



BREAKING GROUND

New FEC headquarters slated to increase visibility, accessibility, and training opportunities

The Fellowship of Evangelical Churches is moving its headquarters to a new and more convenient location in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Here, Rocky Rocholl, FEC president, answers questions about the upcoming move and shares how you can be a part of it.

Why do we need to relocate the FEC offices?

RR: Years ago, we realized we would eventually need to move from this location, given the age of the building and its lack of accessibility. But the timing just never seemed to be right—or make financial sense—until now.

What has happened to change that picture?

RR: We recently received an offer for this property above and beyond what we had hoped. At the same time, we were able to purchase land from one of our churches at a great price. We intend to build a new facility at this location.

Why is relocating the FEC offices advantageous?

RR: The move will more than double our square footage, giving us additional office space and a full basement for meetings and training opportunities. Being close to area hotels is an added benefit for out-of-town guests. We will also be able to upgrade our technology, helping us connect with people across the United States—and around the world.

How can we help?

RR: We're looking for donations from private individuals who might want to underwrite the cost of the new construction. These one-time gifts will enable us to apply our other resources toward direct ministry and growth.

If you'd like to contribute to this project, please contact Rocky Rocholl or Nate Zimmerman at (260) 423-3649.

Finding Healing, Redemption, and Freedom

Convention speaker Nick Stumbo offers a message of hope to people trapped by addictive behavior



Meet Nick Stumbo, featured speaker at FEC's upcoming "Freedom" convention and author of the book *Setting Us Free*. In this inspiring book, Nick describes his journey from addiction to redemption—thanks to help he received from Pure Desire Ministries, where he now serves as executive director. Pure Desire's counseling freed him from a binge/purge relationship

with pornography and totally transformed him—and his marriage. "Our experience with Pure Desire saved me from what could have been a ruined life and gave me a stronger ministry moving forward," says Nick. A longtime pastor, Nick knows firsthand the destructive power addiction can hold over church leaders and people in the congregation. "Only when we address our brokenness within the church," he says, "will we have a message of hope for people outside the church." Nick's story of transformation is one you won't want to miss, so be sure to register for convention today at fecministries.org/convention-freedom-2017.

MEET THE TEAM

Welcome to the team, Lauren!

Fulfilling the desire to impact the next generation by serving local churches

Lauren Voss, FEC's administrative assistant, feels blessed to have joined the FEC team. "This is exactly the type of organization I hoped to be a part of someday," she says. Raised in the small town of Auburn, Indiana attended Indiana



Wesleyan University, where she received her degree in addictions counseling. "I started off in pre-med," says Lauren, "but one day, it hit me that I wanted to deal with issues of the heart." She is passionate about helping youth—especially young women—develop their relationships with Christ. "One way I can do that is by serving the local church," says Lauren. "Working for FEC allows me to do that." Lauren has attended Pine Hills Church for the last few years and has grown to love the Fellowship of Evangelical Christians as a result. She and her husband, Tim, were married in September of 2016 and reside in Fort Wayne.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Fresh investment breathes new life into Neighborhood Church community

"God always does the hard work of renovation," says Nate Hamblin, pastor of Neighborhood Church in Adrian, Michigan. So when Neighborhood Church inherited the Church of the Good Shepherd building after the two congregations became one last fall, it is no surprise God provided the means to renovate the building. "If we were going to have a building," says Nate, "we wanted to make it available as a resource for the people who live in this under-resourced neighborhood." Thanks to financial and volunteer support in the form of a church "baby shower" from Archbold Evangelical Church, several work crews, and two store owners who sold supplies at cost, the updates were completed in less than a month. Renovation efforts culminated in a neighborhood block party and community open house. "The newly refurbished building fits right into the purpose of Neighborhood Church," says Nate.

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