

Key Events

Thursday, April 3rd

- 9:30 AM Registration
10:00 AM Becoming an Externally Focused Church
Tom Shirk & Jim Fann
11:00 AM Break
11:30 AM Becoming an Externally Focused Church
(cont'd)
12:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Becoming an Externally Focused Church
(cont'd)
4:00 PM **Dinner on your own**
6:30 PM Registration
7:00 PM Session 1
D.A. Carson

Friday, April 4th

- 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast
8:45 AM Registration
9:00 AM Session 2
D. A. Carson
10:15 AM Break
10:30 AM Business Session I
12:45 PM Lunch
2:30 PM Business Session II
4:30 PM Free Time
6:00 PM **Annual Banquet /Night of Worship**
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Saturday, April 5th

- 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM Session 3
D.A. Carson
9:45 AM Seminars
Leadership
Youth Workers (add'l cost)
Prayer Walking
Children's Ministries
Church Planting
Round Table Discussion
Peacemakers
12:30 PM End of conference

Conference Speakers



Jim Fann, M.Div., M.Th.

Jim Fann has a wide background in local church and denominational ministry. He has planted a church in St. Louis, Missouri and pastored two Evangelical Free churches in the Chicago area. In 1990, Jim joined the staff of the North American Baptist Conference, where he served as Director of Church Planting and then as Director of Home Missions. Currently, Jim is National Church Health Director with The Evangelical Free Church of America. Jim is a certified *Natural Church Development* trainer and has led over 1,000 leaders from nearly 250 churches in its use. He worked with the Barna Research Group to develop the *EFCA Church Health Survey*. Jim regularly consults with churches and coaches district and church leaders, focusing on issues of Great Commission health. Jim and his wife Holly reside in Burnsville, Minnesota.



Tom Shirk

Tom Shirk, Senior Pastor of Calvary Bible Church in Boulder, Colorado, speaks nation-wide equipping pastors and church leaders at conferences, most recently at the Leadership Network Externally Focused Church Conference. Tom has a passion for sharing Biblical teaching that ignites a congregation to serve its community. In the last decade Calvary Bible Church made a deliberate missional commitment to move outside the four walls of their building to pursue a more purposeful approach in partnering with the city of Boulder, a politically liberal, sophisticated, university town. In particular, Tom guided the church to balance the commitment to strong biblical teaching with a renewed commitment to externally focused ministry.

Through a number of tangible projects designed to accelerate the process of moving the congregation toward an external focus, Calvary has become an influential member of the Boulder community, partnering with a number of community service organizations.

Tom joined the staff of Calvary Bible Church in 1992; he became the senior pastor in 1993. He graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 1980; Philadelphia Biblical University in 1984 and Western Seminary in 1991.

Tom and his wife Lucy have been married 26 years. They have three great kids, Matthew, Emily and Drew.



D.A. Carson, M.Div., Ph.D.

Donald A. Carson is Research Professor of the New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He has been at Trinity since 1978.

Carson came to Trinity from the faculty of Northwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Vancouver, British Columbia, where he also served for two years as academic dean. He has served as assistant pastor and pastor and has done itinerant ministry in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Carson's areas of expertise include biblical theology, the historical Jesus, postmodernism, pluralism, Greek grammar, Johannine theology, Pauline theology, and questions of suffering and evil. He is a member of the Tyndale Fellowship for Biblical Research, the Society of Biblical Literature, the Evangelical Theological Society, the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, and the Institute for Biblical Research. In 1989 Carson was voted Faculty of the Year at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Carson is an active guest lecturer in academic and church settings around the world.

Carson and his wife, Joy, reside in Libertyville, Illinois. They have two children. In his spare time, Carson enjoys reading, hiking, and woodworking.

Annual NEDA Conference

April 3rd- 5th, 2008

Registration Form

Please complete this form for each person or family unit attending the Conference or register online at www.efcneda.org . **March 14th deadline for host housing and meals!!**

Rev. Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Spouse (if attending) _____

Children attending? Yes No Ages _____

(childcare provided for infants-preschool during sessions)

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Email address _____

Name of church _____

Location _____

Please Circle:

Days attending: Thursday Friday Saturday

Voting church delegate? Yes No

Would you like host housing? Yes No

Night(s) required: Thursday Friday

Seminar name (choose one): Leadership Roundtable

Prayer Walking Youth Workers Children's Ministries

Peacemakers Church Planting None

Number of Registrants:

Adults (Thurs seminar) _____ X \$40

Adults (Fri/Sat) _____ X \$100

Adults (if Sat seminar only) _____ X \$25

Youth seminar only _____ X \$49/\$39

Children _____ X \$15

(Children under 5 years of age are free, Cost for 5-12 year old children is to cover meals)

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to NEDA

Return this form and check to:

NEDA Att: NEDA Conference

P.O. Box 467

Farmington, CT 06034-0467

Vital Information

Conference Web Site:

There is more information available at the NEDA website, including a schedule, updates, seminar information, directions to the church and hotels, a registration form, childcare information (infants through preschool during sessions), and contact information. It's all at www.efcneda.org . If you have further questions, please contact the NEDA office at (860) 674-9541 or LRand777@aol.com .

Directions:

From I-95: Follow 95 to Exit 69, Route 9 North. Follow Route 9 North to Exit 8: Beaver Meadow Road / Haddam. Go right at the end of the exit and follow directions below.

From 91: Follow 91 to Route 9 South. Follow Route 9 South to Exit 8: Beaver Meadow Road / Haddam. Go left at the end of the exit and follow directions below.

Once On Beaver Meadow Road: Follow Beaver Meadow Road to the first stop sign (appx. 1 mile). Turn right onto Turkey Hill Road. Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church is 1 mile down Turkey Hill Road on your left. The church is not visible from the street so please keep your eyes open for the small blue sign on your left.

www.mapquest.com provides more specific directions

Housing: Deadline March 14th

Host housing is available from Valley Bible EFC as well as area hotels where you need to make your own reservations.

Courtyard by Marriott Cromwell (860-635-1001)
Rate is \$99/night plus tax when you mention "NEDA". Please call the hotel directly.

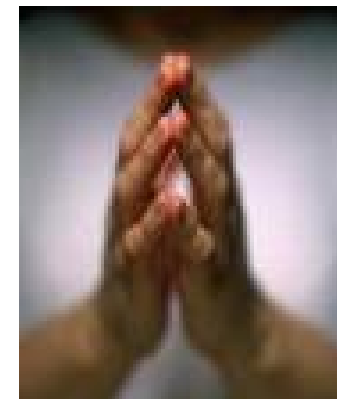
Crowne Plaza Hotel Cromwell (860-635-2000)
Rate is \$99/night plus tax when you mention "NEDA". Please call the hotel directly.

Super 8 Motel Cromwell (860-632-8888)
Rate is \$53.89/night plus tax which includes breakfast. Please mention "NEDA" when you call.

Meals:

Only meals listed are included in \$100 conference registration fee. Registration must be received by **March 14, 2008** for meals.

Engaging Culture



Touching and
Reaching the Lost All
Around Us
Luke 19:10

**New England District
2008 Conference
April 3-5th, 2008**

**Hosted by:
Valley Bible EFC
Haddam, CT
(860) 345-8932
www.valleybibleefc.org**

Seminars

An Introduction to Interim Pastor Ministries – *Reservations Required*

April 2 and 3, 2008 presented by Interim Pastor Ministries - Dr. Arnold Conrad, Executive Director & Carl Backie, Associate Director
Cost - \$100.00

This seminar is for all pastors and wives interested in learning more about interim ministry. Please contact Carl Backie for additional information and reservations

Phone number – 1-479-696-8008

Email: backiefamilv@yahoo.com

Becoming an Externally Focused Church: 9:30 am- 4:00 pm Thursday, April 3rd, 2008 by Jim Fann & Tom Shirk:

Externally focused churches measure their effectiveness, not merely by attendance, but by the transformational impact they help create within their community. We'll explore the characteristics of churches that bring transforming grace to their communities; the practical first steps in moving a church beyond its own four walls; the best way to identify the needs of your community; and how to build a broad base of volunteers who combine good deeds with good news to make a Kingdom impact.

In this workshop, Tom Shirk and Jim Fann introduce powerful tools that you can use to become an externally focused, discipling church.

Seminars

Leadership: 9:45 am- 12:30 pm Saturday, April 5th by Jay Pickerill

Leadership Development requires a “developing leader.” How proactive are you in your own leadership development? What are you doing to grow as a leader? What resources are there available to help you take the “next step” in your own leadership development? What are the key leadership issues to address in the life of the church? This interactive seminar will provide a learning environment for anyone at any stage of leadership and will seek to help you take a positive step forward in your own leadership development.

Becoming an Externally Focused Church Round Table: 9:45 am- 12:30 pm Saturday, April 5th by Tom Shirk

Prayer Walking: 9:45 am- 12:30 pm Saturday, April 5th by Scott Solberg & Sandy Hendrick & David Latronica

How to build a prayer team and prayer ministry that fits your church. Hear the story of how one prayer team got started and the journey God has taken them on over the past few years. Become acquainted with some of the materials that are available to help you get started. Some time will be set aside to “experience” prayer and what it can look like in a local church setting.

Seminars

Children's Ministries- Keeping Kids and Workers Excited: 9:45 am- 12:30 pm
Saturday, April 5th by Cindy Nicewonger

How can we keep kids excited and growing in their faith? How can a worker keep energized? Kids can have a vibrant faith NOW not when they reach junior or senior high school. Through a presentation of the theory of faith development and examples of practical applications, the children's ministry worker will learn how to support children in their spiritual growth but also be encouraged that they are influencing a child's spiritual life.

Participants should come prepared to ask a panel of seasoned children's ministry directors' practical questions such as: How do I get the right person to work in children's ministries? How can I have a 'Great Day of Training'? Got any new ideas for summer ministry?

Plus there will be a Material Swap Meet. Have any materials you're not using? Searching for something special? Bring your 'stuff' and swap with another church.

Peacemakers: 9:45 am- 12:30 pm
Saturday, April 5th by Nathan Jaycox

In this seminar, Nathan Jaycox will share what a culture of peace looks like in your church. He will explain what conflict is, what type of things cause conflict, and what successful biblical peacemaking responses you can put into practice in your church, your home, and your workplace.

Seminars

Youth Workers- Sonlife Training: 9:30 am- 5:30 pm Saturday, April 5th by
Chad Patterson
Cost: \$49 per person or \$39 for groups of five or more from the same church

This seminar will focus on Sonlife's training called Enroute. Enroute is a one-day learning experience inspiring youth workers toward life and ministry in the way of Jesus. With the Story of God as our backdrop, we will look at Jesus' example of loving God and people and at the early church as a guide for transformational youth ministry. Spend a day with youth workers from your church and the New England District being equipped and encouraged for the road ahead! This Training is for lead youth workers and your volunteer staff.

Church Planting- Genetically Speaking: 9:45 am- 12:30 pm Saturday, April 5th by
Mark Overmyer

Designed for current and prospective planters of all kinds of churches, this session will reorient everyone to a common vocabulary, a unifying definition, and a reproductive process that will help us fulfill the Great Commission. Strengthening our common bonds through a shared purpose and direction is the objective of this session which is expected to be highly relational. Church Planters love being together! Don't miss the chance to connect. We have so much in common.
