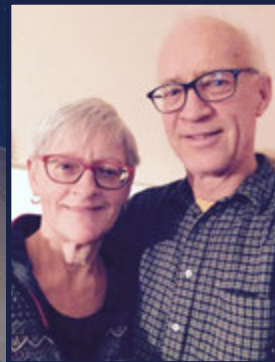


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Congregational Care

Those in Hospital: Jack Ashby, Gene Garrett, Clark Whitcomb. For updates, please contact Anne Freeman afreeman@faccalgary.com/403-258-8290.

Year-end Giving (as of Dec. 16, 2015)

	Budget to Dec. 31/15	Received	Required*
General	\$2,934,595	\$2,095,059	\$839,536
Capital/Debt	602,177	317,959	284,218
Missions	518,422	366,430	151,992

*Required by December 31, 2015. 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.

It was 1982. I'd graduated as a nurse, Grant a chartered accountant. The future was bright, and ours to make. So we jumped in, bought a house, and had our 3 little boys. We were self-reliant and confident. God was a distant person we didn't really need.

Then came the National Energy Policy, fixing the price of oil in Canada below market. Interest rates were at 22%. Oil jobs fell like leaves off a fall tree. People were losing businesses and homes and taking their lives. Grant's employer let people go. Grant moved to another company; the same happened. There were no jobs for me. We had a little boy and two babies

at home. Eventually there just wasn't enough income for us to survive. **God showed us that our professional educations, social status, and pride would never be enough.** We were not nor would we ever be able to control the world or our circumstances.

Desperately and increasingly we turned to Him for our needs, which we could no longer supply – the mortgage, even groceries for our family. We came to know God personally, our Provider and Saviour. God found Grant a new job in a new place and sold our current home.

Since that time Grant has had other times of unemployment; they were hard times but each time our faith grew, our trust strengthened. **We have learnt to turn to Him with open hearts** and ask, "What does this make possible?"

- Peggy Abbott

Bethlehem

The Place of Fulfillment
December 19/20, 2015 • Matthew 1:18-25

Welcome!

New or Visiting?

Feel free to fill out a **Contact Card** in the seat back in front of you, or stop by the **Info 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.

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

Christmas Serve

Your gift of time over the holidays is so appreciated as we welcome extra guests and visitors through our doors this season.

DiscoveryLand: Help provide childcare in our infant-kindergarten classrooms on Christmas Eve (2:00, 4:00 & 6:00 pm services), Sunday, December 27 or January 2/3. Choose a service, and contact Cindy Duffin cduffin@faccalgary.com/403-258-8287.

Guest Services: Lots of greeters & ushers needed on Christmas Eve! Our biggest need is a parking team for the 2:00, 4:00 & 6:00 pm services. Please contact Roy McFadyen rmcfadyen@faccalgary.com/403-258-4360.

Support & Care

Hurting? We have a variety of support groups beginning in January that will provide you the space to reflect, learn, heal and grow in a safe community. Visit faccalgary.com/care or stop by the **Info Desk** to learn more.

DiscoveryLand

Come and help at the 2:00, 4:00 or 6:00 pm **Christmas Eve** service – we would also love to have you join us during any of the December 27 or January 2/3 services. Stop by the DiscoveryLand table on Main Street to sign up or contact Pastor Crystal Sylvester csylvester@faccalgary.com/403-258-8293.

Students

Worship Together: Grade 5&6 and JHS join the main services THIS WEEKEND, Christmas Eve, December 27, and January 2/3. For more info stop by the Info Desk, contact Sara Vanderveen svanderveen@faccalgary.com /403-212-8849, or visit faccalgary.com/students.

Grow: Next Steps

Starting January 21: *Resolving Everyday Conflict and Growing Stronger in Your Faith*. Register for these and other upcoming courses online under **EVENTS**, at Cornerstone Marketplace, or by contacting Janet Loewen jloewen@faccalgary.com/403-252-7572.

Need-to-Know

Christmas Eve

VOTE online which Christmas carols we sing! faccalgary.com/christmaseve
Service Times: 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 Sunday 9:15 & 11:15 am services.

"40 Days in the Word" Host Info Session

We're starting the New Year with a **6-week "40 Days in the Word" series** and are looking for table hosts for an on-campus "Sunday Super Group" led by Pastor James starting **January 10** OR people to host their own 6-week small group. Stop by the Action Centre after any service **THIS WEEKEND** to learn more!

Holy Spirit Encounter

January 15-17, 2016 here at FAC | Experience the fullness of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Come for a weekend of healing, forgiveness, spiritual freedom, fresh filling, new gifts and added joy; hosted by the Western District of the Christian & Missionary Alliance. Cost: \$50 / person (includes Saturday lunch, coffee breaks and materials). Register online: faccalgary.com/registrations.

Yearend Giving

- **Cash/Cheque:** in-service offering baskets, safe drop-off (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) faccalgary.com/give OR through our new "FAC Experience" App
- **Debit/Credit Card:** through Cornerstone Marketplace; credit card donations can also be made in the Action Centre
- **Stocks or Gifts in Kind:** Church office

Donations to be included in your 2015 tax receipt need to be received or postmarked before 11:59 pm on December 31, 2015. (The building will be open till 8:00 pm December 31 to receive yearend donations.) For more info, contact Carey Thiessen 403-212-8844/ cthiessen@faccalgary.com.