



February 2018 Zipline

On Our Hearts - Please Join Us for the 2018 NCD District Conference

It is dangerously easy to become so focused on the work we do for God that we neglect our own souls. We can get so caught up in all the preaching, teaching, praying and serving that we forget we are, first and foremost, adopted children of God (as well as valuable workers in the vineyard of the Lord). We do, do, do...and rarely slow down long enough to rejoice that God, in his great mercy, rescued us through the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. And some of us treat rest like a four-letter word or a highly contagious disease.



At the 2018 NCD Conference, we want to remind our NCD pastors and church leaders that that we are followers of Jesus before we are leaders for Jesus. We are beloved children of God, not high producing employees for his kingdom. We have been saved by grace, and our salvation continues by grace, not good pastoral works. To that end, we have invited Dr. Constantine Campbell, professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, to come and share God's word with us. From 1 Peter 1:1-9, we will remember our inheritance, better understand the place of suffering, and refocus on the glorious and inexpressible joy that comes from salvation.

Come join us for a time of nourishment, encouragement, challenge--and maybe even healing--for your own heart and the hearts of your ministry team. This year, before taking ministry ideas and strategies back to your church, we want you to hear loud and clear who Christ is and how great is the salvation he has won for you. So come hungry to be fed with heavenly nourishment. And, of course, come hungry to connect and reconnect with fellow leaders from around the district, to learn from a variety of workshops, and to engage in district updates, business and prayer. [Register](#)

NCD Resources



2018 NCD Annual Conference April 9-10, Constance EFC, Andover

**Theme: *An Inexpressible & Glorious Joy,
A Conference for Pastors & Church Leaders***

Speaker: Constantine Campbell, Professor of New Testament, TEDS

[Register Brochure](#)

Missions Mobilization Update - Two Mission Team Action Points

Seek God for the City is a daily prayer guide for 40 days from February 14 to Palm Sunday. MC2 is the midwest missionary care conference to be held in Minneapolis on February 23-24th. This is a key conference to attend for missionary care. [Read more.](#)

Faith Community Nursing - Health Ministry with Teenagers

When one thinks of health ministry, working with teenagers is probably not the first group that comes to mind. There are still many ways, however, that a congregation can be helpful to teens and their parents through health ministry... [Read more](#)

Lakes Free Apologetics Conference - Feb. 23-24

Lakes Free Church in Lindstrom, MN is hosting their 4th annual Worldview-Apologetics Conference, Feb. 23-24. This year's conference features some great speakers, including Greg Koukl of Stand to Reason (www.str.org). With topics that will engage everyone from high school students to adults, and skeptics to mature believers, this conference will powerfully convey the truth of the biblical worldview. Tickets \$20/Adult & \$10/Student.

For more information please visit www.lakesfree.org

FREE Church Evangelism Initiative Opportunity Event for Senior/Lead Pastors

Would you like to learn more about how to bring about a lasting shift in focus toward the mission of Jesus and the expansion of God's kingdom throughout your leadership and ministry structures? The methods are organic and transferable and the hope is that churches would use them, adapt them for each context and pass them on to other churches.

- **Monday, April 9**, from 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

(Right before the NCD Annual District Conference, *attendance at the conference is not required to register for this training*)

- Location: Constance Free Church, Andover, MN , [RSVP by Sunday, April 1](#)
- For further information or questions, contact [Sean McDowell](#) or [Terry Erickson](#)



[NCD District Blitz](#)

April 27-29, 2018, Duluth, MN

We live in a social media centered world. We live our lives online where we post, edit, filter, delete, follow, and ignore. No Filter is about living our lives for Jesus

as it was always meant to be lived-in truth, honesty, accountability, and biblically-centered relationships.

Pure Desire Conference, February 23-24

Pleasant Valley EFC, 1363 Homer Rd., Winona, MN 55987

The PD-U is a two-day conference designed to equip men, women, and students with an understanding of the factors that create and reinforce addictive sexual behavior, especially the pornography struggle.

[For more information](#)



EFCA Resources

Featured from EFCA Now - [Maybe We Don't Want to Be Evangelicals Anymore](#) *Has the meaning of the word irrevocably changed?*

Tim Etherington February 6, 2018



Trinity International University Sunday

TIU is one of the EFCA's greatest resources for the EFCA movement - educating students with a biblical foundation.

Trinity and the EFCA are encouraging local EFCA churches to take a few moments on a Sunday in February or March to highlight Trinity.

The church family is encouraged to support Trinity through:

- PRAYER
- FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- STUDENT REFERRALS

[For resources including video, bulletin inserts, posters, etc and more information.](#)

GROW!



Leadership Conference for the Rural and Small Town Church

March 3, 2018

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

[For more information and to register](#)

Mark Your Calendars

- [Third Annual Church Security Summit, February 17](#), Constance EFC, Andover
- [Pure Desire Conference, February 23-24](#), Pleasant Valley EFC, Winona
- [Lakes EFC Apologetics Conference, February 23-24](#), Lakes EFC, Lindstrom
- [GROW! Leaders Conference for the Rural and Small Church, March 3](#), Willmar
- [EFCA History & Polity Class, March 12-13](#), EFCA National office. [Register](#) by March 5th. 952-853-8459 for more information.
- [2018 District Conference, April 9-10](#), Constance EFC, Andover
- [Encore Spring Celebration, April 23](#), Constance EFC, Andover
- [2018 NCD District Blitz, April 27-29](#), Duluth
- [PULSE Twin Cities, May 18](#), , US Bank Stadium, Minneapolis
- [2018 EFCA Challenge Conference, July 2-6](#), Kansas City, MO (Registration is open)
- [ENCORE Fall Fling, September 10 -11](#), Camp Shamineau
- [Missions Conference, March 29-30, 2019](#), Camp Shamineau

District News and Updates

Our sympathy goes out to the Ken Hyatt family. Ken passed away on January 30, 2018. Ken served our district in several interim pastorates and was a regular member of the I-35 pastor cluster.

Credentialing Update - Congratulations to David Shaw (Cornerstone EFC, Owatonna) for recently completing the licensing process.

If you are interested in credentialing this spring, councils will be held in May and June. Please let the [district office](#) know if you are planning on going through the process. Mid February is a preliminary deadline for getting into the pipeline. (10 weeks is the minimum timeline from submitting a paper to sitting for a credentialing council.)

Senior Pastoral Transitions

Moving to new NCD ministry

- Jeff Starnes, Estes Brook EFC, Oak Park

Ministry Opportunities

- Christian Investors Financial (CIF) is seeking a full-time Senior Campaign Consultant. [Job description and details.](#)

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