



## Church Plant Profile Southgate Baptist Church

**Location:** Calgary, Alberta.

**Community:** Southwest Calgary

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**Start Date:** November 13, 2005

**Partner(s):** Canadian Baptists of Western Canada Church Planting Team

**History:** The SouthGate Community started in November of 2005 as a ministry of First Baptist Church of Calgary (FBC). At that time a dozen members of FBC committed to start a new congregation of the church in the fast-growing southwest corner of Calgary. As we grew out of the international ministries of FBC, we had a desire to connect with the diversifying neighbourhoods in Ward 13. As of July 1, 2008 we became SouthGate Baptist Church, an autonomous church plant within the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada. SouthGate is currently looking at purchasing new facilities.

**Vision/Mission:** The purposes of SouthGate Baptist Church are as follows:

**A Place to Belong**

- Through building a sense of Belonging
- Through acting as a family of faith
- Through supporting and encouraging each other in times of celebration and need

**A Place to Believe**

- By teaching, resourcing and making available materials regarding the Christian faith in accessible language(s)
- Giving people places and opportunities to ask questions and explore answers found in the Christian faith
- Encouraging people to be life-long learners in matters of the Christian faith

**A Place to Become**

- By helping people discover their God-given passions, abilities, interests and gifts
- Assisting people to develop those passions, abilities, interests and gifts

- Aiding people to deploy those passions, abilities interests and gifts in SouthGate, Calgary and around the world as they are given the opportunity

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**Ministry focus:** Children and families in Ward 13 of Calgary

- People who are new to Calgary, new to Canada and new to the Christian faith
- A community that reflects our neighbourhoods - diverse, young families, live locally
- Creating a global awareness within our church and faith

**Worship Times:** Sunday, 10:30 am Somerset Elementary School (150 Somerset Manor SW)

**Current size:** 76 as of October, 2009; ministry to about 165 in 55 households

**Prayer & Practical Needs:**

- Integration and jobs for new Canadians/new Calgarians
- Space for children's ministries and long term solutions for mid-week community outreach programs
- Employment decisions for several people, often involving a move or separation of families
- Wisdom as the church pursues the purchase of land and facilities to satisfy ministry needs and serve the neighbourhood
- Financial assistance to support purchase of a new facility
- Input into planning a ministry space that will bless the community and neighbourhood
- Rezoning issues create a lot of skilled labour needs: demolition, landscaping drywalling, electrical plumbing etc.
- Seating for the new space (currently use chairs provided by the Calgary Board of Education)