

## New Resources June 2017

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ADULTS Folmsbee, Chris. ***The Wesley Challenge DVD: 21 Days to a More***  
248.4 ***Authentic Faith***. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, [2017].

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**Content Notes:**

- Preview (1:23) -- 1. Relationship with God (6:52) -- 2. Relationship with Self (6:14) -- 3. Relationship with Others (7:01)

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**Content Notes:**

- To the Leader -- 1. Relationship with God: an Upward Focus -- 2. Relationship with Self: an Inward Focus -- 3. Relationship with Others: an Outward Focus -- How to Start an Accountability Group -- Notes

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- Foreword -- Introduction -- 1. Relationship with God: an Upward Focus -- 2. Relationship with Self: an Inward Focus -- 3. Relationship with Others: an Outward Focus -- How to Start an Accountability Group -- Notes -- Acknowledgments

ADULTS 251 Reeb, Charles D. ***That'll Preach!: 5 Simple Steps to Your Best Sermon Ever***. Nashville, Abingon Press, [2017].  
REEB

**Summary:** A good pastor and a good preacher are not necessarily one and the same. And when you're honest with yourself, you know you don't really engage your congregation, even when you know what you want to convey and have the Scriptures to back you up. Charley Reeb asks you to give his five-step plan for writing and delivering your best sermons ever a shot. Immediately useful, *That'll Preach!* covers preparation, sermon structure, storytelling, and how to "preach with presence," using both the lectionary and topical preaching models. Sermon outlines and full sermon texts illustrate the book's teaching.

ADULTS 254 Rendle, Gilbert R. ***Doing the Math of Mission: Fruits, Faithfulness, and Metrics***. Lanham, [Maryland], Rowman & Littlefield, [2014].  
RENDLE

**Summary:** Over the past ten years, the North American mission field has experienced dramatic changes, which in turn have required congregations, middle judicatories, and denominations to adapt. Among these adaptations is an expectation for clear goals and quantified progress towards those goals. Church leaders who have never needed to measure their goals and progress with metrics may find this change daunting. The use of metrics—denominational and middle judicatory dashboards, and the tracking of congregational trends—has become an uncomfortable and misunderstood practice in this search for accountability. *Doing the Math of Mission* offers theory, models, and new tools for using metrics in ministry. This book also shows where metrics and accountability fit into the discernment, goal setting, and strategies of ministry. While there are resources for research on congregations, tools on congregational studies, and books on program evaluation, there is a gap when it comes to actual tools and resources for church leaders. This book is intended to help fill that gap, giving leaders a toolbox they can use in their own setting to clarify their purpose and guide their steps. --Rowman & Littlefield

**Content Notes:**

- Counting resources and measuring ministry -- Getting to why: turning intentions into outcomes -- Phronesis and the task of figuring it out for ourselves -- Counts, measures and conversations: using new tools for fruitfulness.

ADULTS 254 Tumblin, Thomas F. ***AdMinistry: The Nuts and Bolts of Church Administration***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].  
TUMBLIN

**Summary:** The ministry comes with a heavy dose of administrative duties. Budgets, insurance, financial management, personal organization, audit, legal liability...it's all part of being a faithful steward of the church's resources. AdMinistry will give you the facts and skills to get your job done. You'll learn how to organize and weave your way through the often complex business of the church using templates and samples of growth plans, review forms, tracking logs, and inventory and procedure worksheets included within the book. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Skelton, Stephen. ***Our Lives, Our Fortunes, Our Sacred Honor: The***  
261.7 ***Sacrifices of the Men Who Signed the Declaration of Independence.***  
SKELTON Franklin, Tenn, The Entertainment Ministry, 2017.

**Summary:** This booklet recounts the sacrifices made by many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. A three-session study guide asks participants how they can pledge their lives, fortunes, and honor to God. --Back Cover

**Content Notes:**

- Lesson 1: How Can We Pledge Our Lives to God? -- Lesson 2: How Can We Pledge Our Fortunes to God? -- Lesson 3: How Can We Pledge Our Honor to God?

ADULTS ***From Mammon to Manna: Sabbath Economics and Community***  
261.85 ***Investing.*** [Oak View, CA], Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries, 2009.  
MYERS

**Summary:** This two-disc set (six 30 minute sessions) features theologian Ched Myers and investment advisor Andy Loving of Just Money Advisors. The series is for adult study groups interested in exploring biblical faith and economic practice. It provides an introduction to the theological dimensions of Sabbath Economics, and a practical overview of social investing with an emphasis on moving surplus capital into community development financial institutions. --Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries

ADULTS Skelton, Stephen. ***Fathers of Faith: And the Children that Changed the***  
270.092 ***World.*** [Franklin, TN], [The Entertainment Ministry], [2017].  
SKELTON

**Summary:** Ten more short biographies of the fathers of world-changing icons and how the Christian faith of the fathers influenced the children. Each story is told leaving the reader guessing who the famous child is until the end. Photographs of the fathers and/or children are included.

ADULTS Cantrell, Wil. ***Unafraid and Unashamed: Facing the Future of United***  
287.6 ***Methodism.*** Knoxville, Tennessee, Market Square Books, [2017].  
CANTRELL

**Summary:** Nothing is needed more in the contentious dialogue surrounding human sexuality that threatens the unity of the United Methodist Church than a resource created to nurture the souls of all United Methodists. Through an unflinching look at the challenges facing United Methodism, Unafraid & Unashamed by Wil Cantrell, cultivates faith, respect for disparate opinions, appreciation for the Wesleyan means of grace and commitment to the church. Unafraid & Unashamed has been developed to aid local pastors in effectively communicating the issues facing the denomination in a manner that strengthens the church. It is a great resource for any United Methodist seeking a clear understanding of the challenges and opportunities before us. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN **God and Goodnight Moon: Finding Spirituality in Storybooks for**  
 809.89282 **Children.** Cleveland, Ohio, Open Waters Publishing, 2014.  
 OPEN

**Summary:** For children, every book opens a window to another world. Show them the world God would like them to see. *God and Goodnight Moon: Finding Spirituality in Storybooks for Children* explores spiritual themes found in popular storybooks for preschool and elementary-aged children. Some of the books include: *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown, *The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles, *The Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flournoy, *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats, *God's Paintbrush* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams, and *This is Not My Hat* by Jon Klassen. A brief synopsis of each book is provided, as well as an exploration of the story's scriptural themes and applications. There's also a spiritual reflection and an easy-to-prepare activity children are sure to enjoy. Through these storybooks, children will discover what it means to live in today's world—a beautiful, richly diverse place where everyone is special, regardless of skin color, religion, physical abilities, economic status, or other differences. Use *God and Goodnight Moon* to transform Sunday school lessons, children's sermons, and bedtime stories into meaningful moments that will last a lifetime. --Pilgrim Press

YOUTH Folmsbee, Chris. ***The Wesley Challenge Youth Study Book: 21 Days to a***  
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