



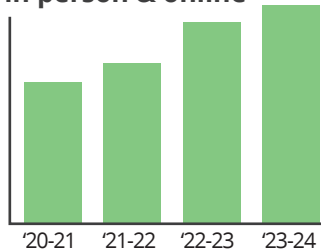
# Ministry Report

July 2023-June 2024



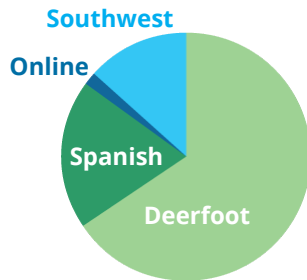
## 2,845

Average Weekend Attendance in person & online



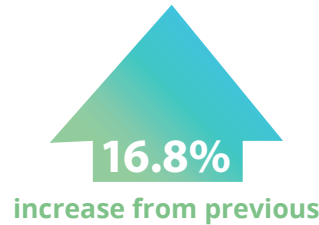
## 61

New Members



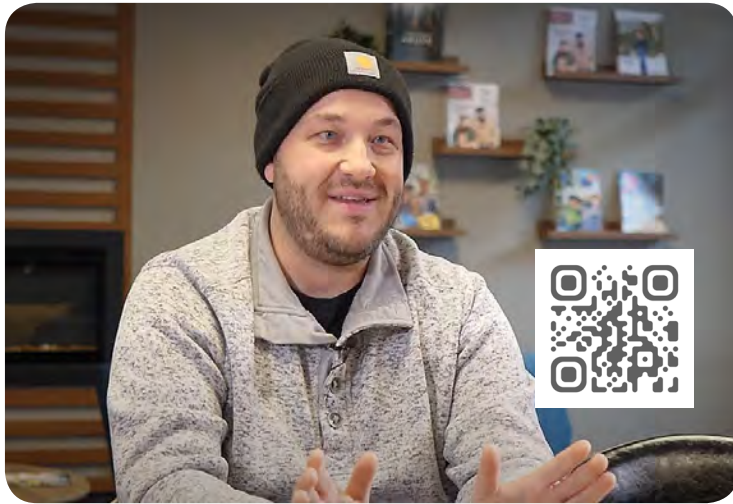
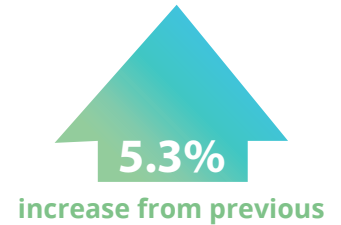
## 5,944

Christmas Eve Attendance in person & online



## 5,005

Easter Attendance in person & online



“ I had walked in literally the minute that we were sitting down for food to start Alpha, day 1.” From Athiest to Christian, Zach shared his story Easter weekend how God drew him to a life-changing encounter with Jesus in 2023 through the light of a coworker, driving past the big Alpha banner hanging outside FAC Deerfoot, and a song playing in his car. **Scan the QR code to watch his story**, or listen to **Episode 18** of the “Can We Ask You This?” podcast.

## 2,021

Attended GOOD FRIDAY online and in person

## 235

External Facility Bookings at FAC Deerfoot

“ The quality of our FAC Deerfoot rentals has changed over the last year – we’re seeing several repeat contracts and larger ones. **It’s been a true building of relationships with external groups.** We’ve also seen lots of birthday party bookings for the Play Place since reopening it last October, with some of the guests from those bookings even starting to attend FAC because of their positive experience.” – **Wendy Nilsen, Facility Booking Administrator**



- FAC Deerfoot **Play Place** and **Bistro REOPENED** in October
- FAC Library was repurposed into the **Family Life Resource Centre** and **Community Support Room**

# Connecting

**84** **Total Small Groups**  
(includes Deerfoot, Southwest,  
Online and Spanish Campuses)

**8** **Short-Term Small Group Studies**  
all at maximum capacity!

**New!** **Women2Women "Extended Study"**  
offered to meet demand, with 37 participants

“ I believe the women’s study has been critical in bringing women into fellowship with God and one another. **The encouragement and connection I have felt has been so good for my soul.**” – *Sandy, Women2Women participant*

“ **My group means the world to me,** I couldn’t imagine doing life without them.” – *Small group participant*



“ Discipling with another guy who centers his life around Christ has been **truly life-changing!**” – *Men’s small group participant*

“ **Monday nights are special to me**—not just because I get to play sports with friends, but because we also come together in prayer. As a former athlete, it’s a blessing.” – *Men’s Gym Night participant*

“ **It’s such a joy to be back in community.** There’s real wisdom and spiritual maturity around our table. I learn more about God as I witness how He’s working in the lives of the women.” – *Joyce, Women2Women participant*

# Sharing

## Community Engagement

- An average of **30 families per week** received food hampers at the **NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE** (FAC Deerfoot) in partnership with **Calgary Food Bank**.
- Relationships grew in our **partner schools** through our **BREAKFAST PROGRAM** which included a Fall BBQ for students & their families, counselling referrals, scholarships to Camp Chamisall and weekly in-school support groups for students who are struggling.

## Refugee Ministry

**121** **NEWCOMERS WERE WELCOMED** to Alberta through our Refugee Sponsorship Program including 2 fully FAC-sponsored families from Iran and Syria. Most of the refugees are originally from Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Syria, and Eritrea.

**65+** people joined our **ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS** with several students joining weekend services after being introduced to FAC!

## Global Engagement

- **SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS** returned for the first time since 2019 with a team of 9 going to support our Inca Link partners in **Colombia**, March 22-April 1!
- **17 INTERNATIONAL WORKERS** serving in **Latin America, Middle East, Asia, Africa & Canada** were supported through prayer & monthly financial support from the Missions Fund.
- **FREEDOM WEEKEND** in May featured our partnership with **International Justice Mission**, focussing on IJM’s work in Guatemala.

“ Your church didn’t turn aside from the suffering of their neighbours ... you leaned in and moved towards the hurt and brokenness. **32 families from FAC became IJM monthly supporters**, and almost another 100 families responded with generous gifts. **\$7,600 has been given since May from FAC**, giving women and children in Guatemala the protection and the flourishing that God intends for them.” – *Robin Padanyi, International Justice Mission*

# Growing

**120** people engaged with **After Service Prayer**

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

**118** **Total Baptisms** (all ages & campuses)

## Support & Recovery

- **15** participated in the **Renewing Hope** course
- **49** engaged in **DivorceCare & Surviving the Holidays**
- **44** avg. # of **Celebrate Recovery** participants
- **27** people went deeper through **CR Step Studies**

## Praying Together

- **19** avg. participants in **Ladies' Afternoon Prayer**
- **144** pastoral prayer follow-ups
- **25** adults journeyed through **Inner Healing**
- **NEW!** churchwide, monthly **FAC Prayer Nights**

## Serving

“It was this book club that now has me digging deeper into the Bible, doing more Bible studies and really just becoming closer in my relationship with God ... Thanks to *The Shared Shelf* I am continuing on my journey as a Christian and opening my heart to different possibilities with all of the inspiring topics brought forward through our readings.” – *Tammy K.*

## Classes & Courses

- **32**  participated in **Living [Within] Your Means**
- **8** engaged with **The Shared Shelf**
- **25** participated in **River Dwellers Course**



▲ **287**

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

- **349** kids attended **summer day camps** across Deerfoot, Southwest, and Spanish Campuses
- Many families enjoyed our free **Indoor Family Picnics** at FAC Deerfoot throughout the year.



“The best gift has been **seeing the children grow in their knowledge of the Bible and eagerly offering to pray out loud.**”

**102**

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

“I really enjoyed volunteering this year. **It brought me a lot of joy** to make Sunday school fun for those who attended when I was there!” - *DiscoveryLand volunteer*

**17** Children  
Baptized



**95**▲

Weekly average of  
**volunteers** in  
DiscoveryLand



“Thank you for allowing me to serve in DiscoveryLand for many years! **I love to share with these young children that Jesus loves them and that they can have Him live in their hearts forever!**”

## Student Ministries

**99**▲

**Wednesday Night Youth**  
avg. attendance

**26**▲

**Young Adults**  
**Thursday Night**  
avg. attendance

**72**▲

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

**22**

**Students**  
**Baptized**

“The support our children receive by attending Youth at FAC has significantly **enriched our family life** by creating a nurturing environment where they feel valued, safe, and understood. [It] has provided them with positive role models and friendships which in turn encourages open conversations about values and faith at home ... Thanks for pouring your lives into our youth.”  
- *Harvey & Julie Mitterhuber*

“April 20/21 was a fantastic weekend in Grade 5&6 ... I explained how Christ’s death and resurrection gave us the ability to become new people with the help of the Holy Spirit as we allow the healing work of repentance to change us. At the end I gave an invitation for the students to repent, receive forgiveness and ask Jesus to be the Lord and Leader of their lives... **21 Gr. 5&6 students prayed to receive Jesus into their hearts for the very first time!**” - *Chet Kennedy, Student Ministries Team Lead*



# Family Life

**63** Children dedicated to the Lord (all campuses)

*Couples' Ministry* ∞

**47** ▲ Individuals Resourced for relationship health

**New!** Family Life Resource Centre opened at the Deerfoot Campus in partnership with Focus on the Family Canada

- 14 men mentored through relational and life situations
- First5/Next5 young married groups averaged 14 and 5
- 10 couples took *Before We Say I Do* course
- 2 couples participated in *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts* mentoring.
- 30 couples attended the *Marriage Weekend Retreat*
- 180 people attended the *Laughing All the Way* event
- 800 people attended the February *Date Night Tour*



## Seniors & Friends

**158** ▲ average attendance at monthly luncheons

- 142 attended at summer events
- 66 attended *Loving & Losing* grief seminar
- Offered **Wellness Mornings** exercise class on Mondays & Wednesdays
- 23 average attendance of residents at our **Age Care Seton** Sunday afternoon services



# Care & Support

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

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

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

**33** People attended the **CHRISTIAN CAREGIVING RETREAT**

**82** People received support for immediate financial support through the **CARE FUND**



# ✦ fac en español

131 ▲

Avg. Sunday attendance

16 ▲

Baptisms



65

Avg. # of people helping on Sundays

23

Alpha en Español participants (Feb 2024)

- **5 SMALL GROUPS** meeting regularly
- **12** youth attended a **SKATING NIGHT**
- **39** ladies attended the **WOMEN'S TALK** evening
- **13** people took **DECISIONS THAT HEAL YOUR LIFE** study
- **26** attended the Spanish **MEN'S BREAKFAST**
- The **NEXT STEPS TEAM** has been vital in following up with new people every week
- The **PRAYER TEAM** has been key in organizing the monthly Prayer Nights in Spanish

“ We are a family from Ecuador, we emigrated to Calgary last year in August and the Lord guided us to FAC en Español. We've attended the church for a year and 2 months, in this time we've served the Lord with great love, my husband has served on the Logistics Team almost since the beginning of our arrival, and the last 5 months my oldest son and I have served in DiscoveryLand. **The church has been a great blessing in our lives, Pastors Hernando and Viviana have showered us with their love since we arrived, they have become our family**, they have encouraged and ministered to us, the Lord has used them in a very special way. **We are so grateful to the Lord for FAC and pray that the Lord continues to use FAC en Español in great ways as He has in our lives.**”

– Ximena & Lenin



# fac online

## INSTAGRAM

**3,733** Followers

## FACEBOOK

**1,859** ↑

People connected in the **FAC Online Group**

**7,341** ↑

FAC Calgary Page "Likes"  
(15% increase from last year)

## YOUTUBE

**2,974** ↑

Channel Subscribers

**17** People serving



**Alpha Online**  
in English & Farsi



**Zoom** service in Farsi  
including **4 international baptisms!**

## FAC EXPERIENCE APP



**823** new downloads  
**1,661** app opens per month

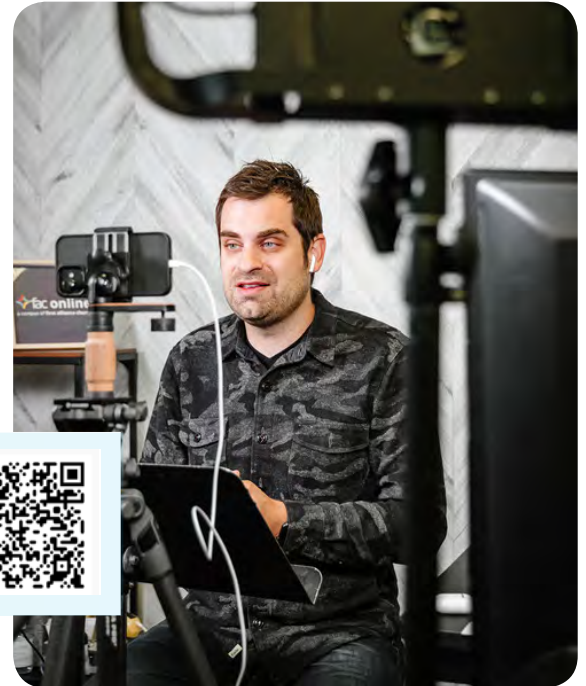
**108** ↑

people connected in the **FAC Southwest Group**

**99** ↑

People connected through **DISCORD**

“ In April, we started a new **online gathering for Farsi speakers.** This community has formed into an online discipleship pathway for worship, prayer, and support where the Word of God is being preached into some of the darkest corners of the world. God is on the move!”  
– *Pastor Cory Harasym*



**8 NEW EPISODES** produced capturing stories of God at work in the lives of people from FAC.



# fac southwest



**SW Women's Gatherings** launched in January offering a once-a-month connection point

- Enjoyed **3 Campus Potlucks**
- **NEW** pre-service prayer time initiative

**1,500**

People served at **SW Stampede Breakfast**



**196**

**Avg. Sunday Attendance** (including children)

**8** **Baptisms**

**12** **Alpha Course** participants

**6** **Small Groups** (3 new added!)

# ☆ fac *Music* & The Arts

- A **record 44 students** participated in **ELEVATE MUSIC VIDEO CAMP** in July.
- **358 people** were part of the first **FILL THE ROOM live recording** event at FAC Southwest in October.
- 2nd year of our **FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT** in December, presenting all expressions of **FAC Music** to a filled auditorium at FAC Deerfoot!
- Released the original single **MIRACLE** in December.
- **124 people** took part in **FILL THE ROOM: HYMN EDITION** in February.
- **FAC Choir** participated in the **PSALMS PROJECT**, a concert with Mike Janzen & Steve Bell in March.
- **134 people** were involved in the live theatre production of **WOVEN** in March from hospitality, actors, tech, backstage crew and more!
- Another **FILL THE ROOM** night of worship in May included many FAC original songs.

- **80+ students** enrolled in **SCHOOL OF MUSIC** taking lessons in piano, voice, guitar, drums and flute.
- Held **3 SONG WRITING RETREATS** with **20+ FAC musicians in attendance**, including one in BC, featuring guest Baily Hager from Nashville.
- 6 different **FIREPLACE ART GALLERY** showings at FAC Deerfoot featured **13 FAC visual artists**.
- **6-15 artists** took part in monthly **VISUAL ARTS GATHERINGS** at FAC Deerfoot

“ We went opening night. I loved the perspective of the women. **It left you thinking. Well done, right down to the lighting!**” – *Woven attendee*



## Harvest Ministries

“ Volunteering in the Harvest Kitchen is such a great way to make connections in this beautifully big church!”

“ Helping in the kitchen is a rewarding time that us '3 musketeers' enjoy doing. We love the fellowship with all the volunteers and staff members when preparing a meal ... We like working as a team having fun and helping those who are attending functions. **Since COVID, we lost a lot of volunteers and with the change of kitchen staff too, we feel the need to help keep Harvest Ministries going.** This is for the Lord and for FAC.”

