



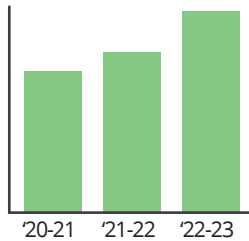
Ministry Report

July 2022-June 2023

Building lives that honour God ... all for Jesus

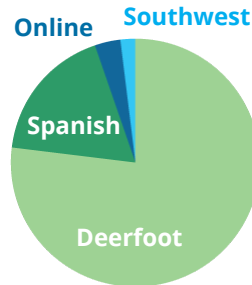
2,512

Average Weekend Attendance in person & online



57

New Members



5,088

Christmas Eve Attendance in person & online



increase from previous

4,752

Easter Attendance in person & online



increase from previous

2,123

Attended GOOD FRIDAY services online and in person; 23.2% increase from the previous year



312

External Facility Bookings at FAC Deerfoot



"I'm 26 years old and haven't attended a church service since I was quite young.

And although I was never baptized, in the past couple of years, I've found myself believing in God and trying to practice the values I learned about Christianity when I was young. After the Easter service (which I viewed online) I felt extremely connected to Pastor James' preaching and had a fairly emotional moment ... I feel as though I've deepened my connection with God." - Alex found FAC by Googling "Easter service near me" and now actively serves in the FAC Choir.

Connecting

65 **Small Groups**
(includes Men@First, Women2Women, mixed adults, and interest groups)

8 **Short-Term Small Groups**

90 **Men's Breakfasts avg. attendance**
(October/January/May)

New!

Launched Wednesday evening option for **Women2Women Bible Studies**

“It’s the best part of my week to ask the question ‘where have you seen Jesus this week?’ and hear the responses of how God is at work.” – *Men@First small group leader*

“We look forward every week to see what God is going to do!” – *small group leaders*

“It’s incredible – as you open up and are honest with the group, others will share that they’re going through something similar. And I thought I was the only one. I found that really encouraging.” – *small group participant*



Sharing

Community Engagement

- **124 vehicles** serviced through **OIL CHANGE DAYS** (August 2022 and June 2023)
- Delivered **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS** to **55 families** through social workers, school partners, and community connections
- Supplied **SNACK AND LUNCH BAGS** to kids and families 1 day/week at 2 Calgary locations
- **SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**: Hosted end-of-the-year meals for school staff in Forest Lawn & Ogden, and provided winter gear for kids in need.

Refugee Ministry

- **45 REFUGEES SETTLED** into Alberta with FAC as the Sponsorship Agreement Holder: 14 from Eritrea, 9 from Afghanistan, 9 from Ethiopia.
- **Yonnas, our first fully FAC-sponsored refugee since before the COVID-19 pandemic, arrived safely in Calgary in May of 2023.** He attends FAC Southwest, and English classes on Monday evenings at FAC Deerfoot.

Global Engagement

- **\$2,563 raised** for Artisan Ministries at **FAC INTERNATIONAL**
- **\$29,379 raised** for **UKRAINE RELIEF FUND**
- **\$4,205 raised** for **UKRAINE MEDIA PROJECT**
- **\$12,500 sent** from the **Missions Fund** to purchase a **NEW CONVOY VEHICLE** for medical, food, and essential supplies into Ukraine



- We’ve also been able to participate in **OPERATION AFGHAN SAFETY**, which brings Afghans who are religious minorities, human rights defenders, or female leaders to Canada. **We received 15 allocations for this program in 2023** for a total of 45 allocations and have been informed by IRCC that all OAS cases should arrive in Canada by the end of December 2023.

Growing

“What a gift to be a part of a church that recognizes mental health challenges as something real people experience.

Though there is a history of stigma, shame, and fear for many believers with a mental health diagnosis, having a group like *Renewing Hope* at FAC breaks down some of those barriers.” – *course participant*

Support & Recovery Groups

- **25** participated in the **Renewing Hope** course
- **36** engaged in **DivorceCare**; **18** took **Surviving the Holidays**
- **55** participated in **Celebrate Recovery**
- **20** grew through **Inner Healing** sessions
- **9** took **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** course

Praying Together


- **12** avg. participants in **Ladies' Afternoon Prayer**
- **98** pastoral **prayer follow-ups**
- **55** avg. # of monthly **online prayer requests**
- **18** participated weekly in **Wednesday Evening Prayer**

Serving



162 people engaged with **After Service Prayer**

111 **Alpha Course** participants (all campuses)

131  **Total Baptisms** **49% increase** from last year (all ages & campuses)

New! **44** participants in **The Bible Course**

Classes & Courses

- **20** attended **The Prayer Course**
- **25** took **Living [Within] Your Means**
- **6** engaged with **The Shared Shelf**
- **13** participated in **Sacred Pathways**

“Going through *Inner Healing* was worthwhile and worth the time and effort. It's a blessing to the FAC community. **Thank you for your dedication to healing.**”

“Serving in the church is such a **huge blessing**, being able to first-hand witness how the Lord works in the lives of others is an encouragement!” – *Amanda Morris*

“I love serving in DiscoveryLand because I like to help the kids understand God more. I also love serving because **it allows us to have a sense of community within the church**. And as I continue to serve, I get to meet new people along the way!” – *Savannah Oteng*

“ God continually challenges me by questions that the kids ask. **Not only do I grow from it, the kids also learn more as I explain it.** I love getting to see how God works in their lives whether they decide to be baptized, are interested in the Bible or simply show up.” - *DiscoveryLand volunteer*



272
Avg. Weekend Attendance
Infants-Grade 4, in person
(Deerfoot & Southwest Campuses)

132
Children said **“YES!”**
to Jesus for the
first time

- **96** kids received **Birthday Pacs** in the mail.
- An average of **1,127 families** received the weekly **e-Newsletter** with links to DiscoveryLand Online for Toddlers, Preschool and Grade School

“ I love to share with these young children that Jesus loves them and that they can have Him live in their hearts forever.” - *Large Group Teacher*

Student Ministries

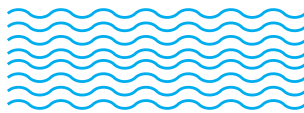
88
Jr. & Sr. High
Wednesday Night
avg. attendance

19
Young Adults
Thursday Night
avg. attendance

62
Grade 5&6
Avg. Weekend Attendance
(Deerfoot & Southwest)

24
Students
Baptized

19 Children
Baptized



79
Weekly average of
people serving in
DiscoveryLand

491
Attended Summer Camps
(Deerfoot & Southwest)



“ FAC’s Student Ministries has been instrumental in the lives of my kids. Having a place for them to come each week, to fellowship, and to hear the Word has made a huge impact in their personal walk with God. The connections they’ve made not only with other students, but with the leaders has been amazing ... **This is actually the very reason why our family began attending FAC in 2017.** We wanted our kids to be able to connect and to grow, and they have!”
- *Beth, parent*

Paige Flewelling was hired as the Southwest & Youth Music Associate, rebuilding worship in Student Ministries.

“ **Serving as a youth leader has given me a renewed sense of purpose in my life** and is certainly the highlight of my week ... it has inspired me into a deeper faith with Jesus. I’ve been blessed immensely through my participation. Thank you for the privilege to serve these young people.” - *Wade Loberg*



Family Life

51 Children dedicated to the Lord (all campuses)

Couples' Ministry 

38 Individuals Resourced for relationship health

New! *Next5* couples' group averaged 5 couples attending

- **2 couples** took *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts*
- **13 couples** took *Before We Say I Do* pre-marrital course
- **3 men and 2 women** took *Marriage 911* online course
- **16 men mentored** through relational and life situations
- **First5** couples' group averaged **9 couples** and growing



Seniors & Friends

142 average attendance at **monthly luncheons** and **special events**

- **66** attended *Facing & Embracing the Future Estate Planning Seminar*
- Hired **Pastor Jerry Orthner**
- Offered Wellness Mornings exercise class on Monday & Wednesdays
- **16 people served** to hold church services at **Age Care Seton** Sunday afternoons for **20-30 residents**



Care & Support

236 Received practical **SUPPORT/COUNSELLING** referrals (13.4% increase from previous year)

148 Attended **CARE & SUPPORT GROUPS** (Grief Support, Soul Care, Widow Connection)

24 **MEMORIAL SERVICES** held at FAC Deerfoot; many with receptions by our serving teams

32 People serving on the **CARE TEAM** providing practical help and support to our church family

“Thank you for your generosity and kindness. My daughter and I are currently staying in the room you sponsor at the Sunshine House. We're going through a very challenging time, and the love and support we have received while being a part of this program has been incredible. Thank you so much for being there for us, and for making our transition from our old home to here so much easier... we're so grateful.” – *Anonymous*

“We're no longer in Alberta ... Which pains me in the sense that **FAC really gave us a tremendous amount of support as a family when we were going there.** I want to say a huge thank you to all who keep the doors open and the lights on! Not to mention all the many ways that the church family fed our needs while we attended – spiritually and physically; we're grateful and the church will remain in our hearts and prayers.” – *Berg family*

“Just wanted to so very much thank you for the food giftcard, diapers and the homemade meals for my family ... thank you for being so supportive.” – *Family in need*

“Thank you for your help this year, but especially this month. **Thank you for your love and care as you walked alongside me during this difficult time.**” – *Anonymous*

“ God has surprised us in this first year at FAC en Español! We celebrate that God is building a community within FAC that is worshiping God in Spanish and is reaching out to this community in Calgary. It’s been great to see how the passion to reach people with the love of Jesus has now taken form in the expression of this Hispanic community. In FAC en Español we celebrate joy, relationship, and the ability to worship God in our own tongue – this is what we’ve experienced through the Spanish Congregation this year, and people have been deeply impacted by that. We see people serving, coming to church, participating in small groups and growth programs with the feeling that this is their home; they’re loved, valued, and cared for. It’s been very rewarding to see people finding restoration, taking the step of baptism, using their talents, taking on leadership and daring to serve God and share Jesus. God has been on the move and I trust that we’ll continue to build this Congregation and establish it so many more who come will have a place to meet God and feel at home.” – **Pastor Hernando Muñoz**

212

Attendance for Launch
(October 16, 2022)

110

Avg. Sunday attendance

65

Avg. # of people
serving on Sundays

8

Baptisms



- 5 new **SMALL GROUPS** formed
- 50 people attended **NEWCOMERS GATHERING**
- 17 people took **ALPHA IN SPANISH**
- 100 people attended **SUMMER PICNIC** in June
- 10 **NEW MEMBERS**

“ God has answered our prayers for a church where both Estela and I can be edified and instructed; FAC’s simultaneous English and Spanish services are perfect!” – **Paul**

“ The Spanish congregation is a prayer answered by the Lord. We are filled with joy when we hear the Word, worship, and support our community all in our native language. So much so that in the past year we have also found ways to serve the Lord in different capacities, furthering His ministry. FAC en Español is a great blessing for our family. – **Leo**



11 People serving

INSTAGRAM

3,192 Followers

FACEBOOK

1,527▲

People connected in the FAC Online Group

6,387▲

FAC Calgary Page "Likes"
(4.2% increase from last year)

YOUTUBE

1.7K▲

Channel Subscribers



Microsite in partnership with The Mustard Seed

FAC EXPERIENCE APP



980 Downloads
1,920 avg. opens/month

108▲

people connected in the FAC Southwest Group

213

people connected in the FAC en Español Group

78▲

People connected through **DISCORD**

4 Microsite Baptisms



In March 2023, Brittany – an FAC Online Campus member – reached out asking if there was a way that she could be baptized in her home as her medical diagnosis prevented her from being able to come to an in-person campus. In May 2023, Pastors Heather Brown and Rosalind Coben were able to help her take this step at home.



“ I loved that we got to gather as a church family and that we got to meet new people and eat together. We had such a great time trying new foods. Sharing communion together was also really meaningful!” – Savannah Oteng

- In July 2022 at the end of DiscoveryCamps, Pastor Jeff experienced his heart episode, and went on **medical leave**.
- **Special thanks to Pastor Grant Sylvester**, who stepped in as the **Interim Pastor** for FAC Southwest July through to December 2022, when Pastor Jeff was cleared to return.
- On February 12, FAC Southwest enjoyed a **campus potluck** with over **220 attending**.

196▲

Avg. Weekend Attendance
(including children)

6 Baptisms

12 Alpha Course participants

3 **NEW** Small Goups

1,500 Approx. attendance of FAC Music CHRISTMAS CONCERT

34 Kids participated in **ELEVATE MUSIC CAMP** (60% increase from last year)

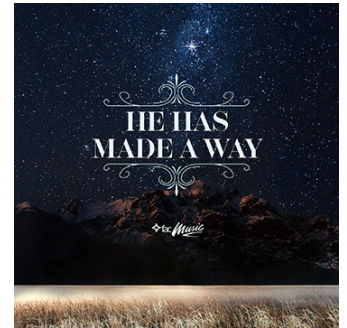
11 **WORSHIP TEAMS** across all campuses (including 3 new Spanish teams!)

3 **SONGWRITING RETREATS** resulted in original songs produced for congregational worship

69 Avg. number of **SCHOOL OF MUSIC** students per semester, rebounding post-COVID to 80 students by Spring 2023 semester

10 Avg. number of **VISUAL ARTISTS GATHERING** regularly to work on art together at FAC Deerfoot

- Added flute and music production classes to **SCHOOL OF MUSIC**
- FAC Music won the YYC Music award for **BEST INSPIRATIONAL/HOLIDAY RECORDING** for their Christmas EP "Oh What A Day"
- FAC Music performed at the **CALGARY HITMEN "FAITH & FAMILY" EVENT**, with *Elevate Kids' Choir* singing the national anthem
- FAC Music released the Christmas single, **"HE HAS MADE A WAY"**
- FAC Music released *Elevate's* single, **"NEW THINGS"**



Harvest Ministries

65 people served (between Deerfoot & Southwest Campuses) helping with Stampede Breakfast, Fall Kick-Off Party, Cornerstone Café, weekend coffee, and mid-week help in the Kitchen

- Concluded the 3-year long **SNACK & LUNCH BAG PROGRAM** with Share Ministries in the community; special thanks to those who served on this team!

