



September 2011

Events

Pastors Teaching Conference, Oct. 10-11, 2011, Camp Shamineau

Theme: Failure in Life and Ministry: Finding Grace and True Success. Join us at Camp Shamineau with speaker Steve Roy (TEDS). [Read more](#)

Women's Ministry Leadership Conference, Oct. 28-29, 2011, Bloomington

The Church needs strong, godly, gentle women who are willing to lead others as they continue to follow Christ. Women need the opportunity to grow as followers and leaders. The day we stop learning is the day we stop leading. This conference for leaders and potential leaders will ground us in biblical leadership, cross-centered worship, character development, ministry skills, and relational encouragement. Your eyes will refocus. Your heart will reignite. Your mind will be renewed. [Read more](#)

Resources

On Our Hearts - God's Command to Multiply

"Be fruitful and multiply ..." Bob Nieuwendorp, former NCD Director of Church Planting reflects on God's command to multiply. [Read more](#)

"Read the Bible for Life" Seminar

Sponsored by the national EFCA office and taught by Prof. George Guthrie, this seminar presents a resource that aims to improve Biblical literacy in the church by encouraging readers to grow in joy and skill in reading the Bible. The seminar will be held at the national office on Nov. 10th. [Read more](#)

Pastoral Care Encouragement - The Power of Personal Interest

One of the many irresistible aspects of the life of Christ was His ability to ask questions. [Read more](#)

Missions Monthly Update - Seismic Shifts in Global Christianity.

Global PARTNERSHIPS for world evangelization, unlike anything possible in the previous twenty centuries, are now attainable as we develop relationships that are based on mutual respect – acknowledging that God has called us to be one in Him. These new partnerships, increasingly led by visionary leaders from the majority world, will also involve more lay people who comprise the vast majority of those who bear witness to Christ in this Century. By sharing the best available resources and best practices, together "the whole church (will) take the whole gospel to the whole world." [Read more](#)

Missions Monthly Update (August) - The Brokenness of Our World

If our witness is to be prophetic, we must identify with the pain and suffering in the lives of individuals, families, communities and nations. Not only must we connect with the brokenness but we must also be people of hope and peace as agents of RECONCILIATION, emphasizing the core theme of Cape Town 2010, "God in Christ Reconciling the World to Himself." [Read more](#)

Monthly ReachGlobal Link for Mission Leaders and Pastors

ReachGlobal Link is your connection to church missions leaders, missions pastors, ReachGlobal personnel, and other kingdom partners. Find resources, as well as networking and serving

opportunities, for your church and your people. To subscribe to this monthly resource, email: reachgloballink-join@moodle.efca.org.

Theological Discussion Groups

Groups will continue to meet this school year at various locations around the district. See the list groups and contact persons on the [NCD web site](#). These groups are designed for individuals in the ministerial credentialing pathway, but can profit any pastoral staff member who is seeking fellowship, spiritual nourishment, and ministry wisdom.

ACTS Course offering at Hope Cmty Church, Minneapolis

Wednesdays, 9:00-11:30, Fall 2011 (begins Sept. 14). The aim of this class is to grow in your love for God through an intense study of the major beliefs of the Christian faith. Using the Bible and the book "Systematic Theology" by Wayne Grudem as your guides, this class will encourage you to better learn what you believe, why you believe it, and why it matters. [Read invitation](#) from Pastor Steve Treichler.

Gospel Coaching Certification - Sept. 21-22, Hope Cmty Church, Minneapolis

Healthy, multiplying churches are led by healthy leaders. Every church leader needs a coach to encourage, guide, lead, inspire, challenge, affirm, rebuke, and protect in the rigors of ministry. Gospel Coach can provide your church with a practical tool for leadership development, discipleship, and mentoring. [Read more](#)

When Life Comes Undone – Called to be Aware. Called to Care, Nov. 12, Wayzata EFC

Have you experienced a time when you felt your life had come undone? Or how often have you come along side someone whose life was coming undone? Hear from the Addingtons (TJ & Mary Ann) of their personal experiences of walking in faith when life was hard and hope was scarce. Sponsored by Elim's Faith Cmty Nursing to help you continue to minister to those living with the uncertainty of illness, job loss, family problems and a myriad of issues that cause us to question the situation. [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). 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.

Faith at Home Conferene - Feb. 25, Lakeville

Church staff – mark your calendar now for a Faith At Home conference with Mark Holmen, author of over 8 books on family-focused ministry, on Saturday, February 25, 2012, at Trinity EFC in Lakeville. This event is intended for all church staff – senior pastors, worship leaders, adult/youth/children's leaders and pastors. There will be special breakout sessions to interact with Mark and other church leaders about the impact a family-oriented ministry has on the health of your church, your families, and the communities around you. Look for more information in the next Zipline.

Miscellaneous

Pastoral Changes

Grace Community Church of Olivia has called Henry Meyers as lead pastor
East Chain EFC of Granada, MN has called Jerry Bertholet as lead pastor.