



ECCLESIA

**RESPONDING CHURCH**

NOVEMBER 19/20, 2016

# WELCOME TO FAC!

## NEW OR VISITING?

We're glad you're here! Stop by "NEXT" in **Meeting Place 2** after the service – we'd love to meet you.

## NEED PRAYER?

Prayer teams are available at the front after the service, or visit [faccalgary.com/prayer](http://faccalgary.com/prayer).

## GET CONNECTED

We'd love to help you get connected! Visit [faccalgary.com/smallgroups](http://faccalgary.com/smallgroups) or fill out the attached **Contact Card**.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

We're partnering with a school in a low-income area to provide Christmas gifts (for toddlers-grade 6 and adults). Drop off items in the boxes outside DiscoveryLand November 19/20, 26/27 & December 3/4. Contact Heather Brown [hbrown@faccalgary.com](mailto:hbrown@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8854.

## REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

A family arrived this week from DR Congo! For a list of items needed to help them settle into their home, contact Michelle Peters [mpeters@faccalgary.com](mailto:mpeters@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8847.

## TEEN CHALLENGE WISH TREE

Pick a gift tag from the tree on Main Street and return the gift by next Sunday, November 27.

## WAYS TO SERVE

**Christmas Dessert Theatre:** Help plate desserts, then serve them to our guests.

**Grade 5 Small Group Leader:** Build into the lives of a group of girls at the 9:15 service! Show Jesus' love through games, singing, and discussion.

**DiscoveryLand Early Childhood Leaders:** Provide a safe and fun place for 1 & 2-year-olds to discover God. Leaders needed at all services.

[Contact\\_serve@faccalgary.com](mailto:Contact_serve@faccalgary.com) to volunteer!

## STUDENTS

**Senior High (SHS):** Christmas Banquet December 2, 6:00 pm in the Harvest Rooms. \$25; register online [faccalgary.com/registrations](http://faccalgary.com/registrations).





# CALL TO BAPTISM

Baptism is one way we respond to the work of God's Holy Spirit in our lives - a way to tell people around us we're committed to following Him! These are snippets of a few stories from people choosing to be baptized this fall ...

## What's your story?

"I have been a Christian for awhile, but never made the commitment to be baptized. I have always wanted to and now I am going to be brave and just do it. **Jesus/God has**

**always been there for me** and it is about time I get baptized." – Karen

"He has become **my grounding, my safe place, and the shield** I bear and sword I brandish during the whirlwind of life. Because I know that He is my strength and my will and my heart." – Natasha

"My life for many years has been a great challenge and still is but accepting Jesus today has **healed a big hole in my heart.**" – Sharon

"It finally clicked for me that all of the chaos and all the uncertainty and fear that I have been experiencing ... is all because I have been running away from the Father's loving arms and that it's finally time for me to accept the fact that **I am a man after His own heart** and to commit to living for Him." – Brian

"I want to give my life back to Christ. To live my life again as one who shares in a love so great it gives me strength. To again release my doubt and restore my faith in Him. To **re-spark the fire in my heart for Jesus.**" - Jeremy

"I want to **follow Jesus.**" – Rachel

"Despite significant struggles in my life I find myself pulled closer & closer to God. I want **to grow ...** with the Lord everyday and in everything I do." – Kelly

**Baptism happens this weekend ... It's not too late for you to take this next step!**

# NEED TO KNOW

## Advent Devotional

Next weekend begins the season of Advent – the anticipation of the birth of Jesus! We have a devotional designed to guide you through daily readings and reflections that connect with our weekend teachings. The devotional is available for purchase at Cornerstone Marketplace (hard copy) or for free online at **facthisweek.com**.

## Christmas Dessert Theatre

Invite your friends and come to a great evening filled with two Christmas shows, festive dessert, and music! The show will run from December 7 through 11 at 7:30 pm in the Harvest Rooms. Tickets are available online, **faccalgary.com/registrations** for \$20/person (limited quantities available). Invite cards are available at the **Info Desk**.



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## Weekend Services

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

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

## Holiday Care & Support

Sometimes life can turn joyful holiday memories into painful ones in the wake of losing a loved one or a loss due to divorce. Come join others who understand your journey. **Grief Support – Coping with the Holidays:** Monday, November 28 at 7:00 pm, Harvest AB. **Divorce Care – Surviving the Holidays:** Monday, December 12 at 6:30 pm, Harvest AB. No cost. Register online [faccalgary.com/registrations](http://faccalgary.com/registrations).

## Stars of Christmas

We're excited to welcome the community for a Christmas-y afternoon of games, music, treats, and entertainment. The event is designed for the whole family and YOU'RE the host! Invite your friends and neighbours! December 4 from 2:00-6:00 pm. There's no registration required. Invite cards are available at the **Info Desk**. If you're interested in serving at *Stars of Christmas* contact [stars@faccalgary.com](mailto:stars@faccalgary.com).



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## November 2016 Giving Update

(as of November 6, 2016)

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Required</b>
General	\$1,879,250	1,566,992	(312,258)
Capital/Debt	292,831	201,888	(90,943)
Missions	347,623	288,037	(59,586)
Total	2,519,704	2,056,917	(462,787)

For more info, contact Jigs Gonzales  
[jgonzales@faccalgary.com](mailto:jgonzales@faccalgary.com).

## Congregational Care

**In Hospital:** Dave Harvie, Lin Harvie, Chris Taksas, Carol Wiebe. For updates, contact Anne Freeman@faccalgary.com/403-258-8290.

## Staff News

As we've continued to restructure, the position of Executive Pastor-Operations was eliminated. As a result, Carey Thiessen is no longer on staff. We thank Carey for his dedicated service over the past decade, providing leadership in the operations, financial, and building areas. We ask for God's blessing on Carey & Shirley.



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