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**SEPTEMBER 24/25** 

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# WELCOME!

## **New or Visiting?**

We're glad you're here! Stop by **Meeting Place 2** after the service – we'd love to meet you! You can also fill out the attached **contact card** or use our free **"FAC Experience" app**. For more info, visit us online **faccalgary.com**.

## **Need Prayer?**

Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out the attached **Contact Card**, 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! Fill out the attached **Contact Card**, 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**

Hey parents! Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, or join our E-newsletter to get updates, info on events, resources to encourage faith at home, and curriculum updates. Facebook: facebook.com/discoverylandfac, Twitter: @DiscoveryInd, newsletter: eepurl.com/MtDWn.

#### **Students**

**Grade 5&6:** Kick-off event <u>September 30</u>, 7:00 pm at Southview Alliance Church, \$5 (pay at the door). **JHS (Junior High):** Tuesday night small groups, 6:30 pm in the Grade 5&6 Room. No registration required. For more info, contact Sara Vanderveen svanderveen@ faccalgary.com/403-212-8849.

#### **Staff News**

Carey Thiessen has completed his ministry assignment at FAC. If you would like to contribute to a love offering in appreciation of Carey please designate your gift on an offering envelope before <u>October 31</u>.

## **Congregational Care**

**In Hospital:** Leila Cross, Lin Harvie, Orval Mitchell, Bill Rubel, Chris Taksas. For updates, contact Anne Freeman afreeman@faccalgary.com/403-258-8290. **Funeral** for Erna Fox on Monday, <u>September 26</u> at 1:00 pm in the Harvest Rooms.

# **Need to Know**

#### Serve

#### Not sure where to serve?

•Complete an online **Spiritual Gift assessment** faccalgary. com/get involved or pick one up after the service at the Info Desk, Serve kiosk or Meeting Place 2.

•Visit Main Street after the service for a selection of jumpin serve opportunities at FAC and in our community.

•Join us *next weekend*, <u>October 1/2</u>, after the service in Meeting Place 1. There will be people available to review your Spiritual Gift Assessment and provide some suggestions on where to serve.

For more info, contact our serve coordinator, Cindy Bartlett, cbartlett@faccalgary.com/403-258-4355.

### **Harvest Culinary Ministries**

Want to get involved? Join us for a safe foods handing course presented by Alberta Health Services <u>Wednesday, September 28</u>, 7:00 pm in Harvest Room D&E. No cost, to register contact Gail Hunter ghunter@ faccalgary.com or visit faccalgary.com/registrations.

#### **Pray for Iraq**

Partner with us in prayer for the ongoing concerns in Northern Iraq by emailing prayforiraq@faccalgary.com.

## Alpha

Great for anyone investigating Christianity, newcomers to church, or those interested in brushing up on the basics. Thursdays, 6:30-9:00 pm in the Harvest Rooms starting <u>September 29</u>. No cost, dinner is provided. Also available in Spanish and Mandarin. Register online faccalgary.com/ registrations.

#### grouplink

Small groups are a great way to get connected! If you're looking for a group you can serve with, grow with, and just do life with, join us starting <u>Sunday, October</u> 2. No cost. Register online, faccalgary. com/registrations or contact Janelle Emery jemery@faccalgary.com/403-258-8289.

#### **Prayer Retreat**

Join us in the Harvest Rooms <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 8</u>, 8:00 am for breakfast, and explore a variety of prayer opportunities. No cost, everyone is welcome. Register at faccalgary.com/registrations or Cornerstone Marketplace. For more info, contact Pastor Heather Brown hbrown@ faccalgary.com/403-212-8854.

# **Call to Serve**



As a successful oil executive my identity was firmly defined by my work responsibilities. But after two years of a global recession, I left my job feeling spiritually depleted and void of meaningful purpose. So quite simply I put my challenge out to God. What was His new plan for my life as I stepped away from a lifestyle that was familiar and comfortable? His answer to my prayerful searching has been the exciting journey into volunteer work.

One week after leaving my job I began to attend FAC. I was intimidated by the size of the church but I was also determined to get involved in this vibrant, positive community. At first I knew no one and had no clear idea how to contribute. So I started small and simple. No training required. I picked weeds as part of FAC's spring yard cleanup. On that warm spring day I made new friends and heard about other volunteer opportunities

that sounded interesting. I began to see that God has given me skills, talents and interests that have gone untapped. How exciting to discover the new life God was leading me into.

Since spring weeding I have volunteered at General Assembly and collected donated bread for those in need. I am learning to write articles for our Storyline magazine and to serve in our Soul Care Ministry. Beyond FAC I have found God's purpose for me as a volunteer at the Calgary Distress Centre and working with Survivors of War Trauma. Who knew I could do all these things? God did.

- Sheila Ball

To explore your spiritual gifts through volunteering contact Cindy Bartlett at cbartlett@faccalgary.com.







Weekend Services

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

#### Harvest Culinary Ministries Connect over a meal!

Café Lunch: <u>September 27</u> Wednesday Family Supper: <u>September 28</u> Breakfast at First: <u>October 2</u> For more info, visit faccalgary.com/kitchen.

#### September 2016 Giving Update

(as of <u>September 18, 2016</u>)

	Budget	Received	Required
General \$	\$1,105,560	865,645	(239,915)
Capital/Deb	t 158,332	102,090	(56,242)
Missions	213,107	149,195	<u>(63,912)</u>
Total	1,476,999	1,116,931	(360,068)

Thank you for your generous giving towards building lives that honour God ... all for Jesus! Contact Jigs Gonzales jgonzales@faccalgary. com/403-212-8850.