



June 2011

## Events

### **Caring Friends Training – July 10-12 (note date adjustment)**

The Caring Friends Training is now going to more concise, going from Sunday Night through Tuesday (instead of through Friday). We will follow up with additional training throughout the next few years. We believe this will make the training more accessible and it will provide ongoing training to provide the encouragement and equipping needed to actually put it into practice! The new price is \$150 for immersion (staying-on-site) and \$125 for commuters (staying-at-home).

Spots are still available, sign up at <http://www.caringfriendsnetwork.org/>

### **Sabbath retreat – Aug 28-30**

Consider attending this retreat before your fall activities begin. [Read more](#)

### **Pastors Teaching Conference – Oct. 10-11**

Mark your calendars now to hear TEDS professor, Steve Roy on the topic of *Failure in Life and Ministry: Finding Grace and True Success*

### **NCD Women's Ministries Leadership Conference – Oct. 28-29**

Women leaders and potential leaders in ministry to and through women will be challenged by quality speakers, build relationships with women in similar roles, and be refreshed through musical worship. [Read more.](#)

## Resources

### **On Our Hearts – On Being a Steward of Our Master's Interests**

"A steward is not supposed to manage things for his own pleasure, convenience, or benefit. Instead, he is expected to follow his master's instructions and look out for his master's interests, even if they conflict with his own personal desires or convenience...." [Read more](#)

### **Missions Monthly Update - The Globalized World**

We are living in a fast changing globalized world. The Lausanne Conference last year noted that this is one of the top six trends for missions that we need to remember that will give great opportunities for evangelism around the world. See what areas they highlighted for the church to respond to in this decade. [Read more](#)

### **Pastoral Care Encouragement – The Kelley Johnsons are off to Africa!**

This month's pastoral care encouragement comes from Kelley Johnson as he prepares to teach about prayer and Sabbath-rest in Africa. [Read more](#)

### **Have You Taken a Sabbatical Leave Recently?**

What is one thing you would do the same? One thing you would do differently? One piece of counsel you would give to a fellow-pastor who is planning a sabbatical? Take a moment and respond to our blog and help other pastors shape their sabbaticals effectively. Respond on the

[NCD blog](#)

## **NCD Women's Ministry Mobilizer Note**

... So here I was, 20 years past that 'aha' moment. ... I trust that your life is filled with opened gifts. That daily you unwrap what God has given you. May we be a people who have grounded ourselves in the Word so we know what His gifts look like. For He does not want His people to be ignorant of His blessings. He came that you might have life, an abundant life. [Read entire note](#)

## **Spanish Translation of Project Purity**

This resource is now available, together with the English version, on our [website](#).

## **Faith Community Nursing Newsletter**

Encouragement, Resources, Training Events, ... [Read more](#).

## **Salem Preaching Conference – July 10-11**

Salem EFC of Fargo, ND (where Glen Stevens now serves as senior pastor) is hosting a FREE preaching conference. Watch three Bible communicators (Mark Driscoll, John Ortberg, Craig Groeschel) and interact with others on your observations. [Read more](#).

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Pray for Pastor Ron Sykes**

Pastor Ron pastors the Cornerstone Church of Blaine (EFCA). Recently he was advised that previous melanoma cancer has returned. We would ask your prayers for Ron, his family, and the leadership and congregation of Cornerstone Church. For current requests, follow his Caring Bridge site.

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/ronsykes>

### **Pray for Pastor Bob Nieuwendorp**

Due to unexplained fatigue this spring, Pastor Bob sought out medical tests. Last week he learned that he has cancer in both lungs. He awaits details diagnosis and treatment options in the next few days. Pray for Bob & Lois in this journey. Bob writes "I am feeling well right now, have no pain, no fear, no anger, and am experiencing total peace with whatever God wants to do with my life. I am resting in the arms of Jesus. Every day is a good day! Please pray with us that no matter the outcome, God will be glorified." Visit Pastor Bob's Caring Bridge site:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorbobn>

### **Church Planting Update**

- In May, a group of individuals began core group training in New Ulm, with Phil Schenck as their planting pastor.
- A planting pastor is needed for a plant in Glencoe, MN. Do you know of anyone? Contact [Dan Moose](#).

### **Twin Cities Golf Classic – Friday, Aug. 19**

Elim Care Inc., Camp Shamineau, and the NCD would like to invite golfers of all ages and abilities to participate in this fundraising event Aug 19. [Read more](#)

### **Jim Anderson's trip to Russia**

[Read](#) about Jim's teaching times in Russia during May.

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