



**October 2011**

### **Events**

**Pastors Teaching Conference** is in 2 days (Oct. 10-11) at Camp Shamineau.

If you haven't registered and are planning to attend, email [Ardie](#) ASAP with your intentions.

### **Women's Leadership Conference, Oct 28-29**

Don't miss a chance to participate in this first ever event. **Ingrid Faro** (TEDS Professor) will be speaking on "The Biblical Foundations for Godly Leadership." **Vicki Tiede** will be addressing "Women Growing in Christ Daily, Developing the Character of Christ". Enjoy the ministry of Meredith Andrews and worship by the Grace EFC of Fridley team. Many other excellent training opportunities. [Register today.](#)

### **Read the Bible for Life, Nov. 10**

Those in the EFCA are known as people of the Book. For that reason, this seminar is for you! 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. [Read more](#)

### **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 EFCA 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](#)

### **Resources**

#### **On Our Hearts - The Three Opportunities**

*"As people reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believe that we are called to respond to conflict in a way that is remarkably different from the way the world deals with conflict. We also believe that conflict provides opportunities to glorify God, serve other people, and grow to be like Christ."*  
From THE PEACEMAKER'S PLEDGE, Peacemaker Ministries. Let's acknowledge that "opportunity" is not the first word that comes to mind when confronted with a conflicted situation, especially if we ourselves are one of the parties in that conflict. [Read more](#)

#### **Missions Monthly Update - Remember the Persecuted Church, Nov. 13**

Each year around the world, the Christian church remembers our brothers and sisters, who are persecuted or are restricted for their faith in over 60 countries. More Christians each year are becoming aware of the growing problem of persecution around the world. What can you do to remember the persecuted church? [Read more.](#)

#### **Pastoral Care Encouragement - The Power of Shared Experience**

The Power of Shared Experience invites you to speak freely about yourself and experiences that will help others identify with you. ... By sharing his vulnerability to despair, Paul identified the key to survival as dependence

on the resurrection power of Christ and the prayers of fellow believers. God knows what you need in difficult times, but other believers have no idea about your circumstances unless you share it with them. [Read more](#)

### **Family & Children's Ministry Leaders Gathering – October 27, 12-2 pm, Lakeville**

Join us for lunch, fellowship and sharing of resources and ideas. Come to Trinity EFC in Lakeville (south of the Twin Cities off of Interstate 35 – get directions at [www.trinityefc.net](http://www.trinityefc.net)). Come see new resources on the market, hear feedback on new curricula for families, get some free give-aways for your ministry to motivate students or enhance your programs, and hear about ministry opportunities for families to the world around them. This event is free but please RSVP to [Julie Andersen](#) by Oct. 25.

### **A Seminar on Ministry to Seniors and Ages 50+ - Nov. 10, St Paul**

Gordon MacDonald will be at Bethel University on Thursday, November 10th, speaking on the topic of helping older adults navigate the changes going on in their church. "His excellent book, *Who Stole My Church? What To Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21st Century* is the finest guide I have found for helping older adults transition and become new visionaries in their church without becoming bitter." says Chris Holck, Director of EFCA Encore. MacDonald's other topic that day is about calling men in your church toward intentional spiritual growth and outreach. You can attend either half of the seminar or both. [Check this link for more information and registration.](#)

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Church Planting news:**

- City on a Hill Church in Rosemount recently began public worship.
- Life Spring Church in Crosby-Ironton and Trinity City Church in St Paul both celebrate one year as church plants.
- Pray for core groups in Esko and New Ulm as they continue in core group training, preparing for public worship.
- Pray for our other plants to stay on task: reaching the lost, making disciples, and multiplying themselves, their small groups, and their churches.

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