

# First Alliance

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## GIVING UPDATES

*We are so grateful to God for providing through your donations! Thank you.*

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
Power of Everyone (Debt Reduction) .....	\$200,700
Good Friday Retiral Care Fund Offering .....	\$ 5,125

## It's All About Love

We had no idea what we were in for when we embarked on our adoption journey. For starters, we were not expecting to welcome 3 children in to our family in less than a year! We also weren't prepared to learn as much about parenting as we have, and we had no idea we'd be involved in an adoption and foster care ministry at FAC! But the thing that has surprised us the most is how our understanding and experience of God's love has deepened during this journey.

Ephesians 1:5 says, "God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ ... it gave him great pleasure." I love this picture of God's great joy in adopting us! Adoption can be a tough thing. I think a lot of people believe

adoption would be a good thing to do, but they're scared off by the difficulties – it's too expensive, too messy, too hard – but **if God takes great pleasure in adopting us, as rebellious as we are, then I believe we can also experience joy in adoption and foster care too**, no matter how difficult the journey. It is all about love: as we experience the crazy, unending, limitless love of God, we are transformed, and we are then able to love these precious children He's placed in our families.

We're so grateful that we obeyed God's call on our lives, and have experienced the joy of adoption! If you're considering adoption or foster care, I'd love to chat with you.

*Colleen Derksen*

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# CRAZY LOVE.

*Happy Together.* April 13/14, 2013





# Welcome!

## NEW OR VISITING?

If you'd like us to contact you with specific info, just fill out a **Contact Card** in the seat back in front of you. Also, pick up a **FIRSTLIFE catalogue** at the Info Desk for staff contacts and an overview of the church or visit: [www.faccalgary.com](http://www.faccalgary.com)

## NEED PRAYER?

Request prayer through filling out a **Contact Card** located in the seat back in front of you; call our prayer hotline **1-877-677-2948**; or submit your prayer requests online anytime: **www.faccalgary.com (under PRAYER)**.

## CONNECT

Get connected into a smaller group where you can study the Bible, pray and do life together on a regular basis; stop by the **Life Connection Desk** or contact **Angela McCombs** 403-258-8289/[amcombs@faccalgary.com](mailto:amcombs@faccalgary.com).

## FAMILY LIFE

### Adoption Information Night

**Thursday, April 25**, 7-9 pm in Harvest DE. For more info, go online and look under FAMILIES, or send an email to: [adoptionfostercare@faccalgary.com](mailto:adoptionfostercare@faccalgary.com).

### Focus on Marriage 2013

*Focus on the Family Canada* presents "Whatever You Fight About, Fight Right!" a fun-filled night packed with tips and advice from Dr. Les & Leslie Parrott on **June 7** at Foothills Alliance Church. Early-bird Tickets: \$15/person until **April 30!** Purchase tickets online: [focusonthefamily.ca/fightright](http://focusonthefamily.ca/fightright)

## DISCOVERYLAND

### FAMILY EVENT: CIRCUS CINEMA

**Friday, April 19**, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Harvest Rooms; cost: \$5 per family. Enjoy fun activities, snacks, face painting and "Madagascar 3". Space is limited! Register online. Contact Pastor Crystal [csylvester@faccalgary.com](mailto:csylvester@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8293.

## STUDENTS

**Accelerate (Gr. 5-6)** Join us during weekend services in Room 255! **Big Splash: April 19** 6:30 pm; drop off/pick up @ FAC; cost: \$5. RSVP to Sara Vanderveen [svanderveen@faccalgary.com](mailto:svanderveen@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8849. **elevation (Gr. 7-9)** Join us Saturdays, 4:30 or 6:30 pm in the Harvest Rooms! **Boys' Night/Girls' Night: April 26** (pick up a calendar for details). Contact Deniss V. [dvel@faccalgary.com](mailto:dvel@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8840. **Oxygen (Gr. 10-12)** Join us for worship this Wednesday, 7 pm in the Gym! **30-Hour Famine: April 19-20**; sign up online: [www.famine.ca](http://www.famine.ca) (click on the group "Calgary First Alliance Youth Group"). **The Source (Young Adults)** Join us for **Friday Night Live: April 19**, 7 pm in the Gym. Contact Jonathan Klein [jklein@faccalgary.com](mailto:jklein@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8851.



**1. Service Translations** We currently provide a **LIVE Spanish translation** during our 9:15 am service, and **LIVE Farsi translation** at our 11:15 am service – just ask an usher for a headset! We'd love to expand this ministry into other languages; to serve in this way, contact Pastor David Kang [dkang@faccalgary.com](mailto:dkang@faccalgary.com)/403-723-6390.

**2. Crazy Love vs. Social Injustice** Increase your awareness of social injustice and learn how you can make a difference locally & globally this April:

- **April 16:** "Nefarious," sex trade documentary (mature content) & discussion
- **April 26:** Silent auction & awareness for what's happening in Niger, Africa (Tickets \$5; online). **Each event listed begins at 7 pm in the Harvest Rooms.**

**3. Student Ministries** at FAC is about helping students from Grade 5-12 (and beyond) reach their full potential in Christ through weekly teaching, worship and fun. Get you kids can get connected with others their own age! Stop by the Info Desk or visit [www.faccalgary.com](http://www.faccalgary.com) and look under FAMILIES > STUDENTS.

## GROW

For more info and to register for these classes, go online or stop by the Action Centre after the service:

**Discipleship Explored:** Wanting to grow in your Christian walk? Come join us Thursdays, 7-9 pm in Harvest B beginning **April 18** as we explore the basics of Christ-centred living as outlined in the book of Philippians in the Bible. Cost: \$10 (study guide will be provided).

**Widows' Connection:** Come join us **April 20**, 1-3 pm in the Southbend Room with guest speaker & financial planner, Mona Schoenfeld. No cost.

**Grief Support** offers tools & resources for anyone grieving the death of a loved one, offered Wednesdays, 7-9 pm in Harvest A beginning **April 24**. No cost.

## SUPER 7

Seven opportunities to SERVE ...

**JR. HIGH SMALL GROUP LEADERS**  
Contact Deniss V. [dvel@faccalgary.com](mailto:dvel@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8840

**DON MOEN CONCERT: GUEST SERVICES (April 23)** Contact Sandy Taylor [staylor@faccalgary.com](mailto:staylor@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8294

**DISCOVERYLAND FACE PAINTERS (April 19 Event)** Contact Crystal Sylvester [csylvester@faccalgary.com](mailto:csylvester@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8293

**PRESCHOOL SONG LEADER (1 wkd/month)** Contact Jenn Limacher [jlimacher@faccalgary.com](mailto:jlimacher@faccalgary.com)/403-723-6391

**YOUNG ADULT SMALL GRP. LEADERS**  
Contact Jonathan Klein [jklein@faccalgary.com](mailto:jklein@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8851

**CREATIVE DESIGN ADMIN. HELP**  
Contact Heather Brown [hbrown@faccalgary.com](mailto:hbrown@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8854

**COMMUNITY IMPACT ADMIN. HELP**  
Contact Sharon Teichroeb [steichroeb@faccalgary.com](mailto:steichroeb@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8847

