



November 2017 Zipline

On Our Hearts - by Brian Farone ***64 Degrees on January 31st***

You can imagine my surprise when I woke up to snow on Friday, October 27th. It was, of course, bound to snow sooner or later. But I did not expect it to come so soon. On the one hand, I must admit that the snow was (and is) beautiful. But on the other, it was a brisk reminder that winter is coming and it will be cold! To put a fine point on it, on January 31st the expected high in our hometown of Cottage Grove, MN is 25 degrees; the expected low a pathetic, single digits temp of just five degrees... and we live in the warm part of Minnesota :).



San Antonio, on the other hand, is looking at an expected high on January 31st of 64 degrees. Sixty-Four-Degrees-Fahrenheit! And you could be there if you come to this year's EFCA Theology Conference, which begins on January 31st. The opportunity to escape the cold alone should peak your interest. But let me share a better reason to come to this year's theology conference.

The theme of the conference is "The Gospel, Compassion and Justice, and the EFCA."

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NCD Resources

Planning a Sabbatical for Next Year?

So far in 2017, at least 15 pastors have taken a sabbatical leave. Since 2014, more than 35 pastors have had a sabbatical. This is approximately ten percent of the pastors in our district and represents almost a quarter of our churches. Is it time for you to think and pray about a sabbatical in 2018? For three sabbatical stories, watch [Henry Meyers](#), [Joel Preston](#), and [Coley Waataja](#). For counsel in planning a sabbatical, [contact Kelley Johnson](#), NCD pastoral care director.

2017 Fall Teaching Conference Resources

If you are interested in Doug Huffman's teaching sessions on the book of Acts, please go to [NCDEFCA.org](#) to access the audio recordings and the powerpoint presentations. For a visual recap, [check out the SWAY presentation](#).

Missions Mobilization Update - Crisis-Response Team Report

Steve Austvold led a team to Houston to help with EFCA crisis response. Please [read his report](#) and how you can serve as well with EFCA crisis response.

Pastoral Care - Time to hit "Reset?"

The standard tech support question is "Have you done a restart yet?"

[Read more](#)

Faith Community Nursing - The Church, Mental Health and FCN

In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens." This is one of the Bible's greatest resources in addressing mental health issues in the church. The Faith Community Nurse (FCN) has a specific opportunity to address mental wellness within a congregation. [To read more.](#)



EFCA Resources



EFCA Theology Conference

The Gospel, Compassion and Justice, and the EFCA

January 31-February 2, 2018

Northeast Bible Church,
Garden Ridge, TX (San Antonio)

Recent events in our nation and world have made it clear it is both necessary and timely to address the topics of racial reconciliation and immigration. The gospel is being undermined and tarnished through the lack of reconciliation among believers, and the lack of concern for the immigrant. As Evangelicals broadly, and as the EFCA specifically, we are people of the Book. One of our EFCA mottos has been and remains, "where stands it written?" which addresses both the biblical truth of a doctrine and the practical outworking of that truth in life.

We are committed both to be grounded in the Scriptures and to live out the truths of those Scriptures. "Christian Living," Article 8 of the EFCA Statement of Faith, declares our commitment as a movement.

Interact with fellow EFCA pastors and leaders during this conference as gifted presenters including Dr. John Perkins address "Christian Living" from biblical, theological, historical, and pastoral perspectives.

[For more information and to register](#)

Children's Ministry Network

The EFCA is hosting the first annual gathering of children's ministry leaders from around the country, Monday, November 13 beginning at noon and ending Wednesday, November 15 at noon, at the EFCA National Office in Minneapolis, MN.

"Our purpose for this Children's Ministry Network is to connect and network leaders, encouragement, a place for sharing of best practices and other insights and resources helpful for those serving in children's ministry."

"There is no registration cost for your attending. It is our commitment to encourage you and invest in your ministry and church. The only other expense is your travel, lodging and one dinner meal." [Further information](#)



Challenge is the EFCA's national gathering for students entering 7th through completion of 12th grade. This 4-minute [video](#) captures the Challenge experience really well.

You can find more information about Challenge at www.experiencechallenge.org and a [free leader planning guide](#).

Join us in Kansas City, July 2018, as we call students to see Jesus and walk in the steps of his bold moves.

Featured from EFCA Now

[Are You Too Forceful of a Leader?](#) By Bob Osborne

Team dynamics we don't usually talk about, Part 2, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017



GROW!
**Leadership Conference for
the Rural and Small Town
Church**
March 3, 2018
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

God has strategically placed churches in rural areas and small towns in order to impact our culture for the Kingdom of God. This conference will provide pastors and board members of these churches information on how to minister effectively, encourage them to see their unique role in God's plan, and help them take the steps that can impact their world for all of eternity. EFCA President Kevin Kompelien is the keynote speaker. [Brochure](#)

Location:

Willmar Assembly of God
3821 Abbot Dr
Willmar, MN 56201

[For more information and to register](#)

(scroll down the page for all the information)

(Note: Registration rate goes up December 31, 2017)



Wait No More - Finding Families for MN's Waiting Kids

The Wait No More event is sponsored by Focus on the Family and Bethany Christian Services to encourage the church to answer to the call to care for the fatherless by helping providing loving homes for children in foster care.

November 11, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Shiloh Temple
1201 W Broadway Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55411

<http://icareaboutorphans.org/minnesota/>

[Wait No More Brochure](#)

Together we can find forever families for all the waiting kids in Minnesota!

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](#)



The Twin Cities Need Jesus

It's time to see the message of Jesus brought to the Twin Cities. Over the next year, the Church is coming together for

a season of prayer, training, and outreach-culminating with a major outreach event at U.S. Bank Stadium May 18, 2018. Mark your calendar. Let's fill all 66,200 seats with people who need Jesus.

PRAY. INVITE. BRING.

[More Information](#)

Mark Your Calendars

- [EFCA Elim Care Faith Community Nurse Workshop](#), November 8, 9:00 am at New Hope Church, New Hope.
 - [Children's Ministry Network](#), November 13-15, EFCA National Office
 - [EFCA Theology Conference](#), January 31-February 2, 2018. NE Bible Church, Garden Ridge, TX (San Antonio)
 - [Sabbath Rest Retreat](#), February 4-6, 2018, Timber Bay Retreat Center
 - [Third Annual Church Security Summit](#), February 17, 2018, Constance EFC, Andover, MN
 - [GROW! Leaders Conference for the Rural and Small Church](#),
• **March 3, 2018**, Willmar, MN
 - [EFCA History & Polity Class](#), **March 12-13, 2018**, EFCA National office
 - [2018 District Conference](#), April 9-10, Constance EFC, Andover, MN
 - [2018 NCD District Blitz](#), **April 27-29**, Duluth, MN
 - [PULSE Twin Cities](#), **May 18, 2018**, US Bank Stadium
 - [2018 EFCA Challenge Conference](#), **July 2-6, 2018**, Kansas City, MO
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District News and Updates

Senior Pastoral Transitions: Beginning new NCD ministry...

- Bob Thune, new interim at Bethel EFC, Fairmont
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