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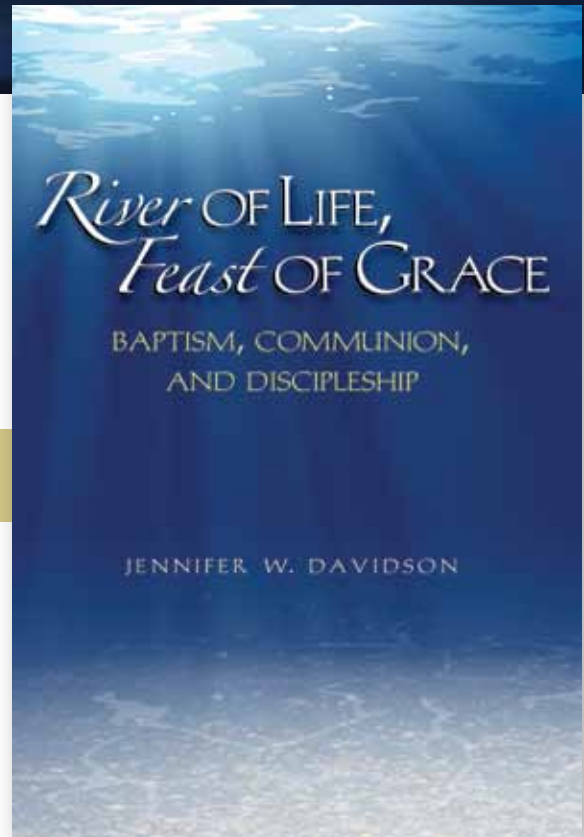
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Welcome!

The *2022 Discipleship and Christian Education Guide* is divided into three sections, beginning with a discussion of the theme on pages 3–8. A planning section follows (pages 9–19), with the *Revised Common Lectionary* for 2022, Year-at-a-Glance Calendar and monthly planning pages. A resources section (pages 21–40) introduces our newly inaugurated



Center for Continuous Learning and provides information on a range of other discipleship resources available from ABHMS. The section also includes Judson Press's Christian education catalog and a photocopyable litany for Christian Education Sunday (September 25) in English, Traditional Chinese, French and Spanish.

Forming new followers of Jesus and nurturing growth in existing ones is complex and challenging in this postmodern, post-Christendom era. At the same time, this season of rapid, discontinuous change provides new and exciting opportunities to reclaim and proclaim authentic faith in ways that capture the minds and hearts of those outside the church.

While we often have sentimental attachments to our church traditions, many of them are recent phenomena. For example, the Sunday School Movement, which arose outside of the church in response to challenges of the Industrial Revolution and morphed into the twentieth-century church's primary tool for Christian education, has been around for less than three hundred years of Christianity's more than two-thousand-year history. That movement, however, witnesses to the timeless truth that responsiveness to changing external contexts and internal circumstances is essential to the continuation and spread of the gospel. In fact, according to church historian and phenomenologist Marianne Sawicki, the ability to change is one of the most conventional aspects of our Christian heritage:

*The most traditional thing about the [early] Christian churches is their adaptability, their readiness to change to accommodate new needs in new times, while preserving—more or less faithfully to be sure!—their continuity with the message and work of Jesus Christ.**

It is important not to miss the irony here! While the Christian church rests on ancient tradition, which we might be inclined to preserve by insulating ourselves from change, the ability to be *untraditional* is essential to that very tradition. Adaptability makes possible preservation of the tradition for each new age and context.

Our prayer is that this resource and all ABHMS's discipleship offerings will help faith communities become more responsive and more willing to experiment with new ways of initiating and nurturing faith in Jesus. Never has the world been in more need of the presence and witness of authentic followers of Jesus. As always, we appreciate feedback. Please address comments or questions to Leda Carter at leda.carter@abhms.org or 888-792-2467, ext. 2028.

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* (Marianne Sawicki, *The Gospel in History: Portrait of a Teaching Church: The Origins of Christian Education* [Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1999], p. 39)

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In *Animal Ethics and the Nonconformist Conscience* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018), Philip J. Sampson introduces the notion of a “nomadic” Christian tradition that exists in the broader Western culture, vestiges of Christian concepts that retain force in the public sphere. Sampson proposes that the presence of this fragmentary Christian tradition is sufficient permission to address it. I would go further, however, and propose that its presence *requires* us to address—and correct—it when necessary.

In many cases, misappropriations of biblical concepts have become popular parlance. Of even greater concern, it is often these misappropriations rather than solid biblical scholarship that inform the understandings of church folk. Consider, for example, the notion of going the extra mile, which in common usage suggests making an extra effort on a task or for another person. By leaving out the details of the verse, which reads: “If anyone *forces* you to go *one mile*, go with them *two miles*” (Matthew 5:41, emphasis added), the admonition has been reduced to niceness rather than being a subversive tactic for those under the thumb of an oppressive regime. The Roman Empire allowed soldiers to force locals to carry their loads for one mile. By going two miles, oppressed subjects would put soldiers in the untenable position of violating the law, making it nonviolent resistance to an unjust practice. Or consider the popular notion that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute when, in fact, according to the Gospels, she was a woman who had been healed by Jesus, a woman of substance who supported his ministry, a disciple who traveled as part of Jesus’ entourage, and among the first to witness and proclaim the resurrection (Matthew 27:55-56; 28:1-8; Mark 15:40-41; 16:1-8; Luke 8:1-3; 23:55; 24:1-12; John 20:1-18). How often the word of Franco Zeffirelli or Bill O’Reilly is taken as gospel rather than the Gospels themselves! Allowing cultural adaptations or contemporary concepts to guide our understanding is just one way we do a disservice to the sacred traditions we call scripture.

For first-century Jesus followers, the oral and written traditions that became our Bible addressed practical day-to-day questions, such as, “How do we make sure everyone gets a fair share of our limited food supplies?” (See Acts 6:1-7); “Can we do business with people who have beliefs different from ours?” (1 Corinthians 8:1-13); and “What do we do about stupid people?” (1 Peter 2:15). As Christians, we depend on these same traditions to teach us what it means to walk with Jesus. Therefore, the Bible demands reverence, a reverence that honors it with intentional, quality study.

The three articles on pages 4–8 address commonly misappropriated or misunderstood texts to reclaim their power to transform individual lives and the world itself. Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray takes us on the dangerous journey down the Jericho Road in “Who Is My Neighbor?” Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Johnson considers anew Jesus’ encounter with the woman at the well in “The Unfaithful Woman at the Well,” and Rev. Dr. Cassandra Williams challenges popular understandings of two Old Testament commandments in “The Vanity of Insisting on Obedience.”

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

—2 Timothy 2:15

Workshop for Church Life and Leadership C901, “Reading the Bible with Integrity” (www.abhms.org> Publications & Resources> Workshops for Church Life and Leadership), is the perfect resource for teaching church members the basics of responsible study of Scripture.



“Who Is My Neighbor?” | Luke 10:25-37

We often hear news stories about “good Samaritans,” people who do some nice deed for others. Unfortunately, this appropriation of Jesus’ parable trivializes the radical nature of his response to the question “Who is my neighbor?”—a question that perhaps requires a spiritual, moral and ethical hearing today more than at any time in human history.

The story begins with an encounter with a teacher of Judaic law:

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” (Luke 10:25-28)

The lawyer’s motivations are explicit in the text. He was trying to test Jesus in a public arena. What is not as clear to contemporary readers is the notion of inheriting eternal life. While we often associate it with going to heaven after death, for first-century Jews, the concept of eternal life was held in contrast to fleeting life or a life concerned about everyday things rather than focused on matters of eternal importance. For the lawyer, having eternal life was about a life dedicated to study of the Torah—a privileged lifestyle afforded only a select few (e.g., John 5:39-40). For both the Torah expert and for Jesus, eternal life was something to be experienced in the here and now. What differed between them was the how.

The Torah expert’s motivation was further evidenced as he tried to justify himself by asking, “And who is my neighbor?” (v. 29). Jesus responded with what is likely the most well-known of his parables.

“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” (Luke 10:29-35)



It is worth reminding ourselves of the bitter tensions between Jews and Samaritans. In contrast to the ethnically pure priest and Levite, who were esteemed members of the Jewish priestly class, Samaritans were descendants of a mixed population resultant from Assyria's importation of people from other lands after the conquest of the northern kingdom. They had opposed the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple (Ezra 4:2-5). They worshiped on Mount Gerizim with their own scriptures and rituals. In short, they were considered unclean, socially outcast heretics.

The route the traveler took is also significant. The direct route to Jericho from Jerusalem is northeast through Samaria. However, the traveler went *down* from Jerusalem. That is south and then northeast to Jericho, a longer route commonly taken by Jews to avoid contact with Samaritans. On a visit to Israel years ago, my wife, Shelby, and I drove from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea beside the Jericho Road, which is less a road than a walking trail bordered by trees on both sides—good hiding places for those with bad intentions. This was the path taken by the man.

More than a tale about a random act of kindness, this parable exposes some of the complications associated with loving our neighbors in a dangerous world populated by diverse people. It may feel easy to judge the priest and the Levite, but they had good reasons for not helping. Perhaps the man was a plant, either lying in wait himself or put there by others to trap travelers. If he were dead, touching him would have defiled and disqualified them from their temple responsibilities. What has been optioned by our broader culture as a nice little story about being nice is really a story about the transforming power of God. Original hearers would have been shocked, not just by the identity of the hero—a Samaritan who presumably would have nothing to do with a Jew—but also by what he did.

While the priest and Levite were traveling the same road as the man and chose to move away from him, the Samaritan *went* to him, likely having seen him from a distance. He was not guided by fear. He was not deterred by the man's appearance, religious affiliation, nationality or status. He was moved by compassion. He didn't see a member of a group that despised him. He saw only a fellow traveler in need. He modified his plans, taking him to a safe place, likely an establishment run by another Jew. He got his hands dirty caring for him overnight, paid the equivalent of two days wages from his own pocket, and left with the promise to return and cover any additional costs.

After telling the story, Jesus tested the lawyer: "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man



who fell into the hands of robbers?" Unable to utter his enemy's name, the lawyer simply said, "The one who had mercy on him." Returning to the initial question of how to inherit eternal life, Jesus offered four simple words: "Go and do likewise."

Who is my neighbor?

- the person down the street with a different political affiliation or socioeconomic status
- the person I shun because I value religious differences over shared humanity
- the person socially isolated by illness or disability and a culture that chooses not to see them
- undocumented immigrants who, just like me, want to provide for their families
- returning citizens who, their debt to society paid, remain incarcerated by stigma, hurdles and social convention

These are the folks Jesus challenges us to love. These are also the folks Jesus challenges us to be loved by. The Jewish traveler was cared for, transported by and shared lodging with one whom his clan deemed an unclean, heretical enemy. While we must ask, "Who is it I won't touch?" every now and then we need to imagine ourselves as the person lying in the ditch and ask ourselves, "Who won't I let touch me? Is there any ethnic, religious, social or ideological group I would resist help from?"

Who is my neighbor? The one who needs me—and the one who helps me. How do I inherit eternal life? By crossing the boundaries of division, difference and otherness. By being a neighbor. It's just that simple. It's just that radical.

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The UnFaithful Woman at the Well

Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman (John 4:1-42) can be understood as literal or as allusion. While opposing opinions exist about the meaning of the details of the narrative, one aspect of the story that cannot be questioned is its importance, which is indicated by the sheer number of verses given to it. Even more striking is the length of the dialogue between the Samaritan woman and Jesus. One of the longest in any of the Gospels, this conversation comprises half the story.

Jesus is said to have arrived at the well (v. 6, KJV) at the "sixth hour," a detail that is often interpreted to mean that the woman's lifestyle is an embarrassment and she's hoping to avoid meeting anyone. Kenneth Gangel writes, "About noon the woman came to the well, obviously a social outcast since that hot hour would have been an unlikely time to lug a heavy water jar back into the city" (*Holman New Testament Commentary: John*, p. 74). Why is it that when a Bible passage is not given an explicit bent, we default to neutrality or even to the negative over possible positive interpretations? For

example, nowhere in the story of Nicodemus's nighttime talk with Jesus (John 3:1-21) does it say he came at night for fear of the Jews. Similarly, nowhere in the story of the woman at the well does it say she came at noon for fear of the Samaritans. Yet these stories have been saddled through time with these negative presuppositions.

Isn't it possible that Nicodemus came at night because it was the best time available? Could not the woman have merely come to draw water when she had time available or when her household ran out? Could not the phrase "a woman of Samaria" (v. 7, KJV) infer a person of significance instead of one of sin? The well was not restricted to use during morning or evening hours. With no running water in the homes of that day, coming to the well any time of day could be necessary. Furthermore, the emphasis on the time of day is immediately connected with Jesus' physical condition, his weariness, and not the woman's spiritual condition. And this was not just any well. It is the well where Jacob met his wife, Rachel. At a time when women were not included



in theological discussions, the unnamed Samaritan woman demonstrated the ability to stand on her own theological feet by asking if Jesus was greater than Jacob—an allusion to the encounter some two thousand years earlier. That connection becomes even more explicit when we remember that Jacob’s initial meeting with Rachel (Genesis 29:6-12) also took place at midday. Yet, sadly, many fixate on the woman’s questionable relationships with men—which isn’t a certainty—rather than on her being with Jesus, which certainly is the crux of this passage.

Regarding her marital status, Jesus never identified it as sin. While the Samaritan woman may indeed have been married five times, the text never tells the reader why the marriages were dissolved. We do know that for her to marry again and again, each of the preceding marriages must have ended properly, either by the death of the husband or by male-initiated divorce. A double standard related to divorce characterized ancient Israel and most of its contemporaries throughout the Mediterranean region as C. R. Taber notes in his discussion of divorce in biblical times: “There is no hint in history of a divorce being initiated by a wife” (*The Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, p. 244).

If Jesus was referring to a literal cycle of bad relationships, Cassandra Williams has offered this assessment: “The five marriages suggest only that she was obviously unlucky in relationships.” Williams went on to point out, “One of three possibilities can explain why the man she was now living with was not her husband (v. 18). She could have been a widow living with her nearest male relative. She could have been a childless widow living with her brother-in-law to provide a progeny for her deceased husband in fulfillment of the Levirate marriage requirement. In that case, they would be married; however, he would not formally be considered her husband. Or she could be living with a man as if they were married (an improbable but commonly endorsed option), which was considered a capital offense, making it unlikely she would even be alive to speak with Jesus. The notion of ‘living in sin,’ simply did not exist in first-century Palestine” (from a sermon preached at Conklin Avenue Baptist Church, Binghamton, NY, February 5, 2012).

If the relationships are to be understood as symbolic, the husbands could refer to Samaria’s collective infidelity that occurred when remnants of the northern tribes of Israel intermarried with peoples relocated from other lands after the Assyrian conquest. Though in large part Samaria was solidly Jewish with the tribes of Issachar, Manasseh and Ephraim originally settled there, they accepted the worship of the false gods of five foreign tribes: the Babylonians who

worshiped Marduk, the Cuthites who worshiped Nergal, the people of Avva who worshiped Nibhaz and Tartak, the people of Sepharvaim who worshiped their city gods, and King Hadad who worshiped Anath (2 Kings 17:30-31). Therefore, Jesus could be making a connection with Samaria’s past. Within that context, it is not the woman but the country she represents who had five false relationships (religions). This view gains traction when we note the use by Jesus (referred to as a prophet here) of adultery/idolatry imagery—a common metaphor employed in Old Testament prophetic tradition—to call Samaria to worship the one God in spirit and truth (v. 23). A progression is evidenced in her references to Jesus from “a Jew” (v. 9), to “sir” (v. 11), to “a prophet” (v. 19), to “Messiah” (v. 25). A similar spiritual progression in the woman’s self-understanding is apparent in her movement from seeker (v. 20—making spiritual inquiries) to believer (v. 25—“I know that Messiah is coming”) to disciple (v. 29—encouraging others to believe).

In a presentation titled “The Samaritan Woman at the Well” (February 29, 2020, post on womensordinationcampaign.org), Sister Christine Vladimiroff stated, “The Samaritan woman left her water jar at the well, reminiscent of the other disciples who left their means of work, fishing nets or tax booths.” The woman’s testimony likely was one of influence not infidelity. It appears she had a level of respect and rapport with the community, because they simply went with her (v. 30), responding to her invitation to “come, see” Jesus. She didn’t have to convince or coerce. All she had to do was extend the invitation. That is evangelism plain and simple. The text doesn’t say she was told to go and tell, but she could not keep to herself this life-changing encounter. That is the trademark of a disciple—one who has taken their eyes off themselves and put their eyes on another, specifically on others’ spiritual needs. A disciple acts as and is simultaneously a follower (to be so motivated by Jesus) and a leader (to bring the town to Jesus).

An intrinsic value of the story of the Samaritan woman is to establish the full equality of the faith community. It contains powerful lessons for us today about inclusivity in the church and about the role of women as both capable theologians and faithful disciples.

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The Vanity of Insisting on Obedience

While several decalogues appear in the Hebrew Bible, the most familiar is found in Exodus 20. Perhaps the most well-known of these commandments, or words, as they are called in Hebrew, are the third (v. 7) and fifth (v. 12), both of which illustrate the risks of partial quotation, neglect of details, and disregard of context when interpreting Scripture.

We must first place these two oft-quoted commandments within their literary and historic context. Exodus 20 begins with “And,” indicating that what follows is directly related to the events described in previous chapters, events encapsulated by “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery” (v. 2). We are dealing with directives specifically given to escaped Hebrew slaves for the purpose of becoming a people who bear witness to the one true God; the core and conditions of their relationship with the God who rescued them.

The prohibition against taking the LORD’s name in vain reads in full, “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD Your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name” (v. 7, NRSV). “LORD” is a replacement for *YHWH*, the name given in response to Moses’ request to know the name of the god who was sending him to lead the slaves out of Egypt (Exodus 3:13). While often translated “I am,” there is no scholarly consensus. Alternatives include “I will be what I will be” and “I will be with you.” In Moses’ time, people believed that knowing gods’ names gave them the power to make them present or compel them to act. God’s reply to Moses was a renunciation of this magical understanding. Moses was dealing with a divine being who would not be manipulated. Considered holy (that is *other*) by the Hebrew people, the name was not to be spoken, hence the substitution with “The LORD” or sometimes simply “The Name.”

Saying “god” is not taking the LORD’s name in vain, because “god” is not God’s name. Using God to further one’s own agenda is taking God’s name in vain, for example, insisting that God wants what we want. The forensic language in the commandment—“The LORD will not acquit”—is a reminder that these are terms of an agreement between God and Israel, which, if breached, would have consequences.

As we turn to the ever popular “Honor your father and your mother” in verse 12, we need to keep in mind that the commandments were addressed to *adults* as sons and daughters of the covenant. The Hebrew *kabbed* does not



mean obey. The word is from the Hebrew root meaning to be heavy. It is used in a negative sense to refer to affliction or being aggrieved, as in the hardening of Pharaoh’s heart (Exodus 14:4). It is used in the positive sense to mean to have abundance, glorify, revere, or show honor to, as in Proverbs 3:9: “Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.”

The neglected remainder of Exodus 20:12, “so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you,” provides important clues to its meaning by reminding us that we are dealing with contractual provisions between two parties. Honoring their “fathers and mothers”—likely a reference to their forebears in the faith—is about keeping the established covenant between God and people who would become a nation called Israel, a requirement for remaining in the land of promise for subsequent generations.

In an ironic twist with grave consequences for children, parents have been taking the LORD’s name in vain for centuries, misusing the fifth commandment as support for their desire for children to give unquestioning obedience to them. Repentance is long overdue.

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Planning



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Revised Common Lectionary 2022

YEAR C

January 1: New Year's Day

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

January 2

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12
Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

January 6: Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-16
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 9: Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 23

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

January 30

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 2

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

February 6

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 13

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 20

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

February 27: Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

February 28

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

March 2: Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 6: First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

March 13: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

March 20: Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 25: Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

March 27: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

April 3: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 10: Palm or Passion Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;
Luke 19:28-40
Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;
Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Holy Week: April 11–April 16

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11;
Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1
Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70;

Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
Maundy Thursday: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14;
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians
11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
John 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday: Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations
3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

April 17: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

April 24: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

May 1: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 8: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 22: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

May 26: Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 29: Seventh Sunday of Easter

(If Ascension not observed here)
Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

June 5: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 12: Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 19

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43
Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 26

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

July 3

2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30
Isaiah 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10

Amos 7:7-17 and Psalm 82
Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 17

Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52
Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 24

Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85
Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

July 31

Hosea 11:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 7

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14

Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21

Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:1-6
Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 28

Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 4

Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 11

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14
Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 18

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9
Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 25

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

October 2

Lamentations 1:1-6 and Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16

Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104
Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23

Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65
Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 119:137-144
Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 1: All Saint's Day

(Sometimes observed on first Sunday in Nov.)
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 and Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 6

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 and Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98
Job 19:23-27a and Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 13

Isaiah 65:17-25 and Isaiah 12
Malachi 4:1-2a and Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 20: Christ the King

(End of Church Year)
Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 24: Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

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December 4:

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 11: Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24 & 25: Christmas Eve & Day

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
Or
Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
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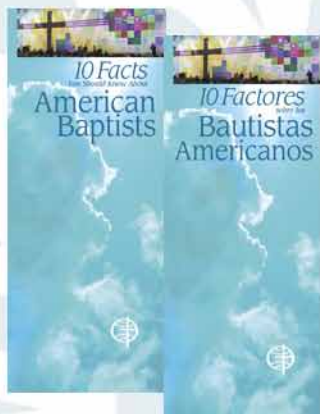
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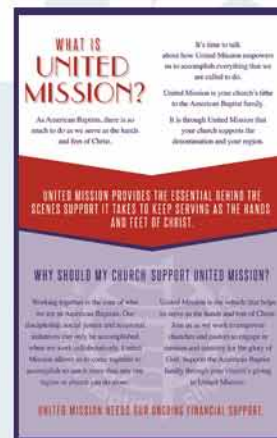
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2022 Year-at-a-Glance Calendar

JANUARY 2022

America for Christ promotional window begins.

- 1 New Year's Day
- 6 Epiphany
- 9 Baptism of the Lord
- 16 Christian Unity Sunday
- 17 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- 18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 23 Green Lake Sunday
- 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day (International)

FEBRUARY 2022

Black History Month

- 1 Anniversary of the founding of the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society (1877)
- 6 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 6 Boy Scout Sunday
- 13 Church Vocations Sunday
- 20 Christian Legacy Sunday
- 21 Presidents' Day
- 21–27 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week
- 26 American Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 27 Transfiguration Sunday
- 27 Anniversary of the founding of the Baptist General Tract Society (1824)
- 27 Single Adult Awareness Sunday

MARCH 2022

America for Christ Offering Month and Women's History Month

- 2 Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins
- 4 World Day of Prayer
- 6 America for Christ Sunday
- 6 1st Sunday of Lent
- 8 International Women's Day
- 13 2nd Sunday in Lent
- 13 Girl Scout Sunday
- 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 13 American Baptist Seminary Sunday
- 20 3rd Sunday in Lent
- 20 Women in Ministry Sunday
- 25 Annunciation of the Lord
- 27 4th Sunday in Lent

APRIL 2022

Prevention of Child Abuse Month and Autism Awareness Month; One Great Hour of Sharing promotional window begins.

- 3 5th Sunday in Lent
- 7 World Health Day
- 10 Palm or Passion Sunday
- 14 Maundy Thursday
- 15 Good Friday
- 16 Holy Saturday
- 17 Easter
- 17 American Baptist Volunteer Sunday
- 17–23 National Volunteer Appreciation Week

- 22 Earth Day
- 24 American Baptist Camps and Conferences Sunday
- 27 Anniversary of establishment of American Baptist Home Mission Society (1832)
- 28 Holocaust Remembrance Day (US)

MAY 2022

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and Older US Americans Month

- 1 Peace Sunday
- 2–9 Family Week
- 5 National Day of Prayer
- 6 May Fellowship Day
- 8 Mother's Day
- 8 Rural Life Sunday
- 15 Armed Forces Day
- 15 Baptist Heritage Day
- 26 Ascension Sunday
- 30 Memorial Day

JUNE 2022

One Great Hour of Sharing Month, Torture Awareness Month, and Immigration Heritage Month

- 5 Pentecost
- 5 One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday
- 5 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 5 International Environmental Sabbath
- 12 Trinity Sunday
- 12 Children's Day
- 12 Baptist Youth Day of Prayer
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 26 American Baptist Homes and Caring Ministries Sunday

JULY 2022

- 4 Independence Day
- 13 Anniversary of the arrival of Adoniram and Ann Hasseltine Judson in Burma
- 24 Parents' Day

AUGUST 2022

World Mission Offering promotion begins

- 6 Transfiguration
- 7 Friendship Day

SEPTEMBER 2022

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 1–October 15)

- 5 Labor Day
- 18 American Baptist Women's Sunday
- 18 National Back to Church Sunday
- 21 International Day of Prayer for Peace
- 23 Native American/First Nations Day
- 25 Christian Education Sunday

OCTOBER 2022

Pastor Appreciation Month; World Mission Offering Month; National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and Domestic Violence Awareness

- 2 World Mission Offering Sunday
- 2 World Communion Sunday
- 9 American Baptist Laity Sunday
- 10 Columbus Day
- 15–17 National Observance of Children's Sabbath
- 16 World Food Day
- 23 Campus Ministry Sunday
- 23–29 National Pastoral Care Week
- 24 United Nations Day
- 30 Reformation Sunday
- 31 Reformation Day

NOVEMBER 2022

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 4 World Community Day
- 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6 American Baptist College Sunday
- 7 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 8 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 Stewardship Sunday
- 14 Anniversary of the founding of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society (1877)
- 20 Bible Sunday
- 20 Asian American Baptist Sunday
- 20 Christ the King Sunday—The Church Year Ends
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 27 1st Sunday in Advent—The Church Year Begins

DECEMBER 2022

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Month

- 4 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Sunday
- 4 2nd Sunday in Advent
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 11 3rd Sunday in Advent
- 18 4th Sunday in Advent
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 24–Jan. 6 Christmastide
- 25 Christmas
- 25 Student Recognition Sunday
- 26–1 Kwanzaa
- 31 New Year's Eve (Watch Night)

JANUARY 2022

America for Christ promotional window begins. For more information on the America for Christ offering, visit www.abhms.org or contact Vincent Dent, Chief Development Officer, at vincent.dent@abhms.org.

Key Dates

- 1 New Year's Day
- 6 Epiphany
- 16 Christian Unity Sunday
- 17 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 23 Green Lake Sunday ▼



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FEBRUARY 2022

Black History Month

For information on the American Baptist Men's prayer breakfast, visit ABMen.org.

Key Dates

- 1 Anniversary of the founding of the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society
- 6 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 13 Church Vocations Sunday
- 26 American Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 27 Transfiguration Sunday
- 27 Anniversary of the founding of the Baptist General Tract Society (1824)

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MARCH 2022

America for Christ Offering Month and Women's History Month

Key Dates

- 2 Ash Wednesday
- 4 World Day of Prayer
- 6 America for Christ Sunday
- 6 1st Sunday in Lent
- 13 American Baptist Seminary Sunday
- 13 2nd Sunday in Lent
- 20 Women in Ministry Sunday ▼
- 20 3rd Sunday in Lent
- 27 4th Sunday in Lent



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Key Dates

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- 15 Good Friday
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Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month,
Older Americans Month, and Mental Health
Awareness Month

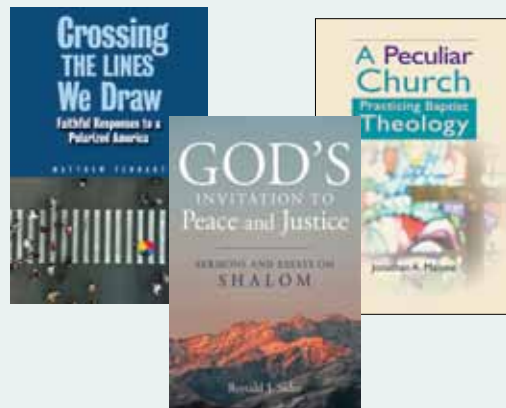
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- 1 Peace Sunday
- 2-9 Family Week
- 5 National Day of Prayer
- 6 May Fellowship Day
- 8 Mother's Day
- 8 Rural Life Sunday
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- 30 Memorial Day

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JUNE 2022

One Great Hour of Sharing Month,
Torture Awareness Month, and Immigrant
Heritage Month

Key Dates

- 5 One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday
- 5 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 5 International Environmental Sabbath
- 12 Children's Day
- 12 Baptist Youth Day of Prayer
- 19 Father's Day
- 26 American Baptist Homes and Caring Ministries Sunday

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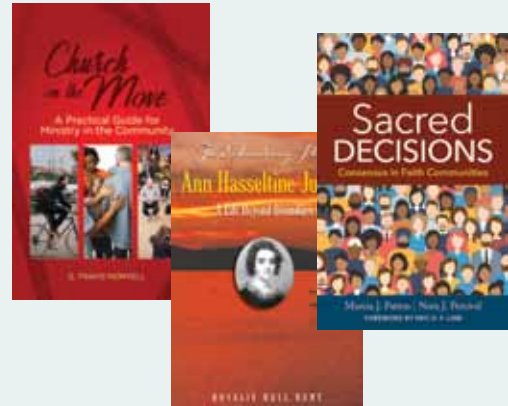
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AUGUST 2022

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Key Dates

- 6 Transfiguration ▼
- 7 Friendship Day



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Hispanic Heritage Month
(September 15-October 15)

Key Dates

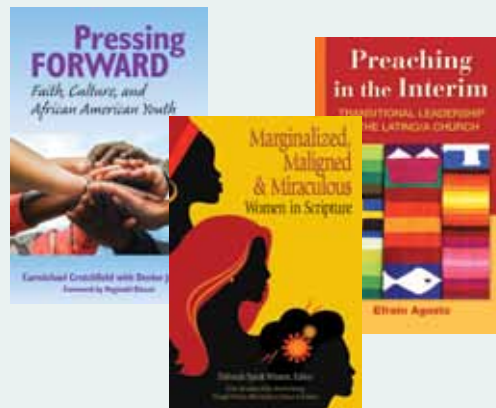
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- 25 Christian Education Sunday



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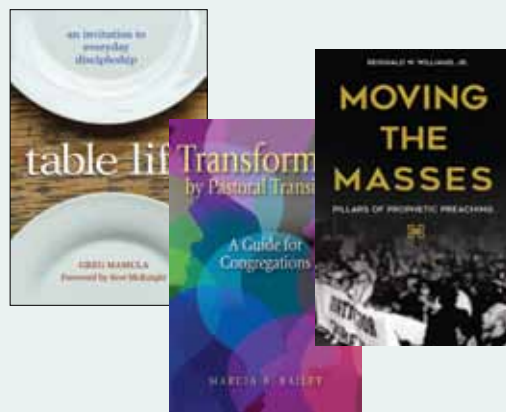
Key Dates

- 2 World Communion Sunday
- 2 World Mission Offering Sunday
- 9 American Baptist Laity Sunday
- 15-17 National Observance of Children's Sabbath
- 16 World Food Day
- 23 Campus Ministry Sunday
- 23-29 National Pastoral Care Week
- 31 Reformation Sunday

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NOVEMBER 2022

Key Dates

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6 American Baptist College Sunday
- 7 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 13 Stewardship Sunday
- 14 Anniversary of the founding of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society (1877)
- 20 Bible Sunday
- 20 Asian American Baptist Sunday
- 20 Christ the King Sunday—The Church Year Ends
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 27 1st Sunday in Advent—The Church Year Begins

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Offering Month

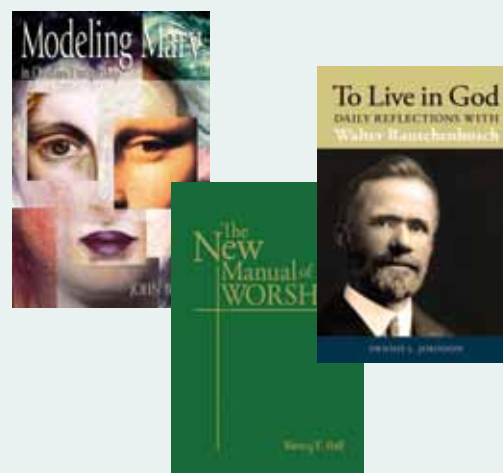
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- 4 2nd Sunday in Advent
- 4 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Sunday
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 11 3rd Sunday in Advent
- 18 4th Sunday in Advent
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas
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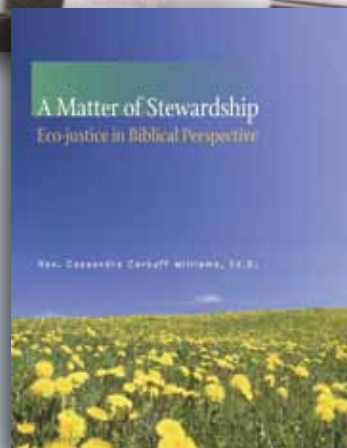
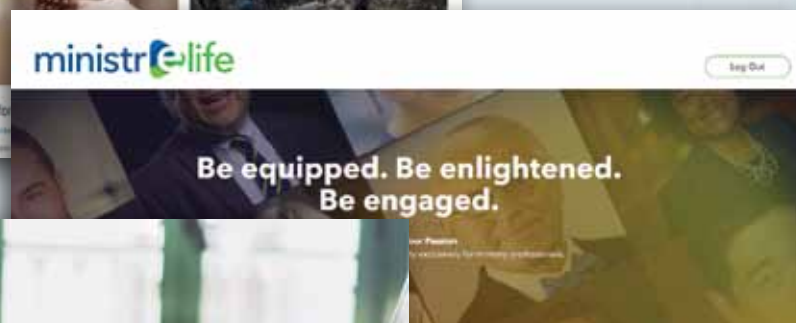
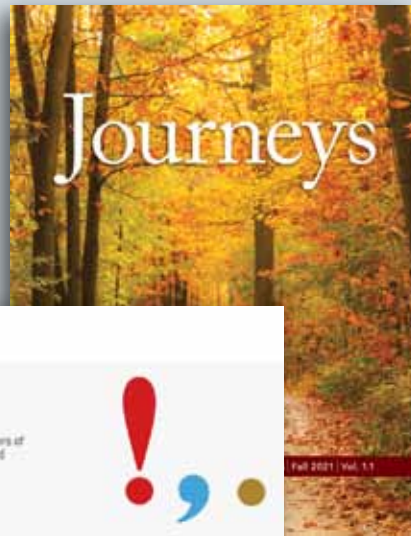


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- Marks of the Transformational Leader in a Disciple-Making Church
- Selecting Curriculum Materials
- Teaching Does Not Equal Talking: Learning Styles and Christian Education

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- Giving Lesson for Children, Foster Care
- Children's Day, Arts, Christian Education
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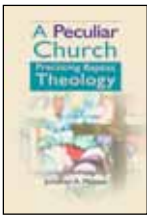
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The Polished King: Living Words of Martin Luther King Jr.

Joseph Evans

Joseph Evans analyzes how the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s preaching brought the "living word" and various rhetorical techniques together in ways that helped people understand, and be given hope by, his messages. The author observes that James Baldwin—himself a gifted writer and provocative thinker—considered King to be an "ideal preacher." This book weaves Baldwin's poetic and fiery words, passion for justice, and admiration of King's oration into a detailed, thought-provoking examination of the rhythm of determination and transformative power in King's speaking, writing, and faith. ISBN: 978-0-8170-1833-7



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Carmichael Crutchfield and Denise Janssen

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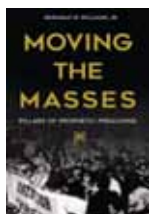


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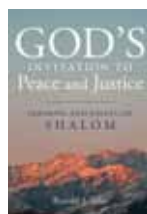


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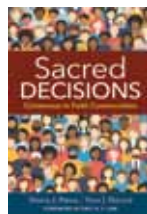
preacher and the delivery that moves people to take action. In this book, Williams methodically lays out a definition of prophetic preaching. He selects a limited number of preaching practitioners whose written work examines what is prophetic preaching. Williams compliments his discussion on prophetic preaching with various methods of delivery. He illustrates the preaching methods with vivid examples and explanations that bring life to the listener, reader, and doer of God's Word. Read and discover the 3 M's of Prophetic Preaching and how you can add power to your preaching and engage people to make a difference through God's Word. ISBN: 978-0-8170-1825-2



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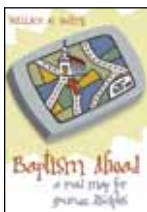
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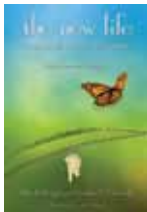


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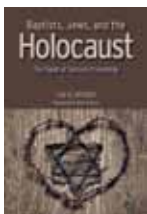
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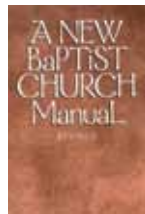
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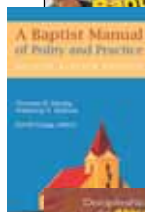
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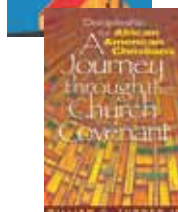
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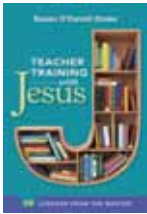


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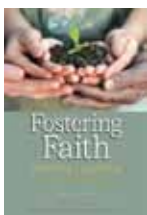
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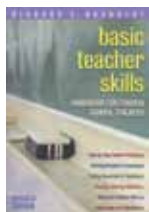
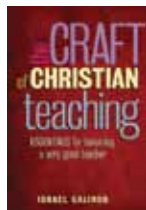


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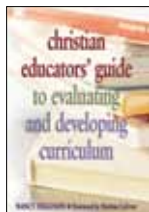


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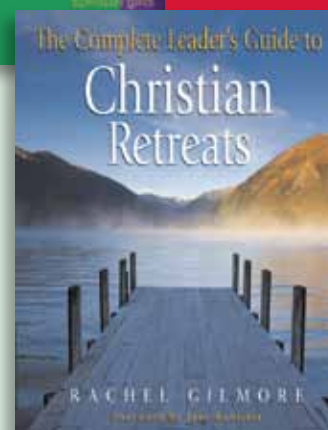
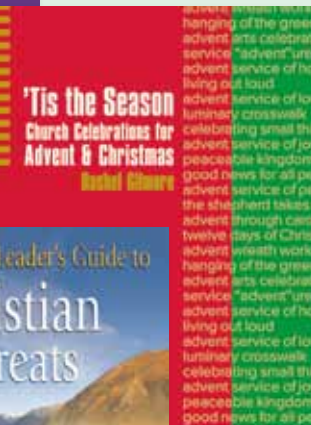
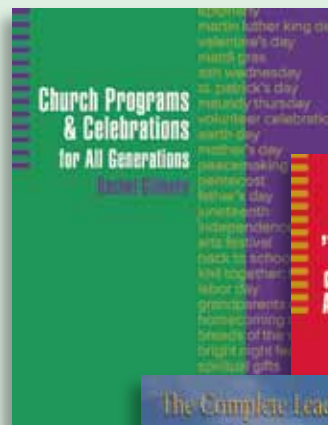
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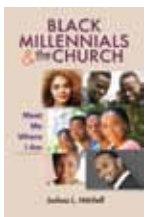
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Urban Ministries, Inc.

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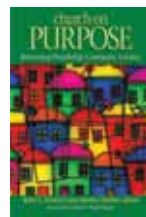
Teaching Success Kit	\$18.99
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Black Millennials and the Church: Meet Me Where I Am

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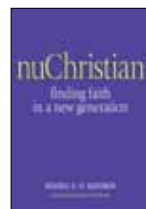
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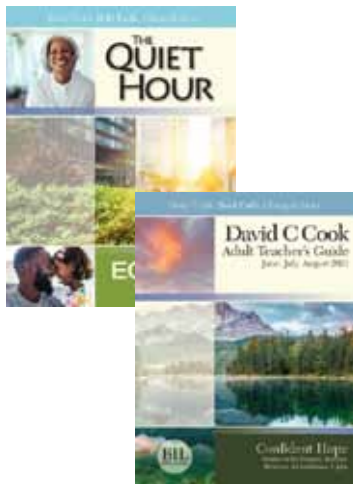
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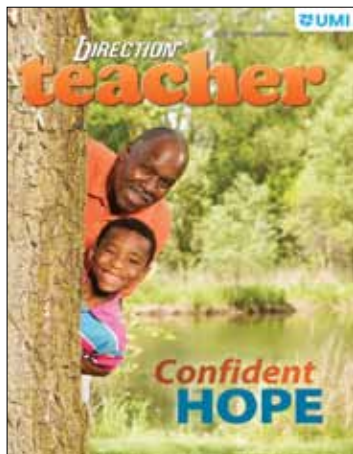


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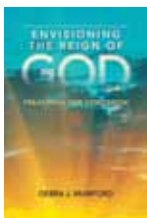


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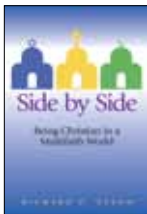
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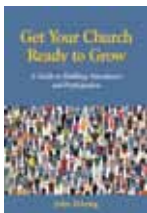


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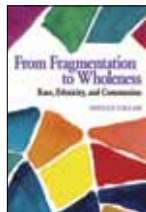


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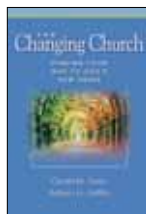
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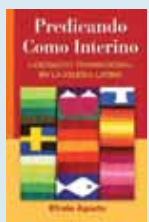


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眾：給我們以誠信去學習並與他人分享我們神聖的經文。

領：但要行道，不要僅僅聽道欺騙自己。

眾：幫助我們每天活出祢的話以驗證我們的教學。

領：正如雨雪從天而降滋潤地土，使地上發芽結實，使撒種的有種，我口所出的話也必如此，決不徒然返回。

眾：幫助我們相信聖經作為愛的話語，帶來生命代代相傳。

領：祢的話是我腳前的燈，是我路上的光。

眾：我們渴望與他人一同走在祢話語的光照中。

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Líder: Mi pueblo no vivirá sólo de pan, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios.

Cong: Líbranos de preceptos humanos y de valores culturales. Átanos a tu palabra.

Líder: Esfuérzate por presentarte a Dios como obrero/a aprobado/a, que interpreta rectamente la palabra de verdad.

Cong: Danos integridad conforme estudiamos y compartimos la Sagrada Escritura con los demás.

Líder: Pero sed hacedores de la palabra, y no tan solamente oidores que se engañan a sí mismos.

Cong: Ayúdanos a corroborar nuestra enseñanza viviendo tu palabra día a día.

Líder: Como desciende de los cielos la lluvia, haciendo que la tierra germine y produzca plantas que den semilla para proveer a la siguiente generación, así mi palabra no volverá a mí vacía.

Cong: Ayúdanos a confiar en la Biblia como la palabra de amor que traerá vida de generación en generación.

Líder: Tu palabra es lámpara a nuestros pies y lumbrera a nuestro camino.

Cong: Anhelamos caminar con los demás a la luz de tu palabra.

Todos y todas: En el nombre de Jesús, la luz del mundo, que así sea.

(Basado en Sal.119:105, 15; Is. 55:10-11, 2 Tim. 2:15, y Mt. 4:4)



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Leader: La palabra es una lámpara a nuestros pies y una luz sobre nuestro sendero.

L'assemblée: Lorsque le chemin semble confus, éveillez-nous à l'illumination de la parole.

Leader: Mon peuple ne vivra pas de pain seulement, mais de toute parole qui sort de la bouche de Dieu.

L'assemblée: Libérez-nous des préceptes humains et des valeurs culturelles et lie nous à ta parole.

Leader: Faites un effort pour vous présenter devant Dieu en tant que travailleurs persévérants et sincères, qui interprètent correctement le message de la vérité.

L'assemblée: Donnez-nous l'intégrité alors que nous étudions et partageons notre Sainte Écriture avec les autres.

Leader: Mais soyez acteurs de la parole, et non pas seulement des auditeurs qui se trompent eux-mêmes.

L'assemblée: Aidez-nous à affirmer notre enseignement en vivant votre parole jour après jour.

Leader: Tout comme la pluie tombe du ciel, permettant à la terre de concevoir, de faire germer les plantes et de fournir des semences pour la saison suivante, il en va de même pour ma parole qui ne revient pas sans effet.

L'assemblée: Aidez-nous à faire confiance à la Bible comme la parole d'amour qui fera naître la vie de génération en génération.

Leader: La parole est une lampe à nos pieds et une lumière sur notre sendero.

L'assemblée: Nous aspirons à marcher avec les autres à la lumière de votre parole.

Tous: Au nom de Jésus la lumière du monde, qu'il en soit ainsi.

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