

CBFNC, in partnership with CBF National, the Center for Congregational Health, and the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, will host a *Fresh Expressions Vision Day* on February 1, 2013, at First, Greensboro. ... But what is “Fresh Expressions”?

Fresh Expressions is a movement of the Holy Spirit that began in the Church of England, has spread throughout other denominations in the United Kingdom, and has now made it to the U.S. According to [freshexpressions.org.uk](http://freshexpressions.org.uk), “A fresh expression is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church.

- It will come into being through principles of listening, service, contextual mission and making disciples.
- It will have the potential to become a mature expression of church shaped by the gospel and the enduring marks of the church and for its cultural context.”

Fresh Expressions is not a program or a marketing tool to get more people to attend Sunday morning worship services or a strategy to increase contributions. “While all fresh expressions are different,” says [freshexpressionsus.org](http://freshexpressionsus.org), “there are some guiding principles that tie them all together. Fresh expressions are:

- *Missional* – serving those not currently served by any church;
- *Incarnational* – listening to people and entering their culture;
- *Discipling* – helping people enter more fully into the life of Christ;
- *Ecclesial* – forming church.”

Fresh expressions of church, ideally, are launched by or exist in partnership with “inherited” churches. Together they form what Anglican Archbishop Rowan Williams calls a “mixed economy,” existing side by side, enriching one another in mutually supportive ways.

Fresh expressions require little or no budget. Instead, they will demand that we approach our communities with:

- *Open eyes* – to see people in our community who need Jesus but to whom we may have been blind
- *Open hearts* – to make space and time in our busy lives to cultivate relationships with them

I believe fresh expressions may be a significant avenue through which the churches of our fellowship more faithfully and effectively reach people in our community with the Good News of Jesus, people who may never enter our buildings. In doing so, these fresh expressions may, in ways we can’t now imagine, serve to renew and revive the historic congregations we love so much.

Interested in learning more about this movement and how you and your church might join in? Visit [FreshExpressionsUS.org](http://FreshExpressionsUS.org) for more information.

## Changing Church for a Changing World: A Fresh Expressions Vision Day

February 1, 2013  
First Baptist Church of Greensboro

### WHAT IS FRESH EXPRESSIONS?

Fresh Expressions is a movement that is cultivating new forms of church alongside existing congregations in order to reach a changing world. Begun in England eight years ago, it has resulted in the birth of more than 2,000 new communities in the UK alone. Fresh Expressions has spread to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and is now taking shape in the US.

At its heart, Fresh Expressions is about empowering and equipping God’s people to develop creative expressions of church that can reach the increasing diversity of our society.

### WHAT IS VISION DAY?

Vision Day is a great way to discover more about Fresh Expressions. In an interactive format, you will have the chance to:

- Hear how Fresh Expressions is renewing the church
- Talk about the development of Fresh Expressions US
- Learn more about the Mission-Shaped Church
- Discover tools to start Fresh Expressions in your area

### WHAT’S THE SCHEDULE?

9.30am	Gathering Time – Coffee & Refreshments
10.00am	Welcome & Worship
10.15am	Session # 1 – Movement: How Fresh Expressions Is Changing the Landscape
11.00am	Break
11.15am	Session # 2 – Need: Why Fresh Expressions Matter for the Church
12.15pm	Lunch Break
1.00pm	Session # 3 – Form: Creating Fresh Expressions in Context, Part I
2.00pm	Break
2.15pm	Session # 4 – Develop: Creating Fresh Expressions in Context, Part II
3.00pm	Break
3.15pm	Session # 5 – Action: How It’s Happening and How You Can Get Involved
4.00pm	Closing

Visit [FreshExpressionsUS.org](http://FreshExpressionsUS.org) for more information.

**Cost:** \$30 per person

**Register:** Log onto [www.freshexpressions.org](http://www.freshexpressions.org) and register for the Vision Day under “training and events.”

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