

NEW! Christmas Eve Services

12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

- **DiscoveryLand** offered for infants-5 yr. olds during 2:00, 4:00 & 6:00 pm services.
- **Spanish** translation available at 2:00 and 4:00 pm.
- **Mandarin** translation available at 4:00 and 6:00 pm.
- **Farsi** translation available at the 6:00 pm.

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

November Giving (as of Nov. 30, 2015)

	Budget to Nov. 30/15	Received	Required
General	\$1,868,969	\$1,829,108	\$ 39,861
Capital/Debt	399,393	257,434	141,959
Missions	361,173	335,938	25,235

To keep your **pre-numbered offering envelopes** or to order some, please email Wale Aderoju: waderoju@faccalgary.com or fill out a form at the Info Desk.

The Place Where Hope is Found

Last spring I lost my job due to lay-offs. I struggled finding enough work to make ends meet. Following a financially tough summer my fiancée broke off our engagement. I was devastated, angry, lost, hopeless, broken. I wondered, "What is the point of my life?"

Seeing my suffering, my sister invited me to Alpha at FAC. I was desperate, willing to try anything, so I went, but after session two I was still depressed. I called our table leader. **His compassion and honest sharing encouraged me to keep attending. Two days later, early in the morning, I felt God telling me to go to church.** I hadn't attended a church service for over 20 years but I found myself showing up at FAC. The message was about forgiveness. Pastor James said the baptism tank was ready. I realized that forgiveness was what I desperately needed and I could receive it that day through Jesus. **God was prompting me to accept Christ and commit fully through baptism – I chose to obey!**

Before attending Alpha, I wouldn't have had the awareness to feel God's presence guiding me. Through the teaching, support, prayers and commitment of the Alpha ministry I learned to stand in faith, to believe and trust God's love for me. I'm on this journey – I have good days and bad days, but now I don't face it alone. I have hope and faith that my life is in God's hands, that He has a plan for me. – Jonathan Byciuk



"Stars of Christmas"

THIS SUNDAY 3:00-6:00 pm!

Bethlehem

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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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Congregational Care

Those in Hospital: Heather Watt. For updates, please contact Anne Freeman afreeman@faccalgary.com/403-258-8290.

Opportunities to Serve

DivorceCare Facilitator: Join a team offering hope and healing to adults through a 13-week DVD curriculum and relational small group discussions. Contact Hilarie Forkheim hforkheim@faccalgary.com/403-252-7572.

DivorceCare 4 Kids Facilitator: Facilitate support in a fun & safe environment for kids experiencing the separation/divorce of their parents; 13 week activity-based curriculum. Contact Pastor Heather Brown 403-212-8854/hbrown@faccalgary.com.

"40 Days in the Word" Table Hosts:

Help lead table discussions during a 6-week Sunday evening "Super Group" at FAC led by Pastor James during our "40 Days in the Word" series starting January 10! Training provided Dec. 12/13 & Dec. 19/20; contact Cory Harasym charasym@faccalgary.com.

DiscoveryLand

Gift Drive: We're partnering with a school in a low-income area of the city to provide new gifts for their students & families. Drop off new gift items for toddlers-grade 6 students (and adults) in the boxes near DiscoveryLand or in the Action Centre on December 5/6, and December 12/13.

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.

Community Impact

Huge thanks to the **Calgary Dream Centre** for their beautiful "Festival of Trees" display here at FAC! Discover how they're building lives that honour God in Calgary; visit calgarydreamcentre.com.