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Weekend Services

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

5:30 pm (The Exchange)

Congregational Care

In Hospital/Care: Maelys Cantius, Leona Booth, Susan Gregoire, Lin Harvie, Vince Heagy, Margaret Laughton, Isabella Rosjer, Jean Saffran, Michael Sisson. Contact Anne Freeman afreeman@faccalgary.com /403-258-8290.

Giving Update (as of April 13, 2016)

Budget to April 30/16	Received	Required
General \$4,471,171	\$4,003,608	\$467,563
Capital/Debt 1,033,677	583,092	450,585
Missions 775,716	663,968	111,748

Your donations fund the many ways we're "building lives that honour God" through our staff, facilities and local/global ministries. To learn more, contact Carey Thiessen cthiessen@faccalgary.com/403-212-8844.

THIS IS WHY I SERVE

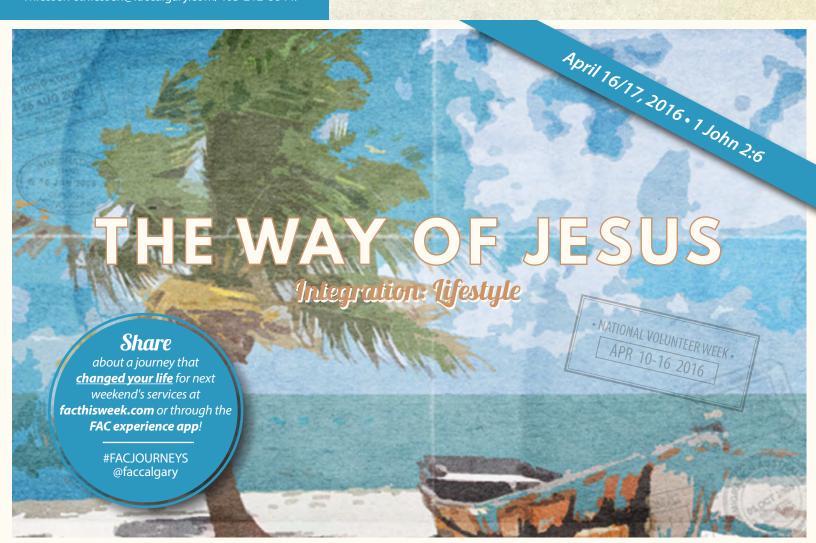
What compelled me to want to start serving at FAC was the clear evidence of God expanding His kingdom through this church. I remember thinking to myself, "What talents do I have that I can give back to God? What do I have to offer that can help this beautiful family of believers?"

I've become so passionate about worship through my time serving here, and I cannot describe how beautiful it is to see us come together to give our good Father glory through worship.

Every member of the band, the production team, and the camera crew demonstrate His love so clearly through their service; how can anyone not be encouraged by that? I've only been working with the Grade 5&6 Students since September, but even the students there are blowing me away by how far they've come in their walks with Jesus – from asking insightful questions about their Maker to developing devotional habits, they give me so much hope for our world.

Knowing that by serving I'm doing what Jesus created us to do – to serve one another in love and work together to make His name known – makes whatever job I do all the more fulfilling. Nothing is more special to me than seeing the First Alliance community come together in love to give their all for Jesus. I love, and I am so thankful for, every volunteer and every person in this church I have the honour of serving – and serving with!

- Psalm Tesalona



WELCOME

New or Visiting?

We're glad you're here! Check out the **Contact Card** in the seat back in front of you, stop by the **Info Desk**, or use our free "**FAC Experience" app** – we'd love to connect with you. For more info, visit us online: **faccalgary.com**.

Need Prayer?

After every service, our prayer team is available at the front of the Sanctuary and would love to pray with you. You can also ask for prayer through the **Contact Card** located in the seat back or visit **faccalgary.com/prayer** anytime.

Getting Connected

We'd love to help you get connected with a smaller group of people for regular Bible study, prayer, and community! Drop by the **Connect Desk** after the service or contact Janelle Emery jemery@faccalgary.com/403-258-8289.

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

The Exchange Church

We're excited to announce that, with the unanimous support of Pastor James and the Elders of First Alliance Church, The Exchange ministry of First Alliance Church will be launched as The Exchange Church a new church in the SE of Calgary coming fall 2016. Sign up to join the prayer list at facthisweek.com under the "interactive" tab or through the FAC Experience app.

Buy a Chair

Help replace our temporary folding chairs with permanent seating in our expanded upper auditorium. Purchase a seat for \$250 each; for every chair purchased, one folding chair will be removed – we've already received donations for 290 chairs; thank you! Donations can be made through faccalgary.com/giving, Cornerstone Marketplace, or by Cheque (mark an envelope "Chairs"). To learn more, find Carey Thiessen in the upper auditorium after the service or contact 403-212-8844/ cthiessen@faccalgary.com.

DiscoveryLand

DiscoveryCamps online registration opens Monday, April 18! Join us July 4-8 for Preschool and Grade School day camps, Summer Slam (sports), Sewing Camp & Music Camp. Visit faccalgary.com/registrations. For more information or to volunteer, email discoverycamps@faccalgary.com.

Students

Grade 5&6: Retreat @ Camp Harmattan May 27-29; \$115, please register online.

JH\$ & SHS: "Cops N Robbers" April 22, 7:00 pm here at FAC; \$2. SHS (Sr. High): 30 Hr. Famine April 29-30; sign up with Jonathan Klein by April 13. Young Adults: Worship & Small Groups May 12, 7:00 pm, Meeting Place 3. For details visit faccalgary.com/students, stop by the Info Desk, or contact Sara Vanderveen svanderveen@faccalgary.com/403-212-8849.

Community Impact

Oil Change Day is Saturday, April 30 and it's moving onsite to FAC (south parking lot)! This ministry serves widows, seniors, single moms, and the unemployed, who are unable to afford basic car maintenance. To volunteer in the garage or help with hospitality, or to request service for your vehicle, please email oilchangedays@faccalgary.com by April 22.

The Arts

You're invited to *Then Sings My Soul*, a sing-along worship concert featuring timeless hymns and scripture readings led by the FAC Choir & Orchestra on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 4</u>, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. No cost; everyone is welcome!

Improv@FAC is an ongoing opportunity to connect with others and build stage skills through fun improv-based games, offered Thursdays, 6:30 pm in the Discovery Theatre (no cost or registration). Contact Cheryl Siebring csiebring@faccalgary.com/403-539-2251.

Ways to Serve

Are You a Writer? Help tell the stories of God at work amongst us by joining our Storyline magazine team. Contact Julie McPhail jmcphail@faccalgary.com/403-258-8286. One-Time Childcare: Help watch over little ones May 19, 9:00 am-noon to allow all moms from the Women2Women Tuesday Bible study to attend their year-end celebration. Please contact Lynn Stephenson 403-257-0209/ lynndstephenson@gmail.com. **Soul Friends:** Learn how to be a safe caring spiritual friend; come for an info session Sunday, April 24 or May 1, 10:45-11:15 am and discover opportunities to use your gifts as a Soul Care Companion or Sojourn Leader. Contact Anne Freeman 403-258-8290/ afreeman@faccalgary.com.



Need to Know ...

Volunteer Appreciation

In honour of **National Volunteer Week** (April 10-16), we'd like to recognize all who serve here at FAC. Thanks for volunteering your gifts, talent and time, all for Jesus! We truly can't "build lives that honour God" without you!

General Assembly

... is our denomination's bi-annual national gathering, and this spring it's happening here at FAC, May 31-June 4! Evening sessions are free and open to everyone; for delegate registration and more info, visit allianceassembly.ca. There are lots of ways you can help us host this large event; maybe volunteering at Assembly could be a first-time serve for you! Learn how you can get involved; stop by the table on Main Street this weekend.

Grief Support

Losing someone you care deeply about is very painful. **Grief Support** offers tools and resources as you grieve the death of your loved one, offered Wednesdays, 7:00 pm starting **April 20**. No cost; please register online or through Cornerstone Marketplace. (Optional workbook available for purchase.)