

Weekend Services

Saturdays 6:30 pm
 Sundays 9:15 & 11:15 am

Congregational Care

For updates, please contact Anne Freeman
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Year-End Giving Update

Budget to Dec. 31/15	Received	Required
General \$2,934,595	\$2,686,571	\$248,024
Capital/Debt 602,177	439,314	162,863
Missions 518,422	465,451	52,971
Refugee Sponsorship Fund	66,445	




Thank you for your generosity this Christmas season! Your gifts to FAC for the month of December were a total of \$1,396,557. Although this was significantly short of our budget, we trust God to supply all our needs. As good stewards we will also adjust to work within the provisions God has given through His people. To learn more, contact Carey Thiessen c Thiessen@faccalgary.com.



I was raised in a Christian home and thought I knew God.
 About 14 years ago I began attending weekly *Precept Ministries* Bible study classes, and it was then that my relationship with Christ really began. God tells us we will see trials in our lives, and in the last few years I've had a lot of trials. Both my parents are living with severe dementia. My husband of 31 years had brain surgery that affected his short-term memory and altered his personality, resulting in him suddenly leaving me. I also have a special needs child to parent on my own. **With no family support, I felt truly alone, abandoned.**

Through studying the Bible and digging into the Word I've come to realize I can never be alone or abandoned. My Lord is with me at all times and has carried me through these rough times. He has a plan. I can feel grateful for these trials as I have grown stronger in my faith and I know things will be okay. I can honestly say I look forward to discovering what He has in store for me. I can – and do – count on Him for everything.

Studying the Bible and getting to truly know Christ has saved my life – now on earth and eternally. • **Written by Janet Shewchuk**

Share your Bible-reading insights this week: #FAC40Days   

Ask James!

Have a question about this week's Bible reading? Submit questions through ...
 #FACAskJames, facthisweek.com
 or the FAC Experience App.



Why Can I Trust the Bible?

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!

Go deeper during our "**40 Days in the Word**" series – join the Sunday Super Group starting **January 10**, 6:00-8:00 pm in the Discovery Theatre, or one of our other weeknight groups. Stop by the "40 Days in the Word" banner on Main Street or go online and sign up *today!*

Holy Spirit Encounter

Experience the fullness of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit **January 15-17** here at FAC. Come for a weekend of healing, forgiveness, spiritual freedom, fresh filling, new gifts and added joy with Doug & Teri Balzer (of the Western Canadian District of the Christian & Missionary Alliance). Cost: \$50 (includes Saturday lunch, coffee breaks). Register online: faccalgary.com/events.

Grow in 2016

There are lots of upcoming opportunities to grow in your walk with Jesus at FAC ...

- **Growing Stronger in Your Faith** (begins **January 21**)
- **Resolving Everyday Conflict** (begins **January 21**)
- **Spiritual Warfare: Overcoming the Enemy** (begins **January 21**)
- **Precept Ministries Bible Studies: Acts** (begins **February 3**)

For more info and to register, visit faccalgary.com/registrations, stop by Cornerstone Marketplace or contact Janet Loewen jloewen@faccalgary.com /403-252-7572.

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

DiscoveryLand

Parent Cue App: an easy tool to encourage conversation, help capture moments and instill truth in your kids during the week! Available as a free download through iTunes.

Students

Parent Breakfast: **January 30**, 9:00-11:00 am, Prayer Centre. \$5; pay online or at the door.

Grade 5&6: Join us upstairs (south end) during weekend services. Cops 'N Robbers: **February 5**, 7:00-9:00 pm @ FAC; only \$2.

JHS (Jr. High): "House Wars" **January 30**, 6:30 pm, Gym (no cost). **SHS (Sr. High):** Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Gym. West Edmonton Mall Trip (Gr. 9-12): **Jan. 22-23**, \$85; register online.

Young Adults: Holy Spirit Encounter: **Jan. 15-17** at FAC, \$50; register online. For more info contact Sara Vanderveen (403-212-8849/svanderveen@faccalgary.com), or visit faccalgary.com/students.

Marriage Matters

We'd love to help you build a marriage that honours God in 2016! Winter classes begin this month. Stop by the table on Main Street this weekend, contact Anne Freeman afreeman@faccalgary.com/403-258-8290 or visit faccalgary.com/couples.

Ways to Serve

Weekend Service Assistant: Help relay information from the tech booth to people on stage, smooth out service transitions and remove distractions. Contact Rosalind Coben rcoben@faccalgary.com/ 403-212-8848.

Fly Fishing Expo: Help man a booth **January 15-17, 2016** at this Western Canadian expo to promote the Fly Tying group at FAC and connect with others over general fly fishing information. Contact Colin Callbeck fouroaks@xplornet.com/403-938-1312.

Bedrock Bistro (Weekdays): Learn how to make and serve specialty coffees, cold drinks and snacks with a smile! *New added hours:* Tuesdays 9:00 am-4:00 pm & Thursdays 11:30 am-4:00 pm. Help as you're able! Contact Michele Flynn mflynn@faccalgary.com/403-723-6394.

Global Impact

The **Weber family** is in need of storage space for their belongings as they prepare to move to the *Asian Spice Region* in February; please contact Briana Southerland 403-212-8847/ bsoutherland@faccalgary.com.

NEED TO KNOW

40 Days in the Word: Writing the Word

Imagine ... together as a church writing out the entire Bible by hand, ending up with a beautiful public display here at FAC as a result! Here's what to do:

1. Visit facthisweek.com where each person will select **one chapter** to write out.
2. Use any paper, but only write on **one side of a page**.
3. **Drop off** your hand-written Bible chapter by **February 13/14** at the Connect Desk, and we'll create a creative compilation out of the entire hand-written Bible for display here at FAC!

Preparing for Baptism

Our next baptism weekend is **January 16/17** – what are you waiting for? Join us for an info session **Tuesday, January 12**, 7:00 pm here on campus to learn what the Bible says about baptism and for all the details you need to know to take this next step (no cost). To learn more, contact Janet Loewen jloewen@faccalgary.com/403-252-7572.

"Soul on Fire" Men's Conference

What's *really* fuelling your life these days? Guys, join us **January 29-30** in the Harvest Rooms as Dr. Bill McAlpine challenges men at FAC to become "Souls on Fire" for Jesus. Cost: \$49/person; register online (faccalgary.com/registrations) or at Cornerstone Marketplace. Contact Pastor Grant Sylvester gsylvester@faccalgary.com/403-212-8843.

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