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COMES TO US

DECEMBER 10/11, 2016 COLOSSIANS 2:16-3:4 #FACCHRISTMAS @FACCALGARY

Welcome to Fall!

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.

GET CONNECTED

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

THE UNMENTIONABLES DRIVE

We're partnering with The Mustard Seed to help our community. Drop off NEW, packaged underwear to the boxes at the north and south entrances by *next weekend* **December 17/18**. For more info, contact Michelle Peters mpeters@faccalgary.com/403-212-8847.

DIVORCECARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Come join others who understand your journey *this Monday*, December 12 at 6:30 pm, Harvest AB. No cost. Register online faccalgary.com/registrations.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

New to Canada? Spending Christmas Day by yourself? Join us for a free turkey dinner and an afternoon of fun! RSVP by December 15, christmaslunch@faccalgary.com /403-258-4363. Space is limited.

DISCOVERYLAND

We love welcoming new families to DiscoveryLand over the Christmas season ... and **you** can be a part of the welcome! What a great opportunity to come join the team who provides a safe and fun environment for Infant-ECS kids joining us over the holidays. **We need 90 volunteers!** Check the back of the bulletin for more details or use the Christmas Serve tear-off to register.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

In Hospital: Dave Harvie, Lin Harvie, Karin Nimmo, Chris Taksas. For updates, contact Anne Freeman afreeman@faccalgary.com/403-258-8290.

STUDENTS

Young Adults (YA): Christmas Banquet **December 16**, 6:00 pm in the Harvest Rooms. \$25; register online faccalgary.com/registrations.



Calgary Dream Centre

My name is Alejandro and the Calgary Dream Centre saved my life.

Growing up in Mexico in an abusive home, I felt worthless. I started drinking at 13 to hide from the pain. I struggled with anger and depression so I felt like drinking and partying gave me a place in the world and an identity that I never felt I had before. I was kicked out at 17 and I went to a very dark place for the next few years where I had multiple overdoses and tried to commit suicide three times.

At 22 I moved to Canada to try to find a new life. However, my depression, addiction, and suicidal thoughts followed me all the way here. I felt angry that I couldn't get my depression to go away so I did anything I could to stop myself from feeling—cocaine, alcohol, anything. I did that for almost a year. I eventually ended up homeless and busking in the streets when a lady invited me to her church. I don't know what she saw in me; my body was falling apart and I had rotten teeth—but she invited me in, fed me, and helped me realize I was worth something. **I accepted Jesus and I realized I was worth changing my life.**

March 12, 2016 I joined the Youth Addiction Recovery Program and my life is changed. **This program taught me about the love of God while giving me knowledge about the disease of addiction.** The Dream Centre is a gift from heaven in my life. They have provided me a place to live, recovery, a job, but most of all the belief that I am worthy of a full life. Thank you to the Dream Centre for saving my life.

Be sure to check out the Dream Centre Christmas trees throughout our campus! Want to learn more? Visit facalgary.com/communityimpact.

Need to Know

CHRISTMAS AT FAC

Christmas Serve Opportunities

- **Christmas Day Lunch:** Greeters, table hosts, servers, and cleanup.
- **Guest Experience:** Greeters, offering and parking team (Christmas Eve).
- **DiscoveryLand Serve:** Help during the 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 4:00 pm (Christmas Eve) or December 31 (6:30 pm) / January 1 (11:15 am). For an online sign-up form, visit faccalgary.com/kids.

For more info or to sign up for these opportunities, visit the table on Main Street or fill out the attached Christmas Serve card.

Christmas Eve

- **Service times:** *12:00 pm, *2:00 pm, *4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm.*DiscoveryLand kids' programming for infant-kindergarten.

- Translations: Farsi (12:00 pm), Spanish and Mandarin (2:00 and 4:00 pm).
- No services December 25, 2016.

New Year's Eve/Day Services

- Join us for the 6:30 pm service on December 31 or the 11:15 am service on January 1 (no 9:15 service)

SO, HERE'S MY STORY

Hearing one another's stories reminds us we're not alone; it inspires us to hope that God can and does get involved in the day-to-day, ordinary moments of our lives. What has God been doing in your life in 2016? We want to celebrate stories of God at work as we close out the year. Go to facthisweek.com, and share your story ... Be a part of the celebration!

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Weekend Services

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

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

YEAR-END GIVING

Cash/Cheque: in-service offering baskets, safe drop-off (left of the Café), through the church office (Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am-4:30 pm) or mail in

Online: (via credit card) faccalgary.com/giving OR through the "FAC Experience" App

Debit/Credit Card: through Cornerstone Marketplace

Stocks or Gifts in Kind: church office

December 31 giving: Donations to be included in your 2016 tax receipt must be received online or postmarked before 11:59 pm on December 31, or received during the 6:30 pm service December 31.

Thank you for giving towards "building lives that honour God ... all for Jesus."

YEAR-END GIVING TARGET

	Budget	Received	Required
General	\$1,200,000	\$130,757	\$1,069,242
Capital/Debt	\$225,000	\$24,030	\$200,970
Total	\$1,425,000	\$154,787	\$1,270,213

*For more info, contact Jigs Gonzales
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