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The Best Is Yet to Come!

It's been a busy year for Christ the King Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. They've hit record attendance in both combined-campus morning worship service numbers (560) and membership classes (70). They've successfully plugged in 70% of regular attenders to one of 26 weekly small group meetings across the city. And they're reaching out to the community in new ways—recording a worship album, sponsoring neighborhood coat drives, and, in partnership with a local medical clinic, hosting a monthly health fair.

They even received a free church building for the Eastern Hills campus last August, providing a long-awaited answer to prayer for a permanent space and creating easier access to their location from other parts of the city. The new location has also helped

them achieve a 40% growth rate and diversified the age of the congregation in the last six months as well. Dustin Nimmo, Eastern Hills campus pastor, explains. "A handful of people from the original congregation have made our church their home. As a result, more people in their 50s and 60s feel comfortable in coming. It's worked out really well."

All these changes mean greater opportunities for ministry, touching more lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ than ever before. Even better, Christ the King has no plans to slow down any time soon. With continued leadership training, coupled with the potential for planting a third campus somewhere on the horizon, the leadership team is confident that—for Christ the King Church—the best is yet to come!

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Save the date for Salem4Youth's Annual Charity Auction on April 23 at 8:30 a.m.
For more information, visit salem4youth.com!



Building Simple Community in Adrian, Michigan

After months of immersing themselves in the daily life of Adrian, Michigan, church planters Nate Hamblin and Caleb Barrows have recently established a Neighborhood Church Gathering in this diverse city. At a local elementary school, 30-plus people from all walks of life gather together for interactive teaching, prayer, discussion, and communion. Inspired by Scot McKnight, keynote speaker at last year's FEC convention, and his book, Fellowship of Differents, they have adopted the idea of a "Fellowship of Differents" as a word picture for Adrian. "We have 11 different school districts and accompanying rivalries, vast differences in socio-economic status, and different races," says Nate, "but identity in Jesus should transcend all that." It's a simple approach to building community, but it's working. In the words of one man who attended



the Neighborhood Church, "I know people more in one night here than in two years of attending somewhere else."

To learn more, visit www.ncadrian.com



Heart and Life Changes Take Hold at Salem4Youth

Life and ministry are one and the same at Salem4Youth, a faith-based residential program for youth and families in crisis. Certainly, the required Biblical counseling and other programs play a huge role in transformations at the ranch, but much of the ministry actually occurs on a consistent, daily basis. "One of our goals is just living life with the boys and showing them what grace and mercy looks like," says Terry Benge, executive director. "In the past year, God has opened incredible opportunities for that to happen." Consider one young man, who gave his heart to the Lord after a chapel service. His first concern after praying with Terry was for a brother still at home. "Here's his heart," says Terry, "caring about where his brother would spend eternity." Please continue to pray for the youth and staff at Salem4Youth, that God will continue to touch hearts and lives for His kingdom.

Mark Your Calendars for FEC Convention Today

By: Rocky Rocholl, President

"Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."

— HABAKKUK 1:5

Behold! It's a powerful word, one that elicits wonder and amazement as we gaze at something truly spectacular, something that takes our breath away. That's the picture I want you to keep in mind as we prepare for everything I believe God wants to do in and through the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches this year. So mark your calendars for FEC's 2016 Convention: Behold! Slated for July 28-30 at Pine Hills Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, we'll cover everything from engaging our neighbors to embracing the international Muslim community and equipping nationals to minister to their own people. With a solid speaker lineup, plus ministry-specific breakout sessions, this is one convention you won't want to miss!

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