

April & May 2023

Pastor Chris Hall

Church Planter Extraordinaire!

Pastor Chris Hall accepted my invitation through LinkedIn on July 2, 2012. I treated Chris to breakfast at Red Geranium on Byron Center Ave. in Wyoming on Friday, July 27, 2012. Chris was planting Elevation Church with a passion for reaching the people of Wyoming, Michigan, with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Chris grew up on 38th Street off Byron Center Ave. in Wyoming. The back yard of his house ran to the edge of Buck Creek. Chris is a relentless evangelist with a burning passion from the Lord to reach “his people” in the neighborhoods around Buck Creek in Wyoming, with the good news of Jesus!



Chris and I stayed connected and continued to grow our friendship in a variety of ways over the past decade. I started worshipping at Buck Creek Community Church on Sunday, December 18, 2022. I have been welcomed into this church family with open arms and loving hearts. God has used Pastor Chris in amazing ways to blend two church families (Newhall Community Church and Elevation Church) into one new church plant with the new name, Buck Creek Community Church. He is in the process of training and equipping members to become missionaries!



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Buck Creek cuts through our neighborhood. It flows from Allegan County, through Gaines and Byron Townships, into Kentwood, through Wyoming and finally to Grandville. Eventually it meets up with the Grand River and into Lake Michigan. This little waterway was also a stop on the underground railroad, just across the street from Lemery Park. Escaping slaves would walk in the creek toward freedom. It is our desire that Buck Creek Community Church would help you experience Living Water and freedom in Jesus Christ.



A NEW GOSPEL CENTERED CHURCH

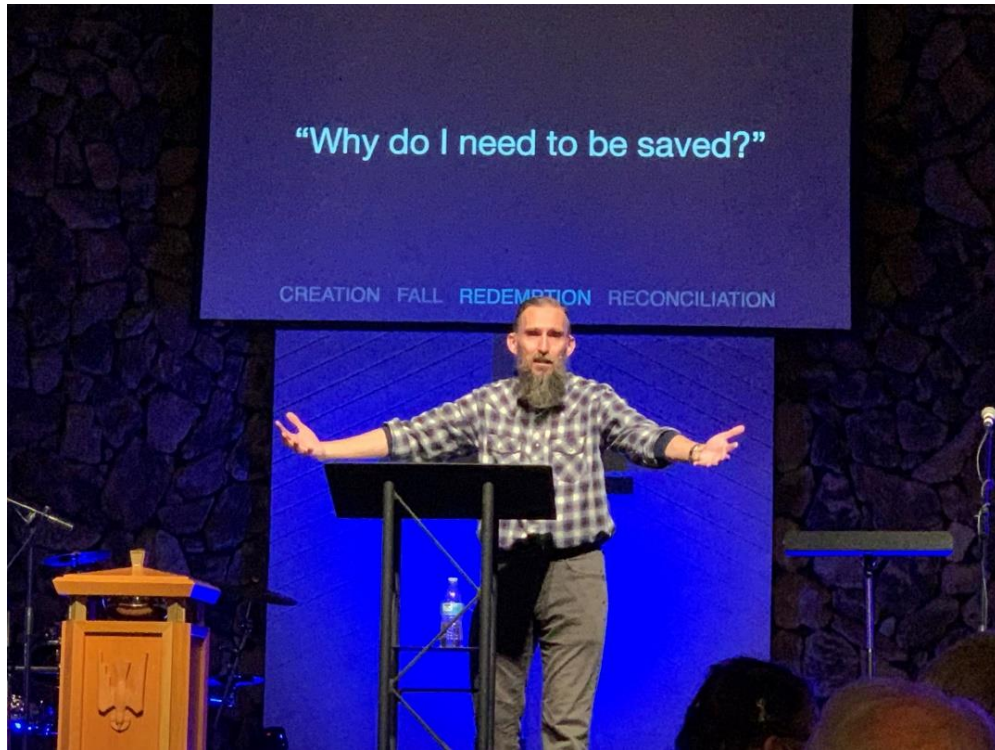
Buck Creek is launching in October 2023. We are a new church, centered on the gospel which is the Good News that Jesus Christ really lived, really died, really rose from the grave, really ascended into heaven and is really coming again.

Our job? Loving you into the Kingdom of God. We are all about moving you from being an outsider to an insider and from moving members into missionaries.

Our Vision: A city transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Identity: A multigenerational, multicultural family of missionary servants.

Our Mission: Helping you find and follow Jesus.



I love the way Pastor Chris brings a Kingdom of God perspective to Buck Creek Community Church!
I am highlighting only two of the many examples to choose from.



On Sunday, February 26, Pastor Chris Hall ordained Pastor Sepa Neshale from True Vine Church in order to bring him into the Commissioned Pastor pathway with the Reformed Church in America.



On Sunday March 12, Pastor Chris welcomed Paula Creswell from the Cards for Prisoners ministry. 70X7 Life Recovery. Helping men and women stay out of incarceration — for good.



Pastor Chris loves baptizing new believers in Jesus Christ, and welcoming new members into the body of Christ at Buck Creek Community Church.

On Sunday, May 14, when Pastor Chris baptized Suzy Groenveld, he mentioned the water for her baptism came from Buck Creek, which was filtered through a water filtration system manufactured in Wyoming, which will be one of the one hundred water filtration systems taken to Honduras in support of Casa de Esperanza's new water filtration project.

For as long as I have known Pastor Chris, he has always been a bi-vocational pastor. On Sunday, April 23, I was delighted to read in the church bulletin: *We are pleased to announce that our Consistory has voted to have Pastor Chris officially move from our part time to full time pastor. His bi-vocational role at ICCF Community Homes will wind down in the coming weeks. We rejoice together and look forward to this exciting news in the life of our church.*



Pastor Chris Hall is one of the founding members, and an Assistant Director, of PLANT 616. He is a certified dean of the Evangel School of Urban Church Planting, and a church planting coach. I started attending PLANT 616 monthly meetings in April 2022. I was part of a team of five Board members and advisors from Central Bible Ministries who participated in the 3-day Evangel School of Urban Church Planting, April 27-29. We are delighted to officially have Pastor Chris Hall as our Church Planting Coach for the next year with Central Bible Ministries.



On Sunday May 21, Pastor Chris preached from Matthew 16:13-28. The Big Idea of his sermon was:

We Are More Than Members — We Are Missionaries!

This PowerPoint slide describes four types of church cultures.

Buck Creek Community Church is intentionally moving toward the upper right corner.
 HIGH INVITATION & HIGH CHALLENGE — DISCIPLING "EMPOWERED" CULTURE

We must mobilize Jesus-centered and community-forged disciples who are focused on mission.



Helping you find and follow Jesus.

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come: This church opens her doors wide and welcomes you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You belong here.

Pastor Chris and Jenni Hall with Pastor Doug and Dianne McClintic



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