



November 2011

## Events

### **Read the Bible for Life Seminar - Nov. 10, EFC Office, Bloomington, MN**

Read the Bible for Life focuses on teaching believers to engage the parts of Scripture well and to grasp how the parts fit together in a grand story God has written on the world. This one-day training event will help church leaders assess the state of "Bible orientation" and "Bible transformation" among their people and explore long-term processes for grounding the people of God in the Word of God. For more information, click here and visit.

[Read more](#)

### **Geri Scazzero on Skills for Implementing Emotionally Healthy Spirituality - Nov. 11-12, Bloomington, MN**

A rare opportunity is being offered this month to learn from Geri Scazzero, wife of pastor Peter Scazzero, and author of *I Quit!* For more information on this workshop about learning practical skills for emotionally healthy life and ministry, [click here](#). The event is coming up on Nov. 11-12, so register soon.

### **When Life Comes Undone - Nov. 12, Wayzata EFC**

Sharing from their personal experiences with catastrophic illnesses and how they responded by walking in faith when life was hard and hope was scarce, Dr. T.J. Addington of the EFC and his wife Mary Ann (RN) will give you as a nurse, care minister or pastor practical tools to navigate both yourself and others through crisis. [Read more](#)

### **NCD Annual District Conference - April 16-17, 2012, Andover, MN**

Local-church ministry, whether vocational or "lay," faces unique obstacles and temptations. The condition of one's heart shapes ministry in the church and determines whether obstacles and temptations are productive or destructive. Paul David Tripp will be our speaker at district conference next spring, addressing the theme *"Dangerous Calling: The Unique Temptations of Ministry in the Local Church."* The conference will be **April 16-17** at Constance EFC in Andover. Like last year, it is designed for both pastoral staff members and lay leaders. More information will come to you in 2012.

## Resources

### **On Our Hearts**

How do you look at conflict? I'm starting to see conflict as an opportunity for God to do a work in me and in those around me as we allow the Holy Spirit to apply Biblical truths to our lives as we work towards reconciliation. [Read more](#)

### **Pastoral Care Encouragement - The Power of Forgiveness**

I have never had a close friend I didn't need to forgive sooner or later. Likewise, I am confident that the same could be said of me by anyone who has regarded me as a friend. [Read more](#)

### **Missions Update**

New ideas for missions from the Reset Conference, especially about the next generation. [Read more.](#)

### **Peacemaker Training Coming to Minnesota**

Here is a good opportunity to take advantage of Peacemaker training that will be offered in or near our district in upcoming months:

- Metro area: Feb. 23-25 in Hudson, WI (Conflict Coaching, Mediation)
- Northwest and West Central: March 8-10 in Detroit Lakes (Conflict Coaching, Mediation)
- North and Northeast: April 26-28 in Duluth (Conflict Coaching, Mediation)
- District-wide: June 21-23 in Minneapolis (Reconciling Church Conflict)

We highly recommend this training for pastoral staff members and for lay leaders. Note: Peacemaker's offers a significant discount when you register early. There is also significant reading to be completed before the training so it is beneficial to register early so check the Peacemaker's web site and your calendar now.

The Conflict Coaching training is for those who have read *The Peacemaker*. It is an excellent course of training in basic conflict resolution, both for oneself and for others. Mediation training prepares individuals to engage in a formal process of reconciling conflict between other parties. (Conflict Coaching is a prerequisite.) Reconciling Church Conflict focuses on assisting a congregation in resolving conflicts (Mediation training is a prerequisite.) For more information visit [Peacemaker Ministries](#).

#### **PTC Messages on "Failure and Success" now available**

Attendees to the 2011 Pastors Teaching Conference heard Dr. Steve Roy address the theme of failure--failure in life in general, and failure in ministry in particular. Steve approached the theme with Biblical grounding, pastoral wisdom, and personal example. He addressed matters such as the peril of being successful in the world's eyes but a failure in God's eyes (or vice versa); the important role played by other people in our lives who are important to us as they estimate our success or failure; and a theological grid for assessing and responding to failure. Steve's messages, together with a panel discussion, are now available on our [NCD website](#).

#### **Intensive Perspectives Course for EFCA Leaders - April 2012, Bloomington, MN**

Through this new partnership, EFCA ReachGlobal is offering a unique opportunity for EFCA church leaders to learn more about and be involved with Perspectives by attending a powerful and abbreviated Perspectives course. April 9-17, 2012, ReachGlobal will host this Perspectives course at the EFCA national office in Minneapolis, MN. ReachGlobal is praying for 100 EFCA church, mission and business leaders to attend this unique week of peer-to-peer interaction guided by ten speakers who are experts in each of the fifteen live-sessions of the Perspectives course. In addition to helping you codify your local to global missions vision, this unique opportunity will serve as a catalyst to broaden the interest and involvement of the EFCA in the Perspectives movement—encouraging the share of information, strategies and cooperation among ourselves and others. [Read more](#)

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