

FBC May Update



To the Board and Members of SCA International,

Greetings from Fellowship Bible Church. Looking back at the month of May, I am grateful for God's grace and love toward us. The words that God spoke to Moses as he revealed his glory ring true, "The Lord, The Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex. 34:6). We who know God know the truth of his words first hand. He shows us often that he truly is a God that is gracious, faithful and full of steadfast love.

There were difficulties with the month of May, but we have also seen some wonderful blessings. It is a joy to me to share how your continued support has been a blessing to Fellowship Bible Church and to myself.

Challenging Times

The provincial lockdown still affects the way that we do ministry at FBC. The most obvious way it impacts us is through our weekly services. However, we are not deterred. As I mentioned last time, we have started drive-in services. I'm glad to say that we have only had to cancel one service the whole month (due to weather). It is a gift that we have the property and equipment to be able to minister like this. Although, I have to say, preaching and leading worship in front of a group of cars takes some getting used to. That said, we have had visitors almost every single week. What a great way to share the gospel!



Above: Drive-in preparation

The most significant challenge this month came in the form of personal loss. Unfortunately, Pastor Shawn's father-in-law passed away after battling cancer. It was a difficult time for Shawn, his wife (Eleanor), and their family. Thankfully, the church was able to give them a significant part of the month off to grieve and handle some of his affairs.

Because of our partnership with you, I was able to step in and lead the church in Pastor Shawn's absence. While he was away, I continued working on some of our projects, ran our monthly deacon's meeting, and organized/ran the services. It was a tremendous blessing to see how the church rallied behind Shawn and Eleanor through this difficult time.

Sharing God's Love

This month I've continued to run Alpha. Every week, our group has gathered on Zoom to discuss God's word and think deeply about what he requires of us. The conversations have been thoughtful and lively. Leading it, I have been as blessed as anyone else in our group. It is hard to believe that there are only two weeks left.

I was able to preach twice this last month. Both sermons were from the book of Jonah ([chapter 3](#) and [chapter 4](#)). For a small book, Jonah speaks deeply and broadly. It gives us a glimpse into the heart of God; he is compassionate, merciful and slow to anger. And just as importantly, we see that he wants us to share in his heart.¹

¹ Jonah 4: <https://youtu.be/Pcxu1iJzBP0>

At FBC, we are passionate about using what God has given to share his love with the community around us. One way we do that is through our property. I've previously mentioned the church gardens. We added 12 boxes this year, and there is still a waiting list. The boxes are a flurry of activity throughout the day, and the benefits are showing through. We've been able to meet several people from our community, and the plants look beautiful.

We've also been working to improve and expand our playground. Right now, we are in the process of placing it and reassembling the old structure. We are hoping to add to it soon.

Finally, we've excavated and prepared a space for a concrete slab. We hope to use this area for our ice rinks, community concerts, basketball, camp, and a variety of other events. Hopefully, we will see it finished very soon.

Looking Forward

As I've mentioned before, I am currently pursuing my Mdiv at Heritage Seminary. Just a few weeks ago, I took a summer elective on church planting. As we look to the future, we are beginning to dream of churches in our neighbouring towns. The class was formative in my thinking about how we can reach other small communities in Ontario.

We continue to look towards our summer camps. Right now, we are busy getting the camps staffed. Currently, we have a mixed group of staff of both church and unchurched kids. It is a great opportunity to be able to mentor and share the gospel with them.

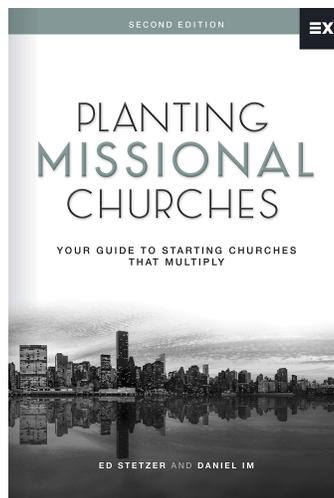


Above left: Gardens



Above right: Playground install

Right: Concrete pad prep



Left: The textbook for my church planting course

Prayer Requests

This month we would ask you to join us in praying for:

- That God would bless our outreach efforts (Alpha)
- That God would help us to prepare for our camps (specifically that we would find a suitable director).
- For those at FBC who are struggling in this pandemic
- That God would open the way for us to meet in large groups again
- That the use of our property would be a blessing to our community