

## FORECAST:

*(to estimate or predict in advance; to serve as an advance indication; foreshadow)*

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- **Our Mission**

*Make God's Glory Known*

- **Our Language**

*Love • Power • Purpose*

- **Our Values**

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# OUR CULTURE

*(the set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization)*

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**— Our Culture**

## THE MINISTRY & MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION

### 1. CREATION: God created people for reconciliation

- God pushed the devil out of heaven for his rebellion and pride (*Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:12-18*)
- God created the heavens and the earth but Satan’s “eviction” from heaven left the earth in chaos and emptiness (*Genesis 1:1-2*).
  - The Hebrew words for “formless” and “void” signify chaos and emptiness.
- God created man and woman in His likeness, His image, and walked and talked with them (*Genesis 1:26; 2:8*).
- God created man and gave Him the mandate to “subdue and replenish” (*Genesis 1:28*).
  - You can only subdue what is out of order and replenish what is empty.
- Man was put on the earth to reconcile the earth to the purpose God created it for, to expand the atmosphere of the Garden of Eden, the atmosphere of Heaven, pushing the devil and his influence off the earth just as he was pushed out of Heaven.

### 2. REBELLION: God’s purpose was destroyed by separation

- The enemy deceived humanity by twisting God’s words. (*Genesis 3:1-6*)
- Sin, rebellion, and disobedience broke the bond of relationship, communion with God, and separation from God’s Presence. (*Genesis 3:16-24*)

### 3. RESTORATION: God’s redemptive plan was reconciliation with humanity.

- Even before sin and disobedience brought separation from God, He already had a plan for restoration in place. (*1 Peter 1:20; Revelation 13:8*)
- Every story in the Bible speaks to God’s desire to be reconciled with humanity—to be one with His creation—from the Ten Commandments, the wilderness wandering, the Ark of the Covenant, and the Tabernacle—everything is a picture of His desire to be reconciled with humanity.

### 4. REMEDY: God’s plan for reconciliation

- God came to redeem man as a man—to reconcile man to Him. (*2 Corinthians 5*)
- Jesus’ sacrifice was the remedy to our separation from God. (*John 14*)
- Jesus brings all Creation back to reconciliation with the Heavenly Father and His purpose for their lives. (*2 Corinthians 5; John 17*)

### 5. RECONCILIATION: The end result is ultimate reconciliation

- The ministry and the message of the Church is “You have been made right with God...He is not counting your sins against you...Come back to God.” (*2 Corinthians 5:11-21*)
- So we as “ambassadors” sent by Christ disciple the nations in His nature and His ways while displaying the supernatural fruit of His indwelling Spirit in our lives. (*2 Corinthians 5:20; Matthew 28:18-20; Galatians 5:16-26*).

## OUR MISSION

*(a goal, purpose, or charge that is accompanied by strong conviction; a calling or vocation)*

### **“Make God’s Glory Known” - Our Mission**

*“It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. 2Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. They were calling out to each other, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!’” - **Isaiah 6:1-3***

*“For as the waters fill the sea, the earth will be filled with an awareness of the glory of the LORD.” - **Habakkuk 2:14***

### **WE ARE CHRIST’S REPRESENTATIVES**

- God wants the earth and humanity reconciled to His Kingdom, so everything we do is to reflect the nature and atmosphere of Heaven while we are on earth. The goal of making God’s glory known is to birth people who have been reconciled to God’s love for them and others, His power, and His purpose for their life. When other people see this evidence of God’s glory and reconciliation in our lives we are successful.

# OUR LANGUAGE

*(the system of communication, used by a particular community; the system of words or signs that people use to express thoughts and feelings to each other)*

## “Love • Power • Purpose” - Our Language

### LOVE

- *“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him.” - 1 John 3:1*
- *“God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. 10This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 11Dear friends, since God loves us that much, we surely ought to love each other.” - 1 John 4:9-11*
- *“But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.” - Psalm 86:15*

### OUR RESPONSE:

*“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” - John 13:34-35*

### POWER

- *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” - Acts 1:8*
- *“For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God’s power.” - 1 Corinthians 4:20*
- *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” - 2 Timothy 1:7*

### OUR RESPONSE:

*“...If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place. 16How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don’t go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.” - Exodus 33:15-16*

*“...I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!” - Acts 3:6*

### PURPOSE

- *“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” - Matthew 28:18-20*
- *“For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.” - 2 Timothy 1:9*

- *“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 18And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’” - 2 Corinthians 5:18-20*

### **OUR RESPONSE**

*“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” - Romans 12:1*

*“Send us out all over the world so that every everywhere will discover your ways and see your power to save!” - Psalm 67:2*

# OUR VALUES

*(important and lasting beliefs and ideals shared by members of a culture about what is good or bad, desirable or undesirable, having influence over behavior and attitudes, and serving as broad guidelines in all situations)*

**“God matters. You matter.”**

**- Our Values**

## **GOD MATTERS**

- **We matter to God**

God has proven and shown His love for us. He has proven and shown His desire for us to have fellowship with Him in His Presence.

- **He matters to us**

Our top priority is hosting the Presence of God well. Because when His presence is hosted well, sinner and saint alike, are able to find the encounter with Him that they need. We know that in His presence we find all that we need. (Psalm 16:11; Exodus 33:14-15)

## **YOU MATTER**

- **You matter to God**

There is nothing of more value to God in all of His Creation than you! When you “get” that—it changes everything. We hope to be the kind of church where God’s Presence is so felt and evident that it is easy for people to “get” how loved they are by God.

- **You matter to us**

We know that our purpose on the earth is to reconcile people to God. All of our worship and prayer is great and beneficial for ourselves but it’s real purpose is to empower us to be ambassadors of the Kingdom of Heaven bringing people to reconciliation in Christ.

## **OUR RESPONSE:**

- **We gather to scatter**

The high point of the Christian life is not the Sunday morning worship service. Sunday is where we GATHER to worship as ONE, joining our voices as one in worship and adoration to God. We gather to celebrate the victories and to share testimonies of the week prior, testimonies of people coming to Christ as we “go into all the world” shining with the glory of God, demonstrating His power, sharing His Good News, and believing for: sick people to get well, people to get free from demonic oppression, for God to turn what was meant for our harm into good, and for the dead to be raised to life—bringing people reconciliation.

Then we scatter—to our homes, neighborhoods, schools, and work places and Make God's Glory Known, shining with God's glory, being representatives of His Kingdom, “discipling” the people around us in the ways and nature of God.

# YOUR SIGNIFICANCE

*(the state or quality of being worthy of attention; having great value or worth; having important effects or influence)*

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## **YOUR LIFE HOLDS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE**

You have been uniquely designed to make God’s glory known in a way that no other person on earth can.

You have gifts and talents that point to how you were uniquely designed to make God’s glory known and bring people to reconciliation with Him.

He has given you power to.

## **3 THINGS WE WANT YOU TO KNOW**

- God loves you
- He wants to empower you
- He has a purpose for you

“If you don’t play your part we will be missing out on the unique grace and the individual strengths that you bring to the here and now.”



# YOUR CONNECTION

*(to be involved with or be related to another person, thing, or idea)*

“Stop spectating. Get in the game”  
- Your Connection

- Join and own the mission of FCC—FCC University 101
- Discover your gifts—FCC University 201
- Join a Serve Team—FCC University 301

Worship

Prayer

Production

Connect

- Join an FCC Group

## YOUR COMMITMENT

*(the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause; a promise to be loyal or support something)*

“There is no higher purpose in life than leading people to reconciliation  
with God and their purpose”

- Your Commitment

We are not a low expectation church. We believe that the purpose God has placed in each of our lives is too great to just coast through church life. So, we ask that you would join us and make this commitment.

### MY COMMITMENT:

1. I will join the body
2. I will be part of community
3. I will discover who I am
4. I will serve on a team
5. I will be a generous giver
6. I will be a passionate worshipper
7. I WILL MAKE GOD'S GLORY KNOWN

## INFORMATION

*(facts provided or learned by something or someone)*

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