



Meet Our Newest Church Planter!

Chris Freeman is no stranger to the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches. In fact, he's known Rocky Rocholl since he met Rocky's son, Jon, in the fourth grade! Chris has maintained these close personal ties throughout his life, even while leading a thriving youth ministry in Dayton, Ohio, during the past six years. But it wasn't until Chris began to sense that God might be calling him to something new that he felt the need to reach out to Rocky as a ministry mentor, not just the father of a good friend.

Several conversations later, and Chris has come to realize that not only does he share a strong theological alignment with the FEC, he also feels called to become a church planter as part of our fellowship. Chris and his wife, Madison, are still working through the coaching phase in

their leadership development and are exploring possible locations for their church plant.

"We have experienced a thriving ministry here in Dayton," says Chris, "but we feel that God is calling us to move on. We're just not sure right now where that will be."

Regardless of where they land, Chris and Madison recognize that the need is great.

"I'm part of a generation of people who — for the first time in American history — have grown up outside of the church," says Chris. Their desire is to reach people who are walking away from the church, or who have never been to church, and point them back to God. Please be praying for Chris and Madison as they seek God's direction for their future ministry.

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Young Adults Fort Wayne brings unity through worship, Bible study, and outreach opportunities

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" – Psalm 133:1

This Bible verse captures the heartbeat of Trevis Hull, team leader of Young Adults Fort Wayne (YAFW). Trevis launched this multi-church, FEC ministry in 2015 with the goal of bringing young adults ages 18 – 35 from across the city together for once-a-month worship, teaching, and fellowship. It's a vision that has taken root throughout Allen County, drawing crowds of 80 – 120 young people each month. "As we met together each time," says

Trevis, "we kept getting positive feedback, with people from different churches across the city making good connections." This year, the YAFW team plans to expand its focus, incorporating social gatherings and outreach into the mix. "We've really tried to do something different, thinking bigger than just one church, as we reach out to millennials," says Trevis. "Our pastors have allowed us to take some risks and have been a huge encouragement along the way."



To learn more, visit youngadultsfw.com.



Calling all bloggers

FEC pastors, that means you!

Did you know we have a new feature on our FEC website? It's a collection of pastors' blogs, and it's one more way we're making connections within our fellowship. The idea here is simple. For those FEC pastors who already write a regular blog, we're inviting you to expand your platform by posting the blog on the FEC website as well. That way, everyone in the fellowship can hear more of your heart and stay in touch with everything happening across town — or across the world! We'll even link your blog to our Facebook page and Twitter feeds as well. Not writing a blog yet? Now is a great time to start! For more information on how you can connect, give Nate Zimmerman a call at (260) 423-3649. And be sure to check out the pastor's blogs page on our website for all the latest news from FEC pastors.

Psst... watch for Tuesday posts on Facebook and Twitter!

Training in West Africa lays firmer foundation, strengthens team strategy

Great news from West Africa! The recent two-week training for our Yalunka team has — by all accounts — been deemed a success. Now that the rainy season is over, we're getting ready to head into the villages again, but this time we're armed with more of the language skills we need to begin the much-anticipated oral translation of scriptures for the Yalunka people. With that in mind, our "Simply the Story" seminar has offered a much-needed refresher course in our oral translation methods, just in time to head out and begin telling the story of creation to this unreached people group for the very first time! Our team was joined in these efforts by our partners in the region, especially delegates from the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso congregations. Please pray for our team as we prepare, travel, and spend time with our Yalunka friends, and be looking for more updates about this ministry on the FEC website coming soon!

