

# First Alliance

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I am the elementary music teacher at Glenmore Christian Academy, and I have some thrilling news to tell you! In our class, we have been working on our annual school Christmas musical entitled "Back to the Manger." The kids have had a lot of fun learning about the birth of Jesus Christ and the true meaning of Christmas. **In the last few lessons, I have been honoured to have witnessed over fifty children receiving Jesus as their personal Saviour for the first time!**

I've been reminded how much of an impact each of us can make on each individual that comes across our path. By listening to and obeying God's voice promptly, we are able to see our purpose as God's children come to fruition. **If we keep your eyes on the Lord, He will direct us.** Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." I have seen the truth of this scripture first-hand and have been encouraged. Our God is so awesome, and He can do above and beyond what you could ever conceive or imagine.

**Please keep praying for the children and staff at GCA.** The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective! Your love and support for the school and for our community is much appreciated. Thank you for all that you do.

Serving with you in Christ,  
*Mrs. Raine Vetter*

## Service Times

Saturdays 4:30 & 6:30 pm

Sundays 9:15 & 11:15 am

The Exchange Sundays @ 5:30 pm

## PRAY FOR THOSE IN HOSPITAL

Dante Thomas, Etta Hoare, Marilyn Stewart, Herb Noel, Herb Kreig, Carol Wiebe. For updates, please contact Jamie Unruh 403-258-8290/junruh@facalgary.com.

## YEAREND GIVING (Yearend is December 31)

Budget to Dec. 31/14	Received	Required
General	\$3,087,300	\$1,867,471
Missions	524,700	359,749
Capital/Debt	652,200	258,250
		393,950

**2015 Offering Envelopes** are now available for pick-up at the **North Entrance**. For more info, contact Wale Aderoju: waderoju@facalgary.com/403-258-8288.



It's for you!  
HIS PLAN

November  
29-30

Scripture:  
Genesis 12:1-8

# welcome!

## NEW OR VISITING?

- If you'd like us to get in touch with you, please fill out a **Contact Card** located in the seat back in front of you.
- We're ready to answer your questions at the **Information Desk** – we'll even offer you a coupon for a Café drink on us!
- Visit [www.faccalgary.com](http://www.faccalgary.com).

## NEED PRAYER?

After every service, our **prayer team** is available at the front of the auditorium. You can also ask for prayer through the **Contact Card** located in the seat back, or call **1-877-677-2948** anytime.

## GET CONNECTED

Connect with a smaller group of people for regular Bible study, prayer and encouragement! Stop by the Connect Desk after the service, or contact Dayla Brown [dbrown@faccalgary.com](mailto:dbrown@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8289.

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

## DISCOVERYLAND

**Christmas Schedule:** Grade School will break for **Dec 27/28** and **Jan 3/4**; pick up "DiscoveryLand-in-a-Bag" available at the Sanctuary entrances for those week-ends! **Infant-Kindergarten classrooms** will continue throughout the season, including **Christmas Eve** for 1 pm, 3 pm & 5 pm.

## STUDENTS

For current event details and more, contact Sara Vanderveen 403-212-8849/[svanderveen@faccalgary.com](mailto:svanderveen@faccalgary.com) (Mon-Fri).  
**Grade 5&6 Christmas Party: Dec. 13/14** during weekend services in Room 255 (no cost). **JHS (Jr. High): Masquerade Ball: December 12**, 7 pm, Gym, \$5 at the door. Connect Saturdays, 4:30 pm in the Prayer Centre or 6:30 pm in the Harvest Rooms.  
**SHS (Sr. High) Christmas Banquet: December 12**, Harvest Rooms, tickets: \$25 online. Connect Wednesdays, 7-9 pm in the Gym. **Young Adults Christmas Banquet: December 15**, 6 pm in the Harvest Rooms, tickets \$25 (online). Contact Jonathan Klein [jklein@faccalgary.com](mailto:jklein@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8851.

## STARS OF CHRISTMAS

We're looking for **10 more helpers** for our children's "Winter Wonderland" (Gym) on **December 7!** Sign up for a time slot at the Christmas Serve kiosk after the service or email: [christmas@faccalgary.com](mailto:christmas@faccalgary.com). Have you picked up some invites from the Info Desk? This is a "bring your neighbour" event!

## WOMEN2WOMEN

**Sisterhood:** Connect with other women of all ages at FAC and join us for a night of "Christmas Joy" on **THIS MONDAY**, 7-9 pm in the Harvest Rooms! No cost. For more info, please email Judith Tuck: [sisterhood@faccalgary.com](mailto:sisterhood@faccalgary.com).

## BOARD OF ELDERS

**Our Elders as elected at the Annual General Meeting on October 26 are:** Dave Orr (Chairman), Graham Balzun (Treasurer), Jake Bueckert (Secretary), Marinus Hus (Missions Treasurer), Gil Altamirano, Carlos Ang, Steve Buszowski, Don Chivers, Mike Humphries, Dale Dyck, Dale Meister and Greg Shumlich.



## SUPPORT & RECOVERY

Find the support you need this Christmas; let us walk beside you. Register online or at Cornerstone Resources:  
**Grief Support: Coping with the Holidays** December 8, 7-9 pm, Harvest DE | FREE  
**DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays** December 10, 7-9 pm, Harvest AB | FREE  
**Life Interrupted** (Walking through life's hurts, habits and hang-ups towards wholeness in Christ), Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Room 255 AB offered year round, drop-ins welcome | FREE

## UPCOMING

**Holy Land Tour 2015:** FAC invites you on a tour of Israel **June 8-19** hosted by Pastor Ray Matheson. For full details, stop by the table on Main Street or contact Carey Thiessen 403-212-8844/[cthiessen@faccalgary.com](mailto:cthiessen@faccalgary.com).

# Stuff You Need To Know ...

## CHRISTMAS SERVE

- **DiscoveryLand:** Provide childcare in our infant-kindergarten classrooms **Christmas Eve (1, 3, & 5 pm), December 27/28** and **January 3/4**. Choose a service, and contact Cindy Duffin [cbartlett@faccalgary.com](mailto:cbartlett@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8287.
- **Guest Services:** Welcome our many guests & visitors at our Paul Baloche concert (**December 11 & 12**) and on **Christmas Eve (1, 3, 5 & 7 pm)**. Lots of parking team, greeters & ushers needed! Contact Roy McFadyen [rmcfadyen@faccalgary.com](mailto:rmcfadyen@faccalgary.com)/403-258-4360.
- **Christmas Day Lunch:** Prepare/serve Christmas dinner and offer hospitality to our guests on **December 25** (11 am-2 pm). Contact Noelle Bannister [nbannister@faccalgary.com](mailto:nbannister@faccalgary.com)/403-258-4357.

## DECEMBER EVENTS

- **"Stars of Christmas" Winter Festival: December 7**, 3-6 pm – be sure to invite your friends and neighbours for an afternoon of FREE indoor & outdoor fun for kids, youth and adults! (Invites available at the Info Desk.)
- **Paul Baloche Christmas Worship Tour** with the **FAC Choir & Orchestra: Thurs. December 11** and **\*\*ADDED DATE\*\* Friday, December 12!** (Tickets: [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com) /1-800-965-9324). Concerts begin at 7 pm.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Are you new to FAC? Have you recently said "yes!" to Jesus for the first time and been wondering, "what comes next?" Meet some of our staff over coffee, and explore what we're all about as a church on **Sunday, December 14** during the 9:15 am service in the Harvest Room. (No cost, no registration).