

DANGEROUS CALLING:

THE UNIQUE TEMPTATIONS OF MINISTRY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

North Central District
Annual Conference

April 16-17, 2012

Constance Evangelical Free Church
Andover, MN

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Dear Friend,

Church ministry is dangerous. It's dangerous if you're a pastor. It's dangerous if you're a volunteer leader.

The danger of church ministry is obvious to most of us as it expresses itself in such things as stress, interpersonal conflict, frustration, and disillusionment.

What is often not so obvious to us is the danger that lurks much closer--in our own hearts. There are risks to our hearts from the outside. There are threats from our hearts on the inside. Unique temptations present themselves to our hearts. Unique temptations arise within our hearts.

If we are not alert to these dangers and temptations, we may fail in ministry. Or, perhaps worse, we may carry on ministry in ways that appear effective on the outside but are diseased on the inside—which will threaten the health of the very ministry we participate in.

This year at district conference we have the privilege of being taught by Paul David Tripp about the dangers of church ministry. The conference theme is *Dangerous Calling: The Unique Temptations of Ministry in the Local Church*. Whatever your sphere of ministry, whether pastoral staff member or "lay" leader, Paul will speak to the issues of your heart that will shape--for good or ill--your ministry and its fruits. As a seasoned pastor, counselor, and teacher, Paul will address our theme uniquely and helpfully.

The conference schedule this year will be rigorous. Similarly to the schedule of 2010, for which we received clear positive endorsement from attendees, Paul will teach in six sessions packed into the relatively brief duration of the conference. Come prepared to engage earnestly with Paul, with the Scriptures, with one another, and with God.

We especially encourage lay leaders, along with pastors, to attend the conference. Consider bringing a team of people from your church this year.

We will be blessed again with Constance EFC as our host. If you were at last year's conference you know how their hospitality will enrich this year's event. We hope to enjoy your fellowship in April.

NCD Staff

SCHEDULE

Monday, April 16th

11:00 am	Registration
11:45-12:45pm	Lunch
1:00	Session 1
3:00	Session 2
4:30	Session 3
5:30	Dinner
7:00	Session 4 (Open to the public)

Tuesday, April 17th

7:45 am	NCD Annual Business Meeting (continental breakfast served)
9:30	Session 5
11:00	Session 6
12:15 pm	Shamaineau Ministries Annual Meeting

SPEAKER



Paul Tripp is the president of Paul Tripp Ministries (www.paultrippministries.com), a nonprofit organization whose mission statement is "Connecting the transforming power of Jesus Christ to everyday life." This mission leads Paul to weekly speaking engagements around the world. In addition to being a gifted communicator and former pastor, Paul is the Executive Director of the Center for Pastoral Life and Care in Fort Worth, Texas, and has taught at respected institutions worldwide. As an author, Paul has written many books on Christian Living that are read and distributed internationally. These include *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*, *Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens*, *Lost in the Middle: Midlife and the Grace of God*, *How People Change* (co-author), *A Quest for More: Living for Something Bigger Than You*, *Whiter Than Snow: Meditations on Sin and Mercy*, *What Did You Expect?: Redeeming the Realities of Marriage*, and *Forever: Why You Can't Live Without It*. Paul resides in Philadelphia with his wife, Luella, and has four grown children.

Of this conference Paul says, "Successful, God-honoring, productive ministry in the church is never just a matter of mastering the requisite body of information and possessing the right set of skills. Ministry in the local church, whatever it is, is always shaped by the condition of your heart. What are the issues that are at the heart of ministry struggle and failure? What are the protections that need to be built into the life of everyone who is active in ministry of any kind? How do we assure that the message of the transforming grace of Jesus Christ is not only operating in the lives of those being ministered to, but in the one doing ministry as well?"

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration

Cost: \$75 per person

Includes: Conference programming and three meals: Monday lunch and dinner, and Tuesday continental breakfast.

Deadline: March 31st

Registrations postmarked after March 31st will incur a \$20 late fee. Cancellations after March 31st are non-refundable.

Housing:

See suggested hotels in the area to make your own reservations.

NCD Business meeting

Conference Delegate Voting Packets detailing voting requirements for the NCD business meeting will be sent to each church in the district. Please see your pastor or church office to ensure you have taken the necessary steps to vote at the business meeting on Tuesday, April 17th. Or check the NCD web site (ncdefca.org).

Shamineau Business Meeting

Shamineau Ministries will hold its annual business meeting immediately following the conference (Tuesday, April 17, 12:15 pm). Come hear updates on what God is doing through Shamineau Ministries. Cost is free but you need to register so we can plan accordingly. Check the appropriate box in the online registration or on registration form.

No Childcare is provided at the conference.

CHURCH & HOTEL INFORMATION



Constance EFC

16140 Crosstown Blvd NW
Andover, MN 55304
www.constancefree.org



Best Western

(6.8 miles to Constance EFC)
3420 Northdale Blvd, Coon Rapids, MN 55448
Reservations: bestwestern.com 800-780-7234
Front desk: 763-576-0700



AmericInn

(6.8 miles to Constance EFC)
3430 Northdale Blvd, Coon Rapids, MN 55448
Reservations: americinn.com, 800-634-3444
Front desk: 763-323-0010



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(6.7 miles to Constance EFC)
13440 Hwy 65 NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304
Reservations: americinn.com, 800-634-3444
Front desk: 763-755-2100



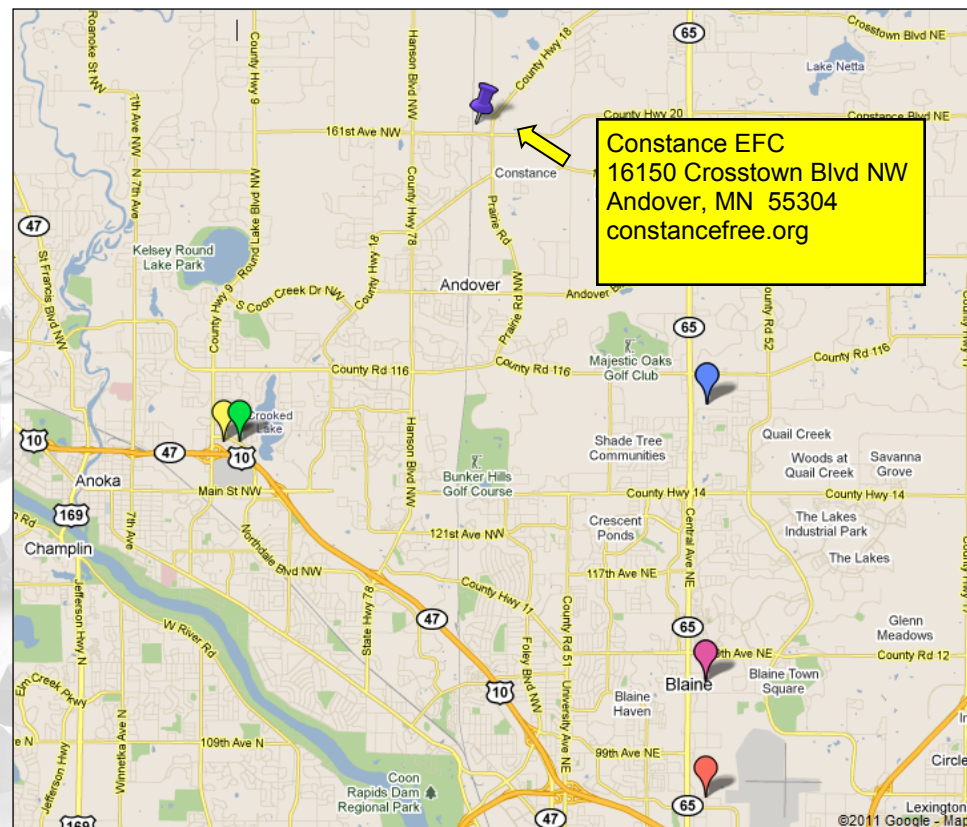
Comfort Suites

(10.1 miles to Constance EFC)
10580 Baltimore St NE, Blaine, MN 55449
Reservations: comfordsuites.com
Front desk: 763-792-0750



Super 8

(11.4 miles to Constance EFC)
9410 Baltimore St NE, Blaine, MN 55449
Reservations: www.super8.com, 800-454-3213
Front desk: 763-786-8888



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REGISTRATION

**Register online at
www.ncdefca.org**

Registration online will require the information listed below

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Church/Ministry _____

Church Ministry Location _____

- Conference registration: \$75/person
- Attending Tuesday morning NCD Business Meeting (7:45-9:00am) Continental breakfast included in registration fee.
- Tuesday lunch with Shamineau Ministries (no cost) _____ # attending

1. Registration fee is **\$75/person** (includes program, Monday lunch, dinner, Tuesday continental breakfast).
2. Online registration fee can be paid via credit card or through your checking or savings account.
3. If you do not have access to register online, use the form above. Send completed form and payment to NCD, 711 - 10th Ave So, Minneapolis, MN 55415.
4. Late registration (online, postmarked or faxed after **March 31st**) will incur a \$20 late fee.
5. Cancellations after March 31st are non-refundable.
6. Shamineau Ministries Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 17, at 12:15pm. According to Shamineau Ministries by-laws, each participating NCD Church is allowed 5 voting delegates. Visit with Shamineau staff to hear of program updates and vote on new board members. There is no cost to you for the lunch but please register for the lunch so Shamineau can plan accordingly.