

## New Resources Added in June 2014

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- ADULTS 253 Bauknight, Brian Kelley. **Body Building : Creating a Ministry Team**  
BAUKNIGHT **Through Spiritual Gifts** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, c1996.  
**Summary:** Body Building is about creating a networked ministry team from within a congregation by identifying and matching spiritual gifts with the core purposes of the church. Brian Kelley Bauknight describes the processes for accomplishing this, processes which he has tested in his own congregation. In an era when our institutions and businesses are finding new ways to be in partnership with one another, Body Building shows how a church can accomplish its mission without adding to the financial overhead with full-time, salaried ministers who are hired "to do the ministry". --Abingdon Press
- ADULTS Favre, Deanna. **The Cure for the Chronic Life : Overcoming the**  
248.4 FAVRE **Hopelessness that Holds You Back** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, c2010.  
**Summary:** Deanna Favre, breast-cancer survivor and wife of NFL legend Brett Favre, and Shane Stanford, an HIV-positive hemophiliac and a pastor, have something in common. Both have battled life-threatening illnesses, and both have overcome chronic hopelessness to discover the transforming strength of God. Deanna and Shane understand those everyday struggles that may cause you to feel your life is in a crisis, whether it's something as simple as an ache or a bad attitude, or as complicated as a broken relationship or a debilitating disease. In *The Cure for the Chronic Life*, the authors show you how Christ's redeeming love will speak to your deepest struggles and hurts, answer your deepest questions, and put you on a new path toward healing and grace. --Abingdon Press  
**Content Notes:**
  - The seven worries of living in crisis -- The cure -- The cure: compassion -- The cure: understanding -- The cure: response -- The cure: encouragement -- The seven wonders of living in Christ.
- ADULTS Gunderson, Gary. **Deeply Woven Roots : Improving the Quality of Life in**  
261.8 **Your Community** . Minneapolis, MN : Fortress Press, c1997.  
GUNDERSON **Summary:** With insight born of experience and conviction, The Carter Center's Gary Gunderson suggests ways that congregations, religious leaders, and concerned individuals can take practical steps to improve the health of their communities. As governmental involvement in alleviating social problems wanes, Gunderson argues, congregations are uniquely positioned to "feed the roots" that build and sustain community life. Their commitment can make the difference in addressing such problems as violence, substance abuse, housing, nutrition, and public health. His book shows why congregations matter, how religious commitment helps people transcend the individualism of today's world, what singular powers religious persons can bring to their communities, and how parishes can train people in skills for knowledge-building and community-building. He then offers a model of what a congregation in the year 2010 might be doing to improve the health of its larger "neighborhood." Eminently practical yet deeply religious, Gunderson's book will help people of faith nurture community life at its roots. --Fortress Press
- ADULTS Whitehurst, Walt. **Following God's Call : Individual Volunteers in Mission**  
266.76 . Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, c2008.  
WHITEHURST **Summary:** Every year, more than 100,000 people serve in the United

Methodist Volunteers In Mission programs. Walter and Betty Whitehurst, longtime leaders in the program, have gathered the thoughts and comments of several dozen long-term individual volunteers and presented them in this compelling book. --Amazon.com

**Content Notes:**

- The individual volunteer program -- Individual volunteers and the ways they serve -- Volunteers in cross-cultural situations -- Problems and difficulties -- The value of volunteering -- After the volunteer experience.

ADULTS 250 EASUM Easum, William M. **Growing Spiritual Redwoods** . Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, c1997.

**Summary:** Growing Spiritual Redwoods is an effort to help church leaders answer the kinds of questions that confront congregations and Christians in this era of rapid and uncertain change in the church. These questions include: Are you committed to Jesus Christ, or to a particular doctrine, denomination, or church? Do you speak of faith as an experience of Christ, or as a heritage that you protect? Do you believe that ministry is to make disciples or members? William Easum and Thomas Bandy believe that deep spiritual vitality and an openness to the new thing that God is doing will characterize the "spiritual redwoods" that emerge from this time of change. Congregations to whom this term can be applied do not spring spontaneously into existence, nor are they built in a mechanical, by-the-numbers fashion. Instead, they are grown, and providing the environment that will grow these vigorous centers of witness and mission is the crucial task of church leadership in our time. Some of the components of this task include: cultivating the passion for the transforming experience of Jesus in individuals and in church communities; enabling worship that feeds new life in multiple ways and which is indigenous to the forest from which spiritual redwoods grow; nurturing organisms designed to release mission, make disciples, deepen faith, and proclaim God. -Abingdon Press

ADULTS GOPP Gopp, Amy. **Help and Hope : Disaster Preparedness and Response Tools for Congregations** . St. Louis, Missouri : Chalice Press, 2014.

**Summary:** Joplin. Aurora. New York/New Jersey. Newtown. Whether the disaster is natural or created by humans, churches respond by providing sanctuary, hope, and practical aid. Pulled from accounts of lay persons and "pastors in disasters," Help and Hope provides practical applications for nonprofessionals and volunteers from faith communities who want to help prepare for and respond to disasters. This book is designed with utility in mind, with quick reference tabs, checklists, and space for your own notes. Help and Hope prepares you to be, literally, the shelter from the storm. --Chalice Press

ADULTS 230.7 POWE Powe, F. Douglas. **Just Us or Justice?: Moving Toward a Pan-Methodist Theology** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, c2009.

**Summary:** Wesleyan theology and African American theology have both become fixtures on the theological landscape in recent years. While developing along parallel tracks both perspectives make claims concerning justice issues such as racism and sexism. Both, however, perceive justice from a particular vantage that focuses on just-us (just our community). Hence African American theology has not seriously studied John Wesley's stance against slavery or his work with the disenfranchised. And Wesleyan theologians have largely ignored the insights of African American theology especially in regard to certain injustices. To get beyond the "just-us" mentality, the author lays the foundation for a Pan-Methodist theology, which will draw from the strengths of African American and Wesleyan theologies. --Abingdon Press

### **Content Notes:**

- Historical roots of just-us -- Experiencing just-us -- Wesleyan soteriological just-us -- African American soteriological just-us -- Moving toward a pan-Methodist soteriology -- Engaging friendship.

YOUTH  
NASSER

Nasser, David. **King David : Trials, Temptations and Triumphs /** . [S. l.] : bluefish, 2011.

**Summary:** Hollywood couldn't write a more conflicted and compelling story about a boy who would become king. But this humble shepherd boy who became the greatest king of Israel also struggled with sin, authority, purity, and integrity. In these four inspiring sessions, David Nasser looks at the trials, temptations, and triumphs that King David faced and shows how the truths found in David's life are relevant to the real-life issues students encounter every day. Each session hosted by contemporary Christian recording artists Shane Barnard and Shane Everett from Shane & Shane. Includes 4 DVDs, Leader Guide, and Printable Group Handouts. 4 sessions.

ADULTS  
GALBREATH

Galbreath, Beth. **Life Together in the United Methodist Connection** . Nashville, TN : Discipleship Resources, 2014.

**Summary:** Life Together in the United Methodist Connection is an advanced course in Lay Servant Ministries that gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. The course is arranged in five two-hour sessions with short devotionals at the beginning of each session intended to ground class instruction and discussion in scripture. Life Together in the United Methodist Connection is required for Lay Servants who wish to become certified Lay Speakers and an excellent resource for any small-group desiring a greater understanding of how United Methodists related to one another both at home and around the world. Life Together in the United Methodist Connection is the leader's guide for Polity, Practice, and the Mission of the United Methodist Church by Thomas Edward Frank. --Upper Room

ADULTS  
DONIGIAN

Donigian, George Hovaness. **Living Our United Methodist Beliefs** . Nashville, TN : Discipleship Resources, 2014.

**Summary:** Living Our United Methodist Beliefs is the Leader's Guide for the United Methodist Heritage course. The participant's book for this course is Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way by Bishop Kenneth Carder that will help participants better understand United Methodist beliefs and history. It is ideal for a new members class or an adult confirmation class. In this course participants will discover the relationship of doctrine to the missional movement of Methodism and its theological influence on the practical structure and disciplines of early Methodists, learn about the formation of Methodist denominations as an important part of the history of The United Methodist Church, and explore the Wesleyan understanding of grace, the means of grace, and how practicing spiritual disciplines leads to holiness of heart and life. --Upper Room

ADULTS  
241.671  
POHL

Pohl, Christine D. **Making Room : Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition** . Grand Rapids, Mich. : W.B. Eerdmans, c1999.

**Summary:** Although hospitality was central to Christian identity and practice in earlier centuries, our generation knows little about its life-giving character. Making Room revisits the Christian foundations of welcoming strangers and explores the necessity, difficulty, and blessing of hospitality today. Combining rich biblical and historical research with extensive exposure to contemporary

Christian communities — the Catholic Worker, L'Abri, L'Arche, and others — this book shows how understanding the key features of hospitality can better equip us to faithfully carry out the practical call of the gospel.

ADULTS  
782.5  
CRONIN

Cronin, Deborah K. **O for a Dozen Tongues to Sing : Music Ministry with Small Choirs** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, c1996.

**Summary:** Developed with the untrained director in mind, this book is an easy-to-read and treatment of a concern faced by choir directors in smaller choir programs. Deborah Cronin provides these directors with practical help in the areas of rehearsals, music planning and selection, creative options, and more. --Amazon.com

ADULTS  
263.042  
GEOFFRION

Geoffrion, Timothy C. **One Step at a Time : A Pilgrim's Guide to Spirit-led Living /** . Herndon, Va. : Alban Institute, 2008.

**Summary:** Each year, tens of thousands of pilgrims walk el Camino de Santiago--the Way of St. James--a 500-mile route across northern Spain that has existed for over a thousand years. Tim Geoffrion, author of *The Spirit-Led Leader*, made this pilgrimage with his wife and teenage sons in 2006. He writes in *One Step at a Time* not about his own journey but about how God works in those who seek to be led by the Spirit. Using pilgrimage as a metaphor for the Spirit-led life, he offers his experiences, thoughts, and reflections as a catalyst for readers' own spiritual pilgrimage--the lifelong journey of growth into the life Christ intends for us. Geoffrion has written so that readers can learn to recognize God's activity in our lives, to live more fully in God's love, to follow Jesus Christ according to our unique calling and purpose, and to let the Holy Spirit fill and lead us in every aspect of the journey. *One Step at a Time* is for those who value spiritual vitality and growth enough to learn how to live Spirit-led lives. It is for those willing to invest sufficient time and energy into seeking and finding the spiritual treasures available to us. It is for those who are seeking to better root their lives in God and orient themselves around spiritual truths. Whether or not we ever travel a path like el Camino, we each walk a spiritual pilgrimage, one step at a time. --Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

**Content Notes:**

- Taking the next step -- Embracing the journey -- Facing reality -- Seeking inner change -- Interlude in pursuit of God -- Knowing God -- Following Jesus -- Spirit-led living -- Crossing bridges -- Postlude: staying the course -- Appendix A: the Holy Spirit and believers -- Appendix B: giving up on finding Christian community?

ADULTS 251  
WILSON

Wilson, Paul Scott. **Setting Words on Fire : Putting God at the Center of the Sermon** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, c2008.

**Summary:** In the second half of the twentieth century, a profound shift took place in how we think about preaching. We moved away from a vertical focus on the preacher who hands down the authoritative teaching, to more relational, narrative, and conversational models. Yet common to both of these understandings, says Paul Scott Wilson, is the idea that preaching is primarily about teaching, that it mainly conveys information about God. Important as this emphasis on "preaching as teaching" has been, Wilson believes that the time for a new approach has arrived. That new approach, which he names "preaching as proclamation," has begun to arise from a variety of Euro-American and African American sources. Its primary aim is not to convey information, but to engender an encounter with God's grace in Christ. More than guiding people to say "Yes, now I understand," it hopes to lead them to proclaim "I am redeemed; we are saved." More than telling the gospel story, it renders the gospel's claim on human lives, leading to conviction of sin,

repentance, and transformation. Pulling together the disparate strands of this new homiletical school, Wilson constructs a comprehensive introduction to preaching, focusing on its character as proclamation of the sovereign grace of God. --Amazon.com

**Content Notes:**

- Introduction -- A challenge for preaching -- Becoming better teachers -- Preaching as good teaching? -- Teaching principles from the new homiletic -- Teaching and polar language -- Teaching about the Gospel -- What does the Bible say about the Gospel? -- Practical helps in teaching the Gospel -- Becoming better proclaimers -- What is proclamation? -- Proclamation and sermon subforms : three precedents -- Trouble genres of proclamation -- Condemnation -- Lament -- Stern exhortation -- Genres of proclamation of the Gospel -- Testimony -- Prayer -- Nurturing exhortation -- Proclamatory statements -- Doxology -- Celebration -- Assessing proclamation -- The effects of genres of proclamation -- Proclamation : an outdated practice or a new beginning? -- Fulfilled in your hearing.

ADULTS  
233.5  
ORTBERG

Ortberg, John. **Soul Keeping Curriculum Kit : Caring for the Most Important Part of You /**. Grand Rapids, Michigan : Zondervan, c 2014.

**Summary:** In Soul Keeping, John Ortberg helps Christians rediscover their soul---the best connection to God there is---and find out why it's hurting and why neglecting it has set so many believers so far back spiritually. In this six-session, video-based small group Bible study, Ortberg shows that caring for your soul is necessary for your Christian life. John shows participants what your soul is, why it is important, how to assess your soul's health, and how to care for it so that we can have a meaningful and beautiful life with God and others. When you nurture your soul your life in this world will come to make sense again; you can find your way back to God from hopelessness, depression, relationship struggles, and a lack of fulfillment. Your soul's resting place is in God, and John Ortberg wants to take participants to that home. The Soul Keeping Curriculum Kit includes one Soul Keeping study guide, one Soul Keeping DVD, one Soul Keeping hardcover book, and one Soul Keeping getting started guide. --Zondervan.

**Content Notes:**

- 1. What is the soul? (25 minutes) -- 2. The struggle of the soul (24 minutes) -- 3. What the soul needs (24 minutes) -- 4. The practice of grace (22 minutes) -- 5. The practice of gratitude (22 minutes) -- 6. The practice of growth (22 minutes)

ADULTS  
252.076  
WEBB

Webb, Donald A. **Take Bread and Cup, Then Serve!** . Shreveport, La. : Eucharist Press, 2010.

**Summary:** Take Bread and Cup, Then Serve! responds to a resurgence of interest in the traditional service of Holy Communion and arose from people in one Methodist congregation who sought to more deeply know God and to be Christ's fellow servants. These members wanted to receive the Eucharist in its full, traditional form. Take Bread and Cup, Then Serve! is a collection of scriptures and sermons of a liturgical year. Demonstrating straightforward theology, the book is faithful to the Word and offers readers (as it did worshipers) an opportunity to find that Holy Communion offers a true way to a great life. In addition to being insightful and inspirational, the book is, in one sense, a guidebook for congregations and worshipers who choose to reconnect with the traditional communion liturgy. It includes the liturgy used by the congregation as well as scripture readings used during services. -- Amazon.com

ADULTS  
FEINBERG

Feinberg, Margaret. **Verbs of God : How God Moves on Our Behalf.** St. Louis, Missouri: bluefish, 2011.

**Summary:** In these four sessions, Margaret Feinberg uses fresh insights and biblical teaching to study four verbs that Scripture uses in connection with God. When we understand God's active nature, we realize how God is always active and engaged in our lives. Even when we can't see or feel him, God is constantly on the move and working. Includes 2 DVDs, One 52 page Leader Guide, Six 32 page workbooks and Church Wide Resource DVD.

**Content Notes:**

- 1. The Great I AM (15 minutes) -- 2. The God Who Sees (12 minutes) -- 3. The God Who Listens (14 minutes) -- 4. The God Who Calls (14 minutes)

ADULTS  
232.954  
TICKLE

Tickle, Phyllis. **The Words of Jesus : A Gospel of the Sayings of Our Lord** . San Francisco, CA : Jossey-Bass, c2008.

**Summary:** What if you could encounter the words of Jesus on their own, lifted up from the surrounding narratives and presented in their full power and mystery? That's the question Phyllis Tickle—one of America's most beloved writers on Christian spirituality—asked when she set out to write what she calls a "Sayings gospel." In *The Words of Jesus*, Tickle has compiled and arranged all the sayings of Jesus from the first four books of the New Testament and the first chapter of the Book of Acts in a way that creates an entirely new kind of encounter with the texts. And she has accompanied those sayings with her own personal reflections and commentaries not just on the words themselves but on the One who spoke them. --Jossey-Bass

**Content Notes:**

- Reflections on the words of Jesus -- A gospel of the sayings of Our Lord -- Book I: the words of public teaching -- Book II: the words of private instruction -- Book III: the words of healing dialogue -- Book IV: the words of intimate conversation -- Book V: the words of post-resurrection encounters.