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**Check the church directory for
contact info on all missionaries
and their sending agencies.**



GOOD NEWS IN THE DESERT

Our 69th annual Missions Conference is just around the corner, and we are excited to have Dr. Craig Ott as our keynote speaker. Dr. Ott, on faculty at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS) since 2002, has many years of practical and academic experience in missions work. He spent 21 years in Germany with ReachGlobal (formerly EFCA International Mission) and has planted churches in Munich, Ingolstadt, Neumarkt and Markt Indersdorf, Germany as well as in Schaumburg, IL.

From 1995 to 2002, Dr. Ott served as Central Europe Church consultant for ReachGlobal and, from 1998 to 2002, he taught at the Akademie für Weltmission in Korntal, Germany, where he continues to teach regularly as an adjunct professor. He has taught or consulted national and mission leaders in forty different countries.

Dr. Ott currently occupies the ReachGlobal Chair of Mission, which was established to link the mission agency and seminary, integrating mission theory and practice. He is also a prolific author. Three of his books were voted by *International Bulletin of Mission Research* as among the top ten or fifteen most significant mission books in their publication year. Two of his articles are among the top ten most read articles in the journal *Missiology*.

Dr. Ott and his wife Alice, also on faculty at TEDS, live in Buffalo Grove, Illinois, and have three grown sons. His hobbies include bicycling, film, and guitar.



Planting Con-

Sign Up & Buy Tickets Now!

Tickets for the Friday night Missions supper are on sale Sunday mornings between services. With the conference desert theme in mind, the food will be Turkish. On the menu are Crispy Cheese and Herb Filled Filo Pastry Rolls, Turkish Red Lentil and Bulgur Soup, Baked Turkish Meatballs, and more, plus Baklava for dessert! Ticket prices remain \$5 each or a family total of \$20. Seating is limited to approximately 200, so buy your tickets early!

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the two Saturday morning events: the men's potluck breakfast at 7:45am and the women's potluck brunch at 10:30am, both held in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Sign-ups are also important for the Kids for Missions program (designed for children in Kindergarten-Grade 3) so that sufficient crafts and snacks are available. Children will be "visiting" Egypt, and experiencing "camel races" while learning! Adult and teen helpers are needed. If you're willing to volunteer for Kids for Missions, please call the church office (especially if you need to go through the child safety screening).

Missions Conference 2018 February 16-18

FCN Blood Pressure Screening

Create in me a pure heart, O God (Psalm 51:10). As ambassadors of Christ, we have a responsibility to be mindful of both the spiritual and physical condition of our heart. Our Faith Community Nursing ministry encourages our congregation to take a proactive, God-honoring approach to caring for our God-given bodies. Sponsoring the annual blood pressure screening is one way FCN would like to help!

Coinciding with February being American Heart Month, the free blood pressure screening will take place on Sunday, February 11 in room 109 after 1st and 2nd services. No sign-up is required! Please wear a short-sleeved or thin long-sleeved shirt for an accurate reading. Your blood pressure will be recorded on a wallet-sized card for your taking. Also, you'll have a chance to meet the newest members of the FCN ministry!

If you are unable to attend the screening on February 11, call the church office (452.6520) to make an appointment with a Faith Community Nurse to have your blood pressure taken.



- 1 of every 3 adults has high blood pressure (29% of American adults).
- Only about half of people with high blood pressure have their condition under control.
- High blood pressure costs the nation \$46 billion each year! (This includes the cost of health care services, medications to treat the high blood pressure, and missed days of work.)

Get Equipped!

On Sunday, February 25, join us for the next *Equip* Preview Session:

9:30am

Start in the Welcome Center for a Connections Fellowship, then go to the Sanctuary for the Preview Session

11am

Meet in Café 19 for a Connections Fellowship followed by the Preview Session

Topics

- This We Believe (Membership class)
- Transformed
- Bring It to Life
- Stronger Parenting, II



Challenge 2018

High school students are encouraged to attend the Challenge Youth Conference in Kansas City, MO on July 2-6. The challenge given to each attendee is to: *Live on mission with Jesus everyday, everywhere and with everyone.*

The cost is \$530 if registered by March 14 and \$580 by May 16. This includes lodging for 5 nights, 12 meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner Tuesday-Friday), and the conference! A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due upon registration.

A fundraiser to support students attending Challenge will be held on Friday, March 16 at 6pm in the Multi-Purpose Room and will include a chili supper, cake auction, and silent auction.

Contact Pastor Aaron (aaron.b@e-free-family.com) for more details.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary in February

Names omitted

This and That

Remember to **vote in the Spring Primary election** on February 20. State offices to be elected include Court of Appeals Judge and Circuit Court Judge.

Annual giving letters were mailed mid-January. If you did not receive yours or if you have questions, contact Ann in the church office.

Change in contact information? Contact Kay in the church office (kay.r@e-free-family.com or 452.6520) by February 18 so we can be sure to include your changes in the **Spring Directory Update**, which will be available the first Sunday in March.

If you asked for, but have not yet picked up, your **2018 offering envelopes**, they are available in the church office.

Qualified Awana clubbers will gather at our church on Saturday, February 3 for **Awana Games and Sparks-arama**. The fun begins at 10am. Come cheer on our teams and enjoy a snack/beverage concession stand!

In the event of **inclement weather**, cancellation announcements will be posted on our website homepage, as well as at the following:

- WHBL 1330AM radio/website
- WTMJ Channel 4
- 620TMJ radio/website
- WITI Channel 6 (Fox 6)



February 7

Family Valentine's Skate Night

February 14

Presidents Night

February 21

Crazy Hair Night

February 28

Dr. Seuss Night

Life Group Potluck

Everyone who participates in a Life Group is warmly invited to an All-Life Group Potluck on Sunday, February 11 from 5-7pm! Please bring a dish to pass.

Also, each Life Group is encouraged to provide a group display of talent for the accompanying Talent Show! Get those creative juices flowing and be ready for an evening of good eats, laughs, and heart-felt encouragement from the body of Christ!



Who, What, & Why is FinCom?

Established in October 2005, the standing Finance Committee (aka FinCom) was organized to assure the church, as an organization, would continue to be financially viable. They do this by putting appropriate financial policies in place, overseeing the budget process (from forecast to reality), and by advising both the Elder and Deacon Boards on assimilating financial planning into vision.

Members of the Finance Committee must be committed to the tithe as a minimum standard of giving to the local church, be official church members, have experience with business finance, be able to relate sound business policies to a non-profit ministry environment, and be able to yield to the higher standard of Biblical values. FinCom is comprised of six members who have various roles:

- Treasurer (Larry W.), FinCom chairman, who oversees all financial reports and represents the Finance Committee's recommendations at monthly Deacon meetings
- Assistant Treasurer (Shawn U.), who oversees the Capital Improvements budget and timetable
- Deacon Chairman (Dean B.), liaison between the Deacon Board who oversees the budget, and the Finance Committee who prepares/recommends the annual budget
- Member-at-large (David G.), who has personal and corporate understanding of budgeting
- Administrator (Heather Tempas), who oversees the budget from the staff perspective and also serves as FinCom Secretary
- Pastor (Jon MacDonald), who provides visionary leadership and liaises with the Elder Board

The Bookkeeper (Ann Tuneberg), though not a member, also attends and provides valuable hands-on insight through financial reports and research.

At its monthly meetings, the committee reviews the prior month's Income & Expenses Reports for planned and unplanned variances in giving and expenses, updates the Capital Improvements projects for timing/costs as planned, discusses current trends that may impact the church's financial future, and accepts/manages budget requests from the Deacon Board. One of the committee's biggest tasks is to develop the annual budget with input from the church staff.

Awana Skate Night



Awana clubbers and their families are invited to our Family Valentine's Skate Night at PJ's Party Zone on Wednesday, February 7 from 6-8:30pm. The cost is \$5 per person (rollerblades are \$2 extra or you can bring your own).

Have you seen BabyCare in action at the Ministry Annex yet?!



Housing BabyCare at the Ministry Annex allows for a relaxed, slow-tempo environment with which to welcome the families we serve.

Interested in serving? Volunteers staff the Diaper Bank on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 12-4pm! Contact the church office for more details!

A place to organize supplies and then assemble and package newborn layettes

Donations of new or gently used 0-6 month clothing are much appreciated!



Stop by on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays from 12-4pm!

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