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On Our Hearts - Will You Join Us at the Fall Teaching Conference?

If you teach the Bible as part of your ministry responsibilities, the upcoming Fall Teaching Conference is for you. You may teach formally or informally, in front of a large gathering or one-on-one over coffee. Either way, the Fall Teaching Conference is for you. Or you may be a church leader who rarely teaches, but you hunger to know and apply *The Book of Acts* to your life and ministry. The Fall Teaching Conference is for you.

On October 3-4, in the casual and relaxed atmosphere of Camp Shamineau, men and women, lay and staff, pastors and ministry leaders, singles and marrieds will join for fellowship around Jesus Christ and what he teaches us in *The Book of Acts*.

The Book of Acts -probably a favorite of us all. We are rightly drawn to its vigor, its courage, its hope, its Christ-centeredness, its Holy Spirit power, its advance of the gospel, its heroes and anti-heroes. There are so many things to aspire to in this book, and so many perils to avoid. No wonder it's a frequent focus of our sermons, lessons, personal meditation, and strategic methods.

[Read more](#)

Fall Teaching Conference October 3-4, 2017

[Download the brochure](#) for the full schedule and information:

[Registration](#):

Cost: \$85/person on-site housing
\$75 off-site housing



The conference begins with registration at 11:00 and lunch at noon.

Tuesday

1:15 Session 1 - *Luke-The Man and his Message*

6:45 Session 2 - *Special Issues with the Book of Acts*

Wednesday

9:30 Session 3 - *Luke's Focus on the Community of the Church*
(Acts 2:42-6:7)

1:30 Session 4 - *Luke's Focus on the Unity of the Church (Acts 15)*

Enjoy Volunteering?



Do you (or someone you know) enjoy handyman work? The NCD office is housed in an old parsonage and there are times when some extra hands would be helpful in maintaining the office. (For example: in the spring & fall - installing and removing air conditioners, occasional garden maintenance, light electrical work, seasonal cleaning, etc.)

If interested, please contact [Sharon](#) at the office.

2017 Twin Cities Golf Classic!

When: Friday, August 11.

Check in begins at **7:00 a.m.** and play begins with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.

Where: [The Links](#) at Northfork in Ramsey, MN.

Cost: The registration fee is \$100 and includes a light breakfast, 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes, contests, and lunch.

Registration: [For more details and to register](#)



Resources

Featured this Month from the EFCA Theology Podcast



Central to our faith is the belief that God's Word is "to be believed in all that it teaches." But what do we really mean? Where and how does the Bible teach this truth? And perhaps most pressing, does our belief in the truthfulness and authority of Scripture really make a practical difference in life and ministry? This month we [feature an interview](#) with [Dr. Doug Huffman](#) from BIOLA University on this important topic.

Doug will be speaking at our upcoming NCD Fall Teaching Conference.

The EFCA Theology Podcast was developed through a partnership between EFCA West (district) and the EFCA National Office. It is hosted by Brian Farone, our new District Superintendent. You can find the podcast in any podcast app by searching "efca theology podcast" or subscribe by email [here](#).



Missions Mobilization Update -



EFCA One Conference Highlights

[Here](#) are a few highlights from the conference that might be helpful for you and your ministry.

Pastoral Care - Clinging to...?

What is the real cost of the things we cling to? [read more](#)

Faith Community Nursing -

FCNs advocate for the health of their faith community members as well as the health of their clergy

[Read more](#)



Free Children's Curriculum Available

New Hope Church has an assortment of curriculum to give away. For a list, [click here](#). Contact [Joanne Lundberg](#) if interested.



Pure Desire Conference, November 10-11 Grace Church - Eden Prairie, MN

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. It also provides a comprehensive understanding and the tools required to develop a ministry to men, women, and students.

For more information, [click here](#)

Village Schools of the Bible

If you are not familiar with Village Schools of the Bible, it is an opportunity to study the Bible from cover to cover in one year. Their mission is to transform people by a deep and comprehensive study of God's Word. It is designed for the lay person/leader in the pew who may not have had the opportunity study the Bible in a broad, comprehensive manner. For more information on classes starting in September and locations around the metro area, [click here](#).



Licensing-Certification-Ordination Examination Dates

The following autumn dates have been established for the regional examination panels (west-central still to be determined). The dates in parenthesis are the target dates for you to have your reading completed (for licensing), your application paperwork finished, and your paper ready to submit for official review.

Northern panel: Wed., Oct 25 (Aug 18), Tues., Nov 14 (Sept 8)

Southern panel: Thurs., Oct 26 (Aug 18), Thurs., Nov 16 (Sept 8)

Metro panel: Thurs., Oct 26 (Aug 18), Wed., Nov 15 (Sept 8), Wed., Nov 29 (Sept 15)

Examinations are reserved on a first-come-first-served basis when reading, paperwork, and paper are complete. It will help us in planning and logistics if you begin by sending us an email letting us know of your intent to hold your examination this fall. Then we can stay in touch and assist you in the process.

Questions? Contact [Sharon](#) at the district office.

Mark Your Calendars

- [2017 Twin Cities Golf Classic, August 11, The Links, Northfolk](#)
- [Sabbath Rest Retreat, August 27-29, 2017](#), Timber Bay Retreat Center
- [Encore Fall Retreat, September 11-12, 2017](#), Camp Shamineau
- [Fall Teaching Conference, October 3-4, 2017](#) (NOTE:Tues-Wed) Camp Shamineau. Speaker: Doug Huffman, Talbot School of Theology
- **Third Annual Church Security Summit, February 10, 2018**, Constance EFC, Andover, MN
- **2018 District Conference, April 9-10**, Constance EFC, Andover, MN
- **2018 NCD District Blitz, April 27-29**, Duluth, MN

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