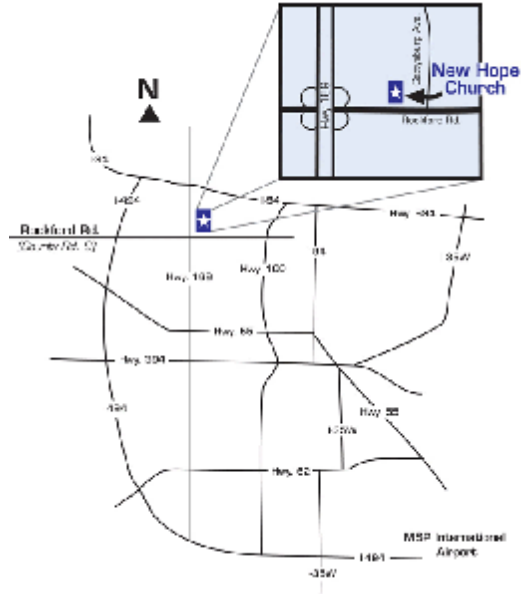


2009 Annual Conference

March 30-31, 2009

New Hope Church

New Hope, MN



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STRENGTH *for the* JOURNEY

Guest Speaker: Dr. Crawford Loritts

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Dear Friend,

Following Jesus Christ is a challenging journey! Strewn with fearful perils, brightened by inexpressible joys, stretching through foggy perplexities, this pathway is like no other in the world. It's a road in which we need good direction, but we often lack it. Road signs erected by onlookers are confusing. Speeds posted by "experts" are sometimes dangerously fast or discouragingly low.

Pastors and church leaders, especially, need good guides and *strength for the journey*. Come be a part of this year's District Conference as we hear from a reliable guide on following Jesus Christ and shepherding others on the pathway. Dr. Crawford Loritts will be our featured speaker, addressing us from God's Word on "**Strength for the Journey.**" We will be blessed to be able to think together, under his teaching, about Christ's resources for his people, especially his undershepherds.

This year's conference will be compact, but meaningful. We hope one night's lodging will be helpful to your budget in these lean times. We will begin with a buffet lunch at 11:30 on Monday (come as early as 11:00 to register) and end at about noon on Tuesday (we encourage you to sign up for and enjoy Camp Shamineau's annual-meeting lunch just after the ending of the conference).

Testimonies and reports from various quarters of the district, workshops on various themes, and an important vote on the new EFCA Statement of Faith will all be part of this year's conference.

Come join us as together we seek from our Lord *strength for the journey*.

Your NCD staff team



Schedule

Monday, March 30

- 11:00 am Registration begins
- 11:30 Lunch buffet
- 1:00 pm Session 1: When you need Rest
- 3:00 Workshops / Exhibits
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Session 2: When you need Courage

Tuesday, March 31

- 7:30 am Mission Minnesota Breakfast
- 9:30 Session 3: When you need to be Restored
- 11:00 District Business
- 12:00 pm Adjournment
- 12:15 Shamineau Lunch (Free—see Registration Form)



Speaker



Dr. Crawford Loritts is senior pastor of Fellowship Bible Church in suburban Atlanta, and an internationally known author, leader, and speaker. Dr. Loritts' speaking engagements have included evangelistic outreaches, conferences, conventions, churches, colleges and seminaries. He is a frequent speaker for professional sports teams, including three Super Bowls and the NCAA Final Four Chapel. He has spoken to gatherings of senior military officers at the Pentagon. He and his wife, Karen, are featured speakers at Family Life's marriage and parenting conferences. He is a visiting professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Crawford is also the host of "Living A Legacy", a daily radio program heard on 330 outlets by approximately 500,000 per week. (For more information go to fbconline.org.)

Information

- Conference registration fee is **\$69/per person** which includes conference programming, Monday lunch, Monday dinner, and Tuesday breakfast. Complete and return enclosed registration form.
- Registration deadline is **March 20th**. Registrations postmarked after March 20th will incur a \$20 late fee. Cancellations are subject to a \$20 cancellation fee after the March 20th deadline.
- Please see your pastor or check with your church office for a Conference Delegate Voting Packet recently sent to your church. In it you will find information regarding the requirements to vote during the business session.
- See registration form for hotel suggestions. You will need to make your own reservations.
- Shamineau Ministries will hold its annual business meeting immediately following the close of the NCD conference. Sign up for the free lunch (see registration form) and receive updates on camp ministry.
- Note: no childcare will be provided.



Location

New Hope Church (formerly Crystal EFC) in New Hope, MN is again graciously hosting our 2009 conference. We enjoyed New Hope's hospitality for our 2007 conference. New Hope Church is in the northwest corner of the Twin City metro area, at the corner of Hwy 169 & Rockford Rd (#19). Go to newhopechurchmn.org for directions.

