



Attention: Youth Ministry News! We are so glad to be welcoming Brittany Henson, to our ministry staff here at Monroe UMC! As of November 16th, Brittany has assumed the role of Youth Pastor, and will be spearheading the efforts of spiritual growth for students grades 7-12. Below is a brief bio with information about Brittany and her husband Greg's past ministry involvements.

Brittany and Greg met at church, in youth-group. They began dating in high-school and became highly involved in both the youth and music ministry programs at their church, Stonebridge Church of God in Findlay, OH. Both feeling a call to ministry, as teenagers Brittany and Greg began touring with the international ministry of The Continental Singers.

With a passion to use their talents for the Lord, they grew in spiritual leadership in this ministry, moving from participants, to Assistant Director positions, then onto tour Directorship. Then finally, after receiving her degree in Youth Ministry, Brittany and Greg moved to Ventura, California to work in the Continentals national office.

Greg serving as a tour recruiter, and Brittany serving as a choreographer and musical producer for the Continentals, both claim these ministry experiences as a wonderful time of growth. Being so far from home and newly married, the couple was stretched outside their comfort zones, growing closer to Christ and each other. While working in the Continentals California office, the couple found a home church in South-Coast Fellowship Church, Ventura, CA, where both served alongside the paid ministry staff there as volunteer youth speakers and worship leaders.

Sensing the Lord calling them back home, Brittany and Greg accepted (less than part-time) positions as Co-Directors of Youth Ministry at a church in the Hamilton, OH area. Although the position was only 10hrs./week, the couple went above and beyond, working multiple jobs, for the sake of building a strong youth ministry. After more than a year working multiple jobs, exhausted, Brittany began to seek a full-time ministry position. After equipping the volunteer youth leaders to continue on in their own future youth ministry, Brittany accepted a full-time position as Minister of Worship at Covenant Community Church in Fairfield, OH.

Just shy of one year, Brittany successfully built a dynamic & passionate inter-generational worship ministry as Minister of Worship at Covent. The worship teams were expanded and many new ministry teams birthed or re-birthed under her leadership including youth led Sunday services, a Hand-bell choir, a worship dance team and puppets. She also facilitated the Praise & Worship Choir, Worship Team, and Drama Ministries. However, due to the hardened economy, the church moved from a paid Minister of Worship model to a volunteer worship leadership model, which led Brittany back to the drawing board, seeking the Lord's will for her next ministry position. And the Lord has led her here to Monroe UMC, back to her roots in Youth Ministry. Please take the chance to introduce yourselves to Brittany and Greg! And keep an eye out for exciting new developments in Youth Ministry here at Monroe UMC!

“We look forward to getting to know you, fellowship with you, pray with you, and serve alongside you for the sake of His Kingdom. Thank you for welcoming us in His name.”

~ Brittany and Greg Henson