

First Alliance

a christian & missionary alliance church

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Weekend Services

Saturdays 6:30 pm

Sundays 9:15 & 11:15 am

5:30 pm (The Exchange Church)

Live stream & resources: facthisweek.com

or download our free "FAC Experience" app.

In Hospital/Care: Leona Booth, Lin Harvie, John Koopmans, Bea Kroeker, Jean Saffran, Debbie Wallis. For updates, contact Anne Freeman afreeman@faccalgary.com/403-258-8290.

May Giving Update

<u>Budget to May 31/16</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Required</u>
General \$4,871,372	\$4,292,303	\$579,069
Capital/Debt 1,099,729	619,535	480,194
Missions 844,548	709,278	135,270

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.



I never had any intentions of using my limited abilities as a musician to serve God. In fact, the idea of playing "in front of people" terrified me. It's funny how God has a way of pushing us outside of our comfort zone.

When my husband and I were first married, we lived in a very small northern Alberta oil town, Rainbow Lake. The tiny church we attended with a congregation of less than 10 people needed a pianist. Fresh off of Time Air, God pushed me outside of my comfort zone, and called me to serve. Reluctantly I said yes.

Fast forward several years, and the opportunity to serve at FAC once again pushed me outside of my comfort zone.

These past 20+ years of serving in the area of music have been such a privilege. God has given me the gift of many friendships, and has allowed me to serve alongside musicians whose hearts and obedience to serve God have been and continue to be an encouragement and blessing to me. God has also allowed me the opportunity to serve as a mentor to young musicians at FAC. What an incredible blessing to see the younger generation, following the voice of Jesus, and leading us to serve. All for Jesus!

Colossians 3:17: *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

- Carla Balzun

We'd love to hear how God is at work in your life, too.
Email: storyline@faccalgary.com

**LIMITLESS**
UNSTOPPABLE

MAY 7/8, 2016 *view this online* **FACTHISWEEK.COM** *or through our* **FAC EXPERIENCE APP**

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?

Let us know how we can pray for you – fill out a **Contact Card** located in the seat back, call our prayer hotline **1-877-677-2948**, or visit faccalgary.com/prayer anytime.

GET CONNECTED!

Small group settings can be the best way to serve, pray, learn, and grow in your journey with Jesus. Don't get lost in the crowd; we'd love to help you get connected! Drop by the **Connect Desk** this weekend or contact Janelle Emery jemery@faccalgary.com/403-258-8289.

We exist to build lives that honour God ... all for Jesus.

DISCOVERYLAND

DiscoveryCamps (July 4-8) are filling up fast! In fact, Grade School Camp is already full except for a few reserved spots for children of parents able to volunteer. Want to help? Please email: discoverycamps@faccalgary.com.

STUDENTS

Grade 5&6: Retreat at Camp Harmattan May 27-29; \$115, please register online.
JHS (Jr. High) & **SHS** (Sr. High): House Night May 13, 7:00 pm (offsite). Talk to your small group leader for details! **Young Adults:** Worship & Small Groups May 12, 7:00 pm, Meeting Place 3. For more info visit faccalgary.com/students or contact Sara V. svanderveen@faccalgary.com/403-212-8849.



SERVE

Extreme Rakeover: Preparing the communion juice and wafers for your church family is a great opportunity to serve as a family or small group! Set-up can be the Friday evening or Saturday morning of communion weekend. Contact Janet Loewen info@faccalgary.com/403-252-7572.

DiscoveryCamps: Join us as hundreds of children learn more about who God is and what he has done for us, July 4-8! There's lots of different ways to be a part of teaching kids about an awesome God in a very fun and positive environment; contact Pastor Crystal Sylvester csylvester@faccalgary.com/403-258-8293.

General Assembly 2016: Help us host The Christian & Missionary Alliance biennial national gathering at FAC, May 31-June 4! Maybe volunteering at this event could be a first-time serve for you! Email Myrna McCombs myrna.mccombs@me.com.

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MUSIC

Sharpen Music: A one-day worship arts conference here at FAC on Saturday, May 14, 9:00 am-3:30 pm featuring keynote speaker Tim Neufeld. Gain training and inspiration in all areas of music ministry for the local church context; intro and advanced breakout sessions for most instruments and vocals offered; earlybird rate ends May 2. Register: sharpenconference.com.

GROW: BAPTISM

Our next **baptism weekend** is May 21/22. Explore what the Bible says about baptism and walk through what to expect at an info session on Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 pm in the North Atrium (no cost). Register online or contact Janet Loewen 403-252-7572/ jloewen@faccalgary.com.

GLOBAL IMPACT

Sherri Ens, our International Worker from **Macedonia**, is in Calgary! Visit her under the Red Umbrella at FAC on May 14/15 and learn about what God is doing through her ministry. Impacting our world for Jesus is something we're committed to doing together; learn more: faccalgary.com/globalimpact.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors for making **Oil Change Day** possible on April 30; we were able to service 57 cars for people in need here at FAC! Learn more about this ministry; contact oilchangeday@faccalgary.com.

DINNER THEATRE

Invite your friends and coworkers to join you for a delicious meal and "**The Matchmaker**" by **Thornton Wilder**, a wacky and warm-hearted comedy performed May 25-27 in the Harvest Rooms! Tickets: \$28/person, now on sale online: faccalgary.com/registrations. (Net proceeds will support our refugee sponsorships through our Care Fund.)

FORMULA 4 HOPE

Join us as we support the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre, who help women facing unplanned pregnancy find the hope and support they need. Pick up an empty baby bottle **this weekend**, fill it with a donation and return your filled bottle to the Info Desk by Father's Day weekend **June 18/19**.

EXTREME RAKEOVER

Enjoy the sunshine and meet new & old friends as we edge, weed, and plant our flower beds here at FAC on Saturday, May 14, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. (Lunch and tools provided!) Sign up with Noelle Bannister nbannister@faccalgary.com/403-258-4357.