

# January 2021

## FBC Ministry Update

My friends at SCA International, I trust all is well with you as the first month of the year is over. I think about you and pray for you often.

January was another month with added restriction and difficulty. However, it was also a good opportunity to reach out to our community and to remember the importance of the mission that God gave us.

1 Peter 2:9-10 reminds us that we are chosen to be God's possession so that we can proclaim his glory, and make his name famous in the world. I'm glad to share some of the ways we've done it and plan to do it this year.



**Through Christ's power and presence we can be disciples that make disciples.**

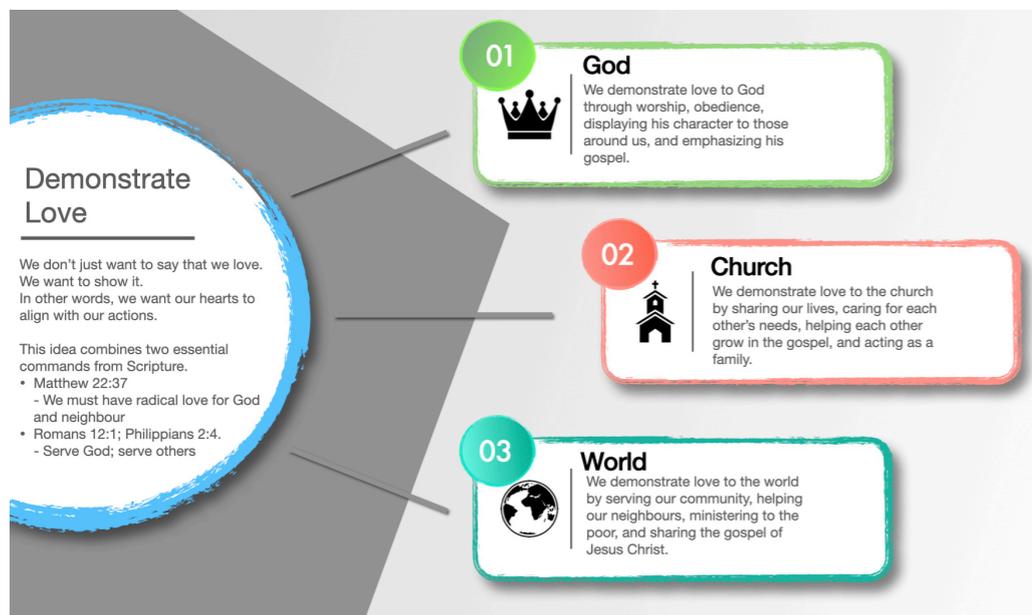
## Refocus

In January, we've spent a considerable amount of time considering where we should focus our efforts this year. We came to the conclusion that we should simply refocus on the most important things a church can do: Follow The Great Commandment and engage in the Great Commission.

To that end, I was tasked with preaching on those two passages in January (Matthew 22:36-40; 28:16-20). Both passages remind us that even though it is a new year, our mission and commandment is the same. It hasn't changed.

We plan to continue diving into our role as the church by highlighting our four pillars: Worship, discipleship, fellowship, and evangelism. We plan on teaching on them soon.

Along side of our teaching, we have also updated our purpose/vision of the church. We want to combine the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. So the leadership at FBC have come up with a new statement: *We exist to glorify God and make disciples by demonstrating love for God his church, and the world.*



*Top: My "big idea" from the Great Commission"  
Next page: Infographic explaining what it means to demonstrate love to God, church, and world (see purpose statement beside).*



**“But you are a chosen race,  
a royal priesthood, a holy  
nation, a people for  
his own possession,  
that you may proclaim the  
excellencies of him who called  
you out of darkness into his  
marvellous light.**

**Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received  
mercy, but now you have  
received mercy.**

**1 Peter 2:9-10**

## Using what we have

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Just after Christmas we were able to get our annual ice rink built. This past month it has been in constant use. It has been great to see all kinds of people of different ages using it (toddlers to seniors). We also have a small sledding hill on the property. It has been constantly used throughout the weeks.

The property has led to many conversations about the church and about God. We hope that some of these conversations will bear fruit and that we will see some new converts soon.

## Looking Forward

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In January, we've been spending a lot of time planning for the months to come. We are working on camps, Alpha, prayer summits, Discipleship efforts, and much more. We are so excited to see what God will do with our year.

## Prayer Requests

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There are several things that we have on our hearts for FBC. We would appreciate your prayers:

- God would guide us as we set our goals for the year
- For more leaders to be raised out of our congregation. We see a immediate need for more Godly leaders within the church.
- For effective evangelistic opportunities.
- That those hurting within our congregation would find comfort, direction, and healing. In the past few months we have noticed quite a few people, including kids, struggling with depression and anxiety.