

NEW RESOURCES
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1 and 2 Kings for Everyone

..... Goldingay, John
This seventh volume in the popular Old Testament for Everyone series tells the story of Israel when it was a monarchy, from the accession of Solomon to the exile.

1 And 2 Samuel for Everyone: A Theological Commentary on the Bible

..... Goldingay, John.
Following on the heels of the successful New Testament for Everyone commentaries by N. T. Wright, John Goldingay, an internationally respected Old Testament scholar, authors this ambitious Old Testament for Everyone series. Covering Scripture from Genesis to Malachi, Goldingay addresses the texts in such a way that even the most challenging passages are explained simply. Perfect for daily devotions, Sunday school preparation, or brief visits with the Bible, the Old Testament for Everyone series is an excellent resource for the modern reader.

40 Treasured Bible Verses: A Devotional

..... Howell, James C.
Howell provides contexts for the selected verses and draws from a wide range of sources to illuminate their meaning for Christian faith and life today. He encourages, inspires, and motivates others to understand the biblical verses in relation to faithful Christian discipleship.

2012 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study

The 2012 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study is a daily devotional with 365 inspiring mission stories that come from next door and all across the globe. It inspires thousands of Presbyterians as they uphold the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in intercessory prayer. The stories for the 2012 Mission Yearbook were collected around the General Assembly Mission Council theme "Bearing Fruit and Growing in the Knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10). Each yearbook page bears witness to the abundant possibilities of the Church because of the leadership of Christ.

The Beauty of the Word: The Challenge and Wonder of Preaching

..... Howell, James C.
Veteran preacher James Howell reflects on the craft and practice of preaching. Drawing on a wide range of resources, Howell provides discussions on the "Subject Matters of Preaching," "Where Sermons Happen," "When Sermons Happen," and the "Life of the Body." The conclusion on "The Preaching Self" considers the person of the preacher. These seasoned reflections will be of great help for all who preach.

A Brief Statement of Faith

..... McKim, Donald K.
This Being Reformed curriculum for adults is one expression of the desire to open up what it means to be Presbyterian Christians in the world today. Our purpose is to enhance, enrich, and expand our insights. We want Presbyterians to grow in understandings of elements that are foundational and significant for their faith. Encounters with theology, church, worship, spirituality/discipleship, and social righteousness will guide our ways. These studies engage our whole selves. We will find our minds moved by new ideas, our emotions stirred with responses of gratitude, and calls for action that can lead us in different life directions. Heads, hearts, and hands will be drawn into the joys of discovering what new things God is calling us toward.

Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts. Volume 45.2 Markings

This issue marks two significant anniversaries: the 400th year of the King James Version of the Bible and the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Presbyterian Directory for Worship. In addition, theologians and other church leaders will reflect on the liturgical movements and developments of recent decades, taking stock of where we've come from, where we are, and where we're going, in music, liturgy, and the liturgical arts.

Christian Living in God's Splendor

..... Hotz, Kendra G. and Mathews, Matthew T.
Introducing key themes in Reformed understandings of Christian life, this study explores how Christian life can be shaped by our religious affections, participating in a worshiping community, accepting our physicality, dying and rising with Christ,

and engaging in vocations that embrace the total web of our relationships.

Church History: Those Who Shaped the Christian Faith

.....Hansen, Gary Neal
This study explores the history of the Christian church through a panoramic view of major figures and theological beliefs. Both women and men are represented, and attention is given to subjects important to the shaping of the Reformed tradition.

The Collected Sermons of Fred B. Craddock

.....Craddock, Fred B.
This collection of more than fifty of Fred Craddock's sermons provides a glimpse of a master preacher at work. Amazingly, only one of the sermons was preached from a manuscript written in advance, as Craddock considered a sermon to be an event in the world of sound. As a result, the selections here wonderfully reflect and preserve Craddock's "voice" and engage readers with all the immediacy of the spoken word.

The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann

.....Brueggemann, Walter.
Well-known Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann has contributed much to biblical scholarship in many ways. He has also been a powerful preacher through the years. This collection of sermons demonstrates Brueggemann's fidelity to biblical texts, which come alive with meaning in our contemporary world.

The Collected Sermons of William H. Willimon

.....Willimon, William H.
William H. Willimon, one of the most respected voices in the pulpit today, has been inspiring congregations and their leaders for decades. This marvelous collection of sermons mined from Willimon's earliest pastorates, through his time as Dean of the Chapel at Duke University to his current calling as a Presiding Bishop of the United Methodist Church, provides a fascinating and inspiring look at this master preacher. Ordered chronologically and with an index of scriptural references, this collection is sure to be a source of inspiration and education for decades to come.

Colossians the New Old Perfectly Imperfect You

.....Bajema, Edi
Paul's letter to the Colossians in the first century A.D. may be the most important letter you will ever read. This brief letter has affected many millions of people around the world for many centuries. It speaks of a transformation so deep and profound that it can only be described as dying and coming to life again. In this letter we discover the one in whom all things hold together, the one who transforms us and makes us new—Jesus Christ, the living Son of God—so that we can live for and with God forever.

Confessing the Beatitudes

.....Aymer, Margaret
The Beatitudes are some of the most beloved teachings of Jesus, yet they may well be some of the most pointed. We may miss their point, however, if we do not study them within their literary, historical, and cultural contexts. In this study, Margaret Aymer invites us to consider the Beatitudes as they might have been heard when Jesus spoke them — during the time of the Roman Empire. While great in many respects, Rome was a cruel and brutal regime that did not stop short of executing anyone who challenged its authority. As you study the Beatitudes, it will be important to remember this context. Confessing the Beatitudes is aptly named, as we are invited at the end of each lesson to enter into a process of confession. The ancient practice of confession marks Christians as a people who recognize the truth, learn about the truth, and speak the truth — both about God and about ourselves. Through reading the Accra Confession of 2004, and creating our own confessions, we live out our trust in the grace of God through Jesus Christ. Confession in this heartfelt manner is a concrete way for us to make the Beatitudes part of our journey of discipleship as we move from confession to action.

The Confession of Belhar

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different life directions. Heads, hearts, and hands will be drawn into the joys of discovering what new things God is calling us toward.

Courage: Developing Character to Stand Strong

..... Chan, Francis
In these four inspiring session, Francis Chan opens up the Scriptures and shows students how their faith in Christ can give them the ability to live lives defined by courage. Students share real-life stories regarding their struggles and successes in the face of adversity.

Don't Invite Them to Church: Moving From A Come and See To a Go and Be Church

..... Wilk, Karen.
Loving your neighbors isn't about getting them to join you on Sundays. It's about living your faith right where you are and being the church to the people around you. This flexible guidebook will help you, your small group, or your church get started in neighborhood ministry and missional living. It includes ideas for group meetings, practices to help you develop a better spiritual life, and real-life ideas for reaching out to your neighborhood.

A "Down and Dirty" Guide to Theology

..... McKim, Donald K.
This brief, humorous introduction to theology by noted educator and author Don McKim will provide seminarians, college students, and general readers with a fun way to learn the basics. This book covers the key movements, thinkers, definitions, and questions of theology in a lighthearted way. Includes illustrations by Ron Hill.

The Early Christian Letters for Everyone: James, Peter, John, and Judah

..... Wright, N. T.
This volume continues Wright's trademark of bringing the most up-to-date scholarship to life with engaging writing, inspiring anecdotes, and faithful interpretation. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion, with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. A glossary is included at the back of the book.

Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance

..... Mendenhall, Laura
Explore dimensions of what it means to have enough through the parables of Jesus and other biblical references. This insightful study leads readers to look at what is really most important to have in life - God's blessings, which are in abundance, for us.

Esther Courage in a Complicated World

..... Averill, Diane
Step back in time to ancient Persia around 480 B.C. Esther's story is one of kings and queens in a vast empire, and it's filled with risky twists and turns, happy and fearful moments, dangerous and deadly outcomes. What's more, it shows us God's deliverance and care for his people as he works to bless others. First in the new Infuse Bible Study series!

Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope

..... McLaren, Brian D.
What do the life and teaching of Jesus have to say about the most critical global problems in our world today? Acclaimed author and Emergent church leader Brian McLaren states, "More and more Christian leaders are beginning to realize that for the millions of young adults who have recently dropped out of church, Christianity is a failed religion. Why? Because it has specialized in dealing with 'spiritual needs' to the exclusion of physical and social needs. It has focused on 'me' and 'my eternal destiny,' but it has failed to address the dominant societal and global realities of their lifetime: systemic injustice, poverty, and dysfunction." McLaren asks, "Shouldn't a message purporting to be the best news in the world be doing better than this?" What he sets forth in this provocative, unsettling work is a "form of Christian faith that is holistic, integral, balanced, that offers good news for both the living and the dying, that speaks of God's grace at work both in this life and the life to come, both to individuals and to societies and the planet as a whole."

Faith, Hope, Love, and Witness the PC(USA) Form of Government

..... Hooker, Paul K.
An excellent introduction to the new form of church government written in accessible language, this study explains core

affirmations and the foundations of Presbyterian polity.

Faith Questions: Called

..... Matthews, Rev. Deborah L.
Faith Questions mini-courses respond to real faith questions posed by Presbyterian youth from across the denomination. Each four- or six-session study encourages young people to look to Scripture, as well as our faith traditions, in relevant and responsive ways. Each session engages a faith question through meaningful and well-balanced learning activities. Written with older youth in mind, this curriculum is easily adaptable for broadly graded youth programs.

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Faith Questions: End Times

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Faith Questions: Forgiveness

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Faith Questions: God

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Faith Questions: God's Creation Wendlandt, Hansen

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Faith Questions: Gospels

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Faith Questions: Heaven and Hell

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Faith Questions: Holy Spirit

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Faith Questions: New Testament

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Faith Questions: Politics

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Faith Questions: Prayer

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Faith Questions: Reformed Theology

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Faith Questions: The Bible

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Feasting on the Word: preaching the revised common lectionary

This 12-volume series covers all of the Sundays in the three-year lectionary cycle, along with moveable occasions. For each lectionary text, preachers will find brief essays--one each on the exegetical, theological, pastoral, and homiletical challenges of the text. Each volume also contains an index of biblical passages so that nonlectionary preachers may make use of it.

Gathering Those Driven Away: A Theology of Incarnation

.....Farley, Wendy
This book is a powerful expression of Jesus Christ given in the midst of the brokenness and hostilities of this world, as experienced by those who are marginalized and persecuted in contemporary society. Drawing on broader sources in the Christian tradition, Farley maintains the power of Jesus of Nazareth as the expression of the Divine Eros in Wisdom, to break powers of sin, and provide a vision of life, which is an alternative Empire to present ways and where love reigns as norm.

God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas

..... Bonhoeffer, Dietrich
These are the manger and the cross of Jesus Christ." These stirring words are among forty devotions that guide and inspire readers as they move thematically through the weeks of Advent and Christmas, from waiting and mystery to redemption, incarnation, and joy. Supplemented by an informative introduction, short excerpts from Bonhoeffer's letters, and passages from his Christmas sermons, these daily devotions are timeless and moving reminders of the true gift of Christmas.

The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul Tending For Youth Ministry

..... Dean, Kenda Creasy
Specifically designed to nurture the spiritual life of the youth leader, The Godbearing Life is a lively spiritual primer and practical guide for those who pastor young people.

God's Abundant Table

.....Campbell, Cynthia M.
Whether used for personal reflection of congregational study, this reflection on key biblical texts and a six-session study guide, will invite you to discover the many connections in the Bible between what we do in the Lord's Supper, what it means to be in a relationship with God, and how God would have us live every day.

God's Mission Matters: Year One

God's Mission matters, a monthly podcast of Presbyterian World Mission, helps you learn how to engage more faithfully and effectively for mission involvement. God's Mission Matters brings you insights from mission workers and scripture based on a guiding "tip of the month" for mission involvement.

The Gospel According to Bob Dylan: the Old, Old Story for Modern Times

..... Gilmour, Michael J.
Since the early 1960s, music fans have found Bob Dylan's spirituality fascinating, and many of them have identified Dylan as a kind of spiritual guru. This book examines Dylan's mystique, asking why audiences respond to him as a spiritual guide.

A Guided Tour of Heaven: A Pastor Looks at What the Bible Says About Heaven

..... Worley, Ted
This book uses the Bible to answer questions like: How do I get to heaven? What will my body be like in heaven? How will eternity be different from time? What will heaven look like? What will I do in heaven?

He Cares He Comforts

..... ten Boom, Corrie
He Cares he Comforts demonstrates His power over sickness and death. The Jesus is Victor Series is Corrie's personal way of sharing the blessings of God's power with everyone.

Helping Children Grieve

..... Ford, Kris & D'Arcy, Paula
This profound new video resource offers helpful information to adults (parents, caregivers, professionals) on how to help children of all ages grieve with hope and heart. You will meet two experts: Khris Ford and Paula D'Arcy, whose personal experiences with death give them intimate knowledge and compassion. And you will meet others who are now in the process of helping their children through grief.

Home Grown Faith Alive

Kick off your Home Grown study sessions with segments from this intriguing DVD as real-life parents answer common parenting questions. This practical parent handbook answers questions all Christian parents face. Organized by topic and filled with humor and sound advice, it's a great resource for adult classes and a thoughtful gift for new parents. Children's faith grows primarily at home—but many parents aren't exactly sure how to help that happen! In this 7-session course, discover how to create Christ-centered homes where faith grows naturally and freely. A helpful, practical resource for adult education classes, small groups, and individual study.

How Do I Do Make It Right? Doing Justice in a Broken World

..... Young, Tracy
The prophet Micah asks, "What does the Lord require of you?" The answer seems simple at first: "Act justly, love mercy,

and walk humbly with your God." But what does that really mean? How does this impact our relationships with our neighbors and with God? This study explores these questions and offers specific suggestions for how to act justly in your daily life.

Hurt: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers

..... Clark, Chap
What do teenagers really think about adults? If you think you know the answer, you may be in for a surprise. According to Chap Clark, today's adolescents have largely been abandoned by adults and left to fend for themselves in an uncertain world. As a result, teens have created their own world to serve as a shield against uncaring adults. Based on six months of participant-observer research at a California public school, this book offers a somewhat troubling but insightful snapshot of adolescent life. It will surprise and enlighten parents, youth workers, counselors, pastors, and all who want to better understand the hearts and minds of America's adolescents.

In Defense of Civility: How Religion Can Unite America on Seven Moral Issues that Divide Us Davis, James Calvin.

Jonah Fish, Flaws, Forgiveness

..... Rozema, Linda
God calls an unlikely prophet, Jonah, to preach to an unlikely, enemy people. Jonah doesn't want anything to do with them, but God has other plans. God's ways are different from Jonah's—and that's a good thing for those people.

Joshua, Judges, and Ruth for everyone: a theological commentary on the Bible

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Journeying Through Grief Kit

..... Haugk, Kenneth C.
Each book focuses on what the recipient is likely to be experiencing at specific times during the first year of grief.

Living Hope: the Future and Christian Faith

..... Jensen, David Hadley
David Jensen offers a brighter perspective on the end-time as a time of hope when Christians will see the full glory of the Kingdom of God, the resurrection of the body, and Christ's promised return. Includes questions for study and reflections.

The Lord's Prayer

..... Gillespie, Thomas W.
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Loving Our Neighbors: Equity and Quality in Public Education (K-12)

This report, approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010), discusses the challenges to public education posed by growing economic divisions and new demographic realities in our society. Founded on the assumption that every child has the right to equity and quality in education, this report challenges the whole church to take the responsibility to protect and preserve this right for all children. It lifts up Jesus' teachings that all who are in need are our neighbors.

Luke's Gospel from scratch: the New Testament for beginners

..... Griggs, Donald L.
Building on the foundation of the popular volumes The Bible from Scratch: The Old Testament for Beginners and The New

Testament for Beginners, Griggs offers a series of volumes based on the individual books of the Bible. A leader's guide and a participant section are included for each book. This new addition to the series looks at the Gospel of Luke, perhaps the most popular Gospel with its stories of the birth of Jesus, the boy Jesus conversing in the Temple, the good Samaritan, the prodigal son, the poor widow and her two copper coins, and rich Zacchaeus in a sycamore tree.

Made To make A Difference

..... Lucado, Max
In these four challenging sessions, Max Lucado offers with insight into how God uniquely created students with certain passions, talents, and interests to impact the world for Christ. Students share real-life stories on how they've spoken up, stepped out and made a difference around them.

Matthew One King to Rule Them All

..... McGinnis, Marilyn A.
The book of Matthew introduces us to Jesus Christ from a unique point of view. Page through the book of Matthew in this survey study of Jesus' life and teaching.

Matthew's Gospel from scratch: the New Testament for beginners

..... Griggs, Donald L.
From Matthew's matter-of-fact genealogy demonstration Jesus' status as a descendant of King David, through the souring words of the Sermon on the Mount, to the lessons found in the Seven Parables of the Kingdom, Matthew's Gospel is rich and wonderfully relevant to contemporary Christians. Under the wise guidance of Donald Griggs and Earl Johnson, Matthew's Gospel is also easily accessible to those with little or no knowledge of the Bible.

Mere Christianity

..... Lewis, C. S.
This audio book brings together Lewis's legendary radio broadcast talks in which he set out simply "to explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times." Unabridged.

More Presbyterian Questions, More Presbyterian Answers: Exploring Christian Faith

..... McKim, Donald K.
Popular Presbyterian author and editor Don McKim returns with a follow-up to the Geneva Press best seller Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers. This study-friendly guide articulates the basic tenets of the faith and answers some of the most frequently asked questions about being a Presbyterian. The comprehensive volume is divided into the following sections: "About Presbyterians," "Presbyterians and Others," "Presbyterian Theology," "Christian Life," "Worship and Sacraments," "Social-Ethical Issues," and "The Future."

Numbers and Deuteronomy for Everyone

..... Goldingay, John.

The Other Jesus: Rejecting A Religion Of Fear For The God Of Love

..... Garrett, Greg
Personal and moving, this text relates Garrett's experiences growing up in--and leaving--a disapproving conservative church and then finding his way back into a different kind of Christian community, one that is communal, missional, just, and loving.

The Pastor: A Memoir

..... Peterson, Eugene H.
America's pastor to pastors and translator of the multi-million selling The Message, Eugene Peterson's memoir of stumbling into his vocation and the surprisingly difficult journey to discovering what pastors were actually supposed to do.

Preaching God's Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year B

..... Allen, Ronald J.; Andrews, Dale P.; and Ottoni-Wilhelm, Dawn - editors.
This unique commentary is the first to help the preacher identify and reflect theologically and ethically on the social implications of the biblical readings in the Revised Common Lectionary. In addition to providing commentary for each day in the lectionary calendar, this series introduces twenty-two Holy Days for Justice. These days are intended to enlarge the church's awareness of God's call for justice and of the many ways that call comes to the church and world today. The days

include Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Earth Day, World AIDS Day, International Women's Day, Cesar Chavez Day, Yom HaShoah, and Juneteenth. For each of the lectionary days and Holy Days for Justice there is an essay that helps the preacher integrate a variety of social justice concerns (including racial/ethnic issues, sexism, classism, ecology, and violence) into their preaching. The contributors are a diverse group of homileticians, pastors, biblical scholars, theologians, and social activists.

Preaching the Gospel of Matthew: Proclaiming God's Presence

..... Saunders, Stanley P.
This commentary for preaching Matthew, a companion to WJK's successful "Preaching the Gospel of Luke," "Preaching the Gospel of John," and "Preaching the Gospel of Mark," works through every passage of Matthew's Gospel with exegetical insight and a keen sensitivity to the demands of preaching. Saunders's commentary follows the biblical text, divided into passages. After each passage, a number of possibilities are presented for how to preach that text. He includes a wealth of creative and pertinent tips to help preachers apply Matthew's narrative to the lives of today's churchgoers.

Presbyterian Today: What Presbyterians Believe

This special issue of Presbyterians Today explores the biblical and theological foundations of many of our beliefs.

The Problem of Pain

..... Lewis, C. S.
Why must humanity suffer? In this elegant and thoughtful work, C.S. Lewis questions the pain and suffering that occur every day and how this contrasts with the notion of a God that is both omnipotent and good.

Program Designs - 6th-8th Grade Youth Groups

Twenty program designs for 6th - 8th grade youth groups. Each design offers a plan for a 60-minute program session. Topics include: What makes a good friend?; Building self-image; Coping with anger; and 17 others.

Program Designs - 9th-12th Grade Youth Groups

Twenty program designs for 6th - 8th grade youth groups. Each design offers a plan for a 60-minute program session. Topics include: Dealing with grieving and loss; The media and you; Coping with the time crunch; Finding God in the chaos; as well as 16 others.

The Psalter: Psalms And Canticles For Singing

This collection contains sixty-two psalm settings and eighteen canticles selected from the Psalter: Psalms and Canticles for Singing, published by Westminster/John Knox Press in 1993, that may be easily sung by a choir. This choir edition makes it possible for more churches to use the Psalter.

Reclaiming the Great Commission: A Practical Model for Transforming Denominations and Congregations

..... Payne, Bishop Claude E.
Reclaiming the Great Commission describes a biblically based model that can restore the missionary power of first-century Christianity to twenty-first century denominations and their congregations. Based on shared vision and mission, the model can guide the members of any congregation or denomination into deeper and broader evangelism, an enhanced experience of community, and a renewed hope of personal and spiritual transformation.

Recognizing God's Grace

..... Weeks, Louis B.
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Re-membering Baptism

..... Byars, Ronald P.
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Revelation for Everyone

..... Wright, N. T. (Nicholas Thomas)
N. T. Wright has undertaken a tremendous task: to provide guides to all the books of the New Testament, and to include in them his own translation of the entire text. Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion, with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. The series is suitable for group study, personal study, or daily devotions.

Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry: From A Strategy Of Influence To A Theology Of Incarnation

..... Root, Andrew
Relational youth ministry, also known as incarnational ministry, can feel like a vicious cycle of guilt: "I should be spending time with kids, but I just don't want to." The burden becomes heavy to bear because it is never over; adolescents always seem to need more relational bonds, and once one group graduates there is a new group of adolescents who need relational contact. It may be that the reason these relationships have become burdensome is that they have become something youth workers do, rather than something that youth workers enter into. In *Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry*, Andrew Root explores the origins of a dominant ministry model for evangelicals, showing how American culture has influenced our understanding of the incarnation. Drawing from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whose work with German youth in troubled times shaped his own understanding of how Jesus intersects our relationships, Root recasts relational ministry as an opportunity not to influence the influencers but to stand with and for those in need. True relational youth ministry shaped by the incarnation is a commitment to enter into the suffering of all, to offer all those in high school or junior high the solidarity of the church.

The Sacraments in Biblical Perspective

..... Byars, Ronald P.
The third volume in the exciting new Interpretation series offers a comprehensive look at the theology of sacraments. For many church people, worship is about preaching and music. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are occasional additions to Sunday services. Recognizing that church-goers are uncertain about the need for sacraments, Ronald Byars describes the possibility that the very "doing" of worship--the actions observed, the postures assumed, the sound and sight of water, the smell and taste of bread and wine--will subtly alter the temper of the heart and the mind. If we encounter the sacraments honestly, they lead us to the very heart of the gospel.

Seeing Jesus in John's Gospel

..... Hylen, Susan E.
The Gospel of John, alive with deep and rich theological meanings, focuses on who Jesus is as the Messiah and what it means to believe in Him.

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..... Hinson-Hasty, Elizabeth
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Seven Days to Glory: Holy Week

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Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers: A Handbook

.....Gray, Joan S.
This timely new leadership guide for the PC(USA) is written for church officers looking for a deepened relationship with God as they serve the church. Gray challenges elders and deacons to see themselves as spiritual leaders and equips them to act as spiritual leaders alongside their pastors. This helpful volume also provides resources for dealing with interpersonal relationships in the church and identifies ways in which churches can create an atmosphere that supports the spiritual leadership of elders and deacons.

Standing Firm: Reclaiming Christian Faith In Times Of Controversy

.....Williamson, Parker T.
Will our church split? Can the center hold? An urgent debate is raging within America's mainline denominations. Yet the fundamental questions are not new. In 325 A.D. at a place called Nicaea, the Church erupted into a battleground between forces of Christian faith and cultural accommodation. Some people lost their jobs. Others were banished. Throughout the fifty-six year firestorm one man stood firm...and we have inherited his faith. With rare clarity, Parker Williamson traces our modern religious concerns to the past-and finds hope and resolution for the future.

Starting Right: Thinking Theologically About Youth Ministry

.....Dean, Kenda Creasy; Clark, Chap; & Rahn, Dave - editors
Starting Right: Thinking Theologically About Youth Ministry is the first academic textbook that introduces youth ministry students (whether undergraduate or graduate level) to a marriage of solid research, real life, and accessible design. Whereas most college-level texts may reflect a thorough (though impenetrable) mastery of the field, they tend to expect readers to plow through unnecessarily thick prose and bland design because "it's good for them." Youth Specialties doesn't agree. In this debut title to a continuing academic book line, college and seminary students will be introduced to real-life research, real-life youth ministry dilemmas, and real-life solutions. Contributing writers represent a spectrum of Christian Education thought and practice, as well as widespread recognition in their field...transdenominational, yet the perfect background to ministry in any denomination or ministry organization. This text includes thorough indexes, design, and graphics that compel readers from page to page (now that's a first for a college text); organization that permits professors to use any part of the text, in any order, rather than plod through the entire book from beginning to end; a perfect primary text that gives students a rich, academic, and readable (though not "popular") grasp of every aspect of youth ministry a typical Intro course touches, while also serving as an ideal secondary text.

Stewardship of Creation

.....Brinton, Henry G.
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The Teaching Of The Twelve: Believing & Practicing The Primitive Christianity Of The Ancient Didache Community

.....Jones, Tony
"What can we know about the practices of the early church?" "The Didache is the most important book you've never read," begins Tony Jones, in this engaging study. The Didache is an early handbook of an anonymous Christian community, likely written before some of the New Testament books were written. It spells out a way of life for Jesus-followers that includes instruction on how to treat one another, how to practice the Eucharist, and how to take in wandering prophets. In "The Teaching of the Twelve," Jones unpacks the ancient document, and he traces the life of a small house church in Missouri that is trying to live according to its precepts. Readers will find "The Teaching of the Twelve" inspirational and challenging, and they will discover a unique window into the life of the very earliest followers of Jesus the Christ. A new, contemporary

English translation of the Didache is included.

Temptation in the Desert

..... Barnes, M. Craig
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Transitions: Leading Churches Through Change

..... Mosser, David
Preacher and teacher David Mosser offers practical and spiritual guidance for pastors struggling to manage and respond to changes in the economy, changes in their neighborhoods, changes in their denominations, changes in the congregation, changes in culture, and the life changes present in every parishioner's life. Wise words from authors such as Alyce McKenzie, David Buttrick, Joanna Adams, and Thomas Long all contribute to this most timely and helpful book.

What Do I Do With My Life? Serving God Through Work

..... Baker, Kenneth A.
Learn how God is calling you to serve him and your coworkers, customers, and employers at your workplace with this small group study. Explore how to translate Sunday's good news into weekday action in the arena where you have the greatest influence.

What Do I Owe? Managing the Gifts God Gives You

..... Bouma, Rolf
Our tendency is to think of stewardship primarily in financial terms—"What do I owe?"—but money is only one of the gifts God gives us to manage. Discover how we can use the gift of time, the gift of the creation itself, and the gift of God's grace to say thank you to God.

What's The Least I Can Believe And Still Be A Christian?: A Guide To What Matters Most

..... Thielen, Martin
Pastor Thielen has compiled a list of 10 things Christians need to believe--and 10 things they don't--to "qualify" as Christians. This lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with.

When You Don't Know What To Pray: How To Talk To God About Anything

..... Shepherd, Linda Evans
It's easy to pray for others' needs. If God takes a long time in answering--or answers with a no--it's easier to take. Far more difficult is focusing on your own needs, when sometimes you don't get the answers you want. What do you pray when life gets hard or even unbearable? When you lose a spouse or a child? When your health deteriorates? When your spiritual life seems barren? Linda Evans Shepherd knows what it's like to pray in the most dire of circumstances. She shows readers the how, what, and when of praying for themselves. As she takes readers through her own prayer journey and the stories of others, they will be encouraged and equipped to pray for themselves in any circumstance. They'll also find that whether or not God changes their circumstances, he will use prayer to change them.

Where Do I Come In? Joining God's Mission

..... Keepers, Brian
Do you think of yourself as a missionary? In reality, every part of your daily life is "mission work"—whether you're driving kids to soccer practice, preparing for a meeting, or getting to know your next-door neighbor. Find out how to develop a missional mind set in your life with this small group study.

Why Jesus? Answering Tough Questions About Our Savior

..... Nasser, David
In these four powerful sessions, David Nasser addresses the tough questions that people have about Jesus and points them

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Why Jesus Matters

..... Stroup, George W.
Perhaps no topic is more central to Christianity than the fundamental study of who Jesus Christ is and what he has done. This illuminating and necessary book on Christology considers "why Jesus matters." It offers a thoroughly accessible discussion of central issues about Jesus Christ. The author takes into account important issues from the last three decades, incorporating new and diverse voices of theologians and thinkers from around the globe who all consider from their own unique perspectives: does Jesus matter?

The Will Of God In An Unwilling World

..... Kalas, J. Ellsworth
Kalas offers a challenging and hopeful reflection on a conundrum that every human being deals with at some time in life, usually when facing a horrible tragedy, the death of a loved one, or the simple grinding pain of everyday existence: Why does God allow such suffering to exist? Is our pain God's will? Pastors, students, and general readers will all benefit from the reflections of this seasoned pastor and theologian as he explores the concept of the will of God in a shattered and stubborn world.

Wisdom From the Early Church

..... Weaver, Rebecca harden & Elia, Mary Charlotte
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The Year of the Bible: An Enhanced Guide to Reading Scripture Together

..... Davison, James E.
Newly revised, this ever-popular, comprehensive Bible-reading program for individuals and group study offers a sweeping introduction to biblical themes and concepts. Complete with a detailed reading schedule for every day of one year. The Year of the Bible leads participants to a better understanding of Scripture and a greater sense of community within the church. Newcomers to Scripture and longtime bible readers alike will find their Christian faith enhanced and feel a sense of accomplishment from reading the Bible in its entirety.