

UNITING CHRISTIANS ACROSS THE CITY

Chattanooga is home to a remarkable concentration of churches, faith-based nonprofits, and Christian business leaders. Yet despite this strong presence, the local faith ecosystem often remains fragmented by denominational divides, racial tensions, and siloed ministry efforts. **ForCHATT**, a new initiative of Faith Co-Op, seeks to address these barriers by cultivating deeper unity and collaboration among Christians across the city. Grounded in the biblical call to unity in Christ and informed by insights from network science, ForCHATT works to help believers recognize opportunities for partnership and shared mission. Through intentional, prayerful collaboration across denominations, vocations, races, and generations, ForCHATT aims to mobilize collective redemptive action that blesses Chattanooga and clearly points people to Jesus.

OUR SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

- Jeremiah 29 — The people of God are called to seek the welfare of the city.
- Ephesians 3 — The mystery of the Gospel is that we are one body through Christ.
- Acts 2 — Through the Holy Spirit the church was unified in spite of their differences.
- John 17 — Jesus' desire is that his people would be one.

3 PARADIGM SHIFTS TO CULTIVATE

SCARCITY → ABUNDANCE

COMPETING → COLLABORATING

CENTRALIZED → SHARED LEADERSHIP

OUR STRATEGY: SLOW, DEEP, LASTING

ForCHATT begins with people, not programs, because lasting city transformation requires a connected Body of Christ moving together in humility and mission.



LISTEN

One-on-one interviews and facilitated discussions with diverse Christian leaders to build trust and illuminate shared burdens



CONVENE

Citywide gatherings focused on prayer, relationship-building, and renewed vision for the "Church of Chattanooga"



MAP

Compile a **State of Our City Report** — unifying Christian leaders around shared data on needs, assets, and opportunities



ACTIVATE

Launch "proof-of-concept" network of churches, nonprofits, & businesses to demonstrate what is possible when the Body of Christ unites



YEAR ONE OBJECTIVES & CALL TO ACTION



100 CONVERSATIONS

Trust-building interviews across churches, nonprofits, and businesses



STATE OF OUR CITY REPORT

Report highlighting passions, assets, and shared vision of Faith leaders in Chattanooga



COLLABORATIVE NETWORK

The creation of an initial multi-organization network to meet a need in the city

Imagine more Christians praying together across denominational lines. Imagine nonprofits, churches, and Christian business leaders sharing resources instead of competing for attention. Imagine leaders across Chattanooga developing a shared understanding of the city's needs, assets, and opportunities and responding together with wisdom, humility, and courage.

ForCHATT exists to help cultivate the relationships, trust, and collaborative imagination needed for that kind of gospel-centered unity to grow over time. We believe that when Christians move toward one another in prayer, trust, and shared mission, the city experiences a more visible picture of the love of Christ.

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."

— John 17:20-21 | The Heart Behind ForCHATT

WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH FORCHATT

PRAY

Join us in praying for deeper unity across churches, organizations, and Christian leaders throughout Chattanooga.

PARTICIPATE

Attend future gatherings and participate in our city-wide listening tour designed to strengthen trust and shared mission across the city.

CONNECT

Introduce pastors, nonprofit leaders, business leaders, and community stakeholders who care deeply about the flourishing of Chattanooga to ForCHATT.

COLLABORATE

Help identify opportunities where churches, ministries, businesses, and leaders can work together around shared needs and shared hope.

Faith Co-Op knows this initiative can only bear fruit through the power of Christ. We desire to cultivate a culture of dependence on Him that sustains everything we do. We believe Chattanooga's spiritual, social, and institutional flourishing begins in prayer and is sustained by Jesus.

To get involved, contact the Director of Strategy & Networks, William Bryan (william@faithcoop.org), or scan the QR code to schedule a meeting.

We would be honored to have you walk with us in this work.



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