.

DiscoveryLand

Grade School will join their parents in the main services on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 27* and January 2/3*. (**DiscoveryLand-On-The-Go* will be available at the Sanctuary entrances for these dates).

Infants to Kindergarten classrooms will remain open through the Christmas season, including the 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm Christmas Eve services on December 24.

Students

Grade 5&6 Christmas Wrap-Up: December 12/13 upstairs during the services. Instagram: @grade56students. **JHS (Jr. High)**

Ugly Sweater Party: December 12, 6:30 pm, Gym. Follow @JHStudents. **SHS (Sr. High)**

Christmas Banquet: December 11, 6:00 pm (formal); \$25. Register online. Follow @shsfac.

Young Adults Christmas Banquet: December 17 6:00 pm (formal); \$25. Register online. Instagram: @fac_youngadults.

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

Yearend Giving: Easy Ways to Donate

- **Cash/Cheque:** in-service offering baskets, drop off in the safe (left of the Café), through the church office (Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am-4:30 pm) or mail-in
- **Direct Deposit:** automatic withdrawal forms are available at the Info Desk
- **Online – Now Mobile!** (via credit card) www.faccalgary.com/give OR through our new "FAC Experience" App
- **Debit/Credit Card:** P.O.S. machine available at Cornerstone Marketplace
- **Stocks or Gifts in Kind:** Church office (Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am-4:30 pm)

Please prayerfully consider giving above and beyond this December towards *building lives that honour God ... all for Jesus*. Donations to be included in your 2015 tax receipt need to be received/postmarked before 11:59 pm on December 31, 2015. Questions? Contact Carey Thiessen cthiesen@faccalgary.com /403-212-8844.

Need to Know

Christmas Serve

Stop by the **Serve Kiosk** this weekend to sign up and to get more information:

- **DiscoveryLand:** Provide childcare in our infant-kindergarten classrooms **Christmas Eve** (2:00, 4:00, & 6:00 pm), **December 27** and **January 2/3**.
- **Guest Services:** Welcome our many guests at our Christmas Eve services (12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 pm). Parking team, greeters & ushers needed!
- **Christmas Day Lunch:** Drivers, table hosts, set-up/take-down needed to make our guests feel welcome on December 25 (11:00 am-2:00 pm).

Christmas Hampers

We're partnering with **The Mustard Seed** to provide Christmas Food Hampers to Calgarians in need. Pick up a wish list this weekend and drop off non-perishable donations by **December 12/13** at the north or south entrances, or give to the FAC Care Fund to help cover the cost of purchasing fresh items. Contact Brianna Southerland bsoutherland@faccalgary.com/403-212-8847.

#StarsofChristmas is **NEXT SUNDAY** (3:00-6:00 pm)!

We want this winter festival to be an easy opportunity for our community to come through our doors to celebrate the season, and have so much fun, they'll want to come back! This is a FREE **"bring a friend"** event; pick up some invites from the Info Desk or share our Facebook event page, and let's get the word out and fill this place!