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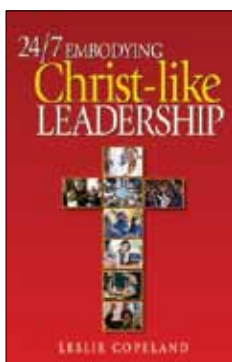
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Welcome!

As ABHMS and the Center for Continuous Learning (CCL) strive to expand our resources and ministries to support the work of God's people in congregations and communities around the nation, we welcome your input about how best to design and refine resources such as this one to better meet your needs in ministries of discipleship and education.

The *Discipleship and Christian Education Guide* has evolved over time from its 1995 origin as a Board of Educational Ministries publication called *The Christian Education Planning Guide*. When ABHMS (the Board of National Ministries at that time) took on the ministries of education and discipleship, we rebranded it as *The Planning Guide for Disciple-Making Churches*, and as early as 2006 we began asking about going digital—on CD-ROM! Before too long, we retired the CD option and made the resource available as a PDF document that could be downloaded from the ABHMS website. And in 2016 the resource came full circle in yet another reframing as the *Discipleship and Christian Education Guide*, integrating the Judson Press curriculum (Christian education) catalog.

The question that arises at this moment in time is whether this resource is still meeting the needs of you, our ministry leaders in the areas of faith initiation, faith formation, and the engaging of Jesus followers in the world. With our congregations and communities increasingly tech savvy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, is a dynamic digital text edition preferred? Is a print resource still needed at all? Would video or audio materials be more valuable? Which of the traditional elements (articles, lectionary readings, calendars, planning pages, teaching tips) are most utilized—and in what ways?

We have designed a survey to invite your responses to these kinds of questions—including open-ended queries that give you space to ask for something else entirely as it relates to your ministry's needs in the areas of discipleship and Christian education. The survey is only 12 questions and should not take more than 10 minutes to complete. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LLSPTJTV> or scan the QR code.

Until we hear from you, we continue in the legacy we have received. Therefore, the 2024 *Discipleship and Christian Education Guide* begins with discussion of the theme, Follow-

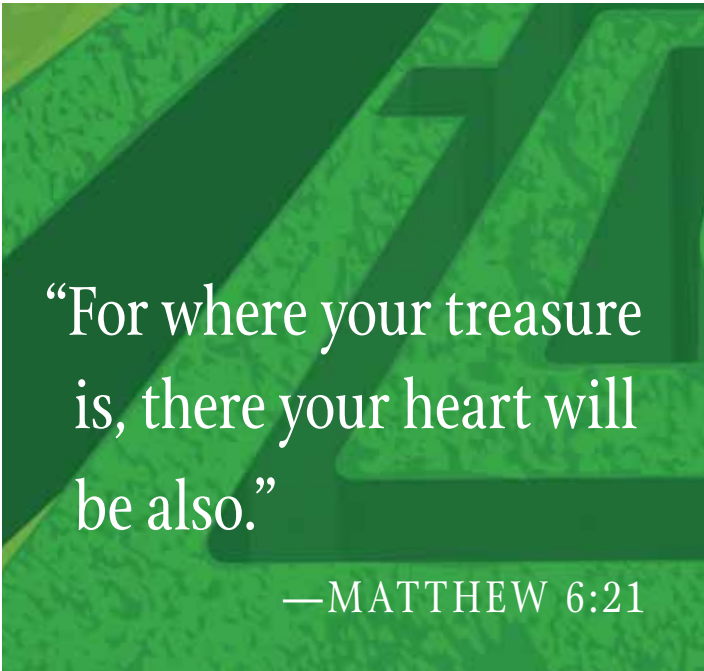
ing Jesus in Faithful Finance (pages 3–9), followed by the Revised Common Lectionary readings, the 2024 Year-at-a-Glance Calendar, and monthly planning pages with Judson Press book highlights (pages 14–19). The ABHMS Resources section (pages 21–23) describes CCL offerings among other publications and online resources, and it is followed by the Judson Press Christian education catalog. Finally, you will find a theme-related litany for worship in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Burmese.

We continue to pray that these ABHMS offerings will help your congregation become more responsive and innovative in ministries of faith formation and discipleship. As always, we welcome feedback! Please contact Leda Carter at leda.carter@abhms.org or 888-792-2467, ext. 2028, with comments or questions.

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“For where your treasure
is, there your heart will
be also.”

—MATTHEW 6:21

Among our team at the ABHMS Center for Continuous Learning, we often say of our work together, “Everything we do is discipleship.” By that affirmation we mean that all aspects of our ministry are focused on living out our faith as disciples—followers, learners, imitators—of Jesus.

This inclusive understanding of discipleship encompasses traditional ministries of faith initiation (evangelism) and faith formation (Christian education), *and* it embraces a broader understanding of how Christian identity is conceived and nurtured. That means discipleship through Bible study, prayer, and worship, of course, but also through public witness and advocacy, through community service and volunteerism, as well as through the everyday choices we make about our relationships—with family, friends, coworkers, and caregivers, but also in relating to our time, talents, and treasures.

In 2024 as people across the nation and across diverse communities and socioeconomic brackets experience financial challenges, the theme for the *Discipleship and Christian Education Guide* focuses on an aspect of Christian discipleship that is often a source of discomfort and stress for congregations and church leaders alike: following Jesus in faithful finance.

After all, there is no topic on which Jesus spoke more frequently than matters of finance and stewardship. Economic resources were the analog of many of his parables and the subject of many of his teachings. In his most famous

sermon, Jesus offered the reminder that “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21; see also Luke 12:34).

In the pages that follow, you will find articles that explore a faithful approach in three areas vital to ministry leaders: the personal, the pastoral, and the prophetic. The first article, adapted from Shayna Lear Harvey’s book *Money on Purpose* (Judson Press, 2012), examines four practical uses of money and how each one of us may be wired differently toward those uses. The insights are critical to developing personal financial literacy and an understanding of how following Jesus in our personal use of money is foundational to providing faithful leadership to God’s people individually and corporately.

The second article, written by author and church consultant Margaret Marcuson, offers wisdom to clergy and other ministers related to church finances, beginning with concrete steps toward increasing our comfort level in talking about money—whether in preaching about congregational stewardship or facilitating church business meetings about financial matters.

The third article, written by Curtis Ramsey-Lucas, editor of *Christian Citizen* magazine, models a prophetic example of faithful finance. Originally published in the *Christian Citizen*, this article reflects on the connections between the choices we make about our standard of living and the impact on our climate and natural world.

Connected to each article, we offer recommended resources for further faith formation and education—from the Center for Continuous Learning (CCL), from Judson Press, and from other ABHMS ministry initiatives. As a whole, this issue of the *Discipleship and Christian Education Guide* invites ministry leaders to reflect deeply on their own discipleship as it relates to faithful finance and to consider innovative approaches to increasing financial literacy among God’s people. Such ministry efforts may empower individuals to live more abundantly by making choices that are wise *and* generous, faithful *and* financially savvy.

Many of the resources recommended here are available at no cost to you as the learner or leader because ABHMS, through the Center for Continuous Learning, has the privilege of curating the legacy of the In Support of Excellence program, a ministry initiative in financial literacy education and debt relief for clergy, funded through a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment.

Faithful in Personal Finance

Why Do We Have Money?

Shayna Lear Harvey

Many years ago, I was asked to teach a class on money to teenagers. I knew I needed to get down to basics to make the principles of faithful finance accessible to and relevant for them. So I started by asking myself these questions: *What do*



we really do with money? And what do I think teenagers, embarking on the next level of life's journey, need to know about money? Then it hit me. They need to know *why*.

Why doesn't always have a concrete answer, but it starts us down a path that may lead to an answer. So *why* do we have money?

The most obvious answer is that *we need money to live*. Whether paying our rent or mortgage, buying groceries, or accessing needed utilities, we use money to provide for our daily needs. Money is also a resource we use for our own enjoyment as well as for connecting with other people through giving. As we age, our financial resources become an important focus to secure our future needs and legacy.

We can learn much about how we live as Jesus' disciples by considering the resources, activities, and relationships that form our daily lives. I have found our relationship to money to be a particularly fruitful area for discerning how to follow Jesus. Whether we struggle with scarcity (in spirit or in reality), want to grow in generosity, or simply want to pay our bills with more gratitude, the flow of money into, through, and out of our lives is an everyday opportunity to consider our connection to God and one another.

While planning for the teenagers' class, I began to formulate a financial model that aligns with the Christian faith and informs our daily living as disciples of Jesus.

We have money to do four main things: *spend, save, give, and invest*. All of these are valid and biblical uses of financial resources, and the teachings of Scripture can be a helpful filter for all of our financial decisions and actions. Most of us use money in all of these ways at different times in our daily lives or seasons of life. Each of us is oriented toward one or two uses more than the others—so I frame my trainings in terms of “money personalities”—the Saver, Investor, Giver, and Spender.

Whatever our money personality type(s) may be, our financial lives need balance. Having an imbalanced approach to how we use money can lead to financial disaster. Looking at how we use money may offer helpful insights about the areas in which we may need to ask for help.

Savers are great at saving money, but they may be miserly about spending. They may have been raised in poverty or financial instability, so they may be afraid to spend resources on things that feel like luxuries. Savers may need help learning to balance a need for security with the liberty to enjoy the experiences or things that money can buy. The writer of Ecclesiastes urged this kind of balance: “Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth” (11:2).

Investors have a knack of finding ways to have their money make more money. They gain satisfaction in seeing the resources entrusted to them grow and bear fruit for their own benefit and the benefit of others. However, investors may need to learn the value of giving to other people or organizations without expecting financial return. This, too, is a form of investing when all of life is seen as part of God's reign on earth. The biblical witness affirms this principle to prepare for future work and ministry: “Prepare your work outside; get everything ready for you in the field; and after that build your house” (Proverbs 24:27).

Givers have generous spirits, and they often perceive giving as a way of connecting with other people. Givers use money to provide for the needs of others, but they may be reckless in the amount of their giving or unwise in choosing the beneficiaries of their generosity. Givers may need advice about how to give responsibly and ensure the security of their own households and income. Scripture testifies in many places to the goodness of generous giving, but Jesus spoke in this text to practical wisdom as well as generosity: “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise” (Luke 3:11).

Finally, *spenders* find joy and freedom in using the resources God provides to experience life to the fullest. They may be generous in their spending and enjoy letting the benefits of their expenditures extend to others. But this use of money may be addictive, and spenders often need help counting the costs and considering the consequences—now or in the future, especially if expenses exceed income. Jesus offered pragmatic counsel on the principle of spending wisely as well: “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?” (Luke 14:28).

You might read these descriptions of the money personalities and immediately locate yourself on the spectrum. Where do you perceive the areas where you need greater balance? If you are uncertain about how and when to begin, find more expansive descriptions of the money personalities in my book *Money on Purpose: Finding a Faith-Filled Balance* (Judson Press, 2012).

Our God is constantly giving to us in many ways. Regardless of how much we earn on our jobs, our income is God’s provision. The very air we breathe is provided by God. God has given us family, friends, homes, cars, our senses, laughter, memories, food, clothing, and so much more! Everything we could possibly say we have actually belongs to God. We are entrusted with making use of God’s possessions while we are here on earth. What a privilege! What a gift!

Let us each remember this as we manage our finances, for they all belong to God. And God’s heart is to make sure that all of creation is cared for. We can help through our finances to make this a reality.

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Money with Meaning

When I look at our family budget, I like to ask questions with the “spend, save, give, invest” framework in mind.

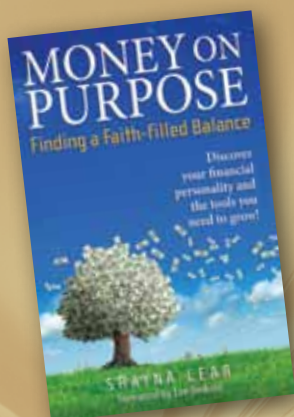
During the summer, I *spend* more on groceries when our kids are home from college and we have a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) membership to a local farm. What if this *spending* is actually an *investment*, though, in time eating and conversing together as a family, in the local farming economy, and in food insecure areas near me that also receive produce from the farm?

Sometimes I *save* money by intentionally purchasing inexpensive goods. While often necessary, are there times when this *savings* is a cost for a laborer who receives insufficient compensation for the work they provide? What values might I support if I *spend* and *give* a little more when I can, and in the right circumstances to make an impact?

Rather than striving for a particular point of arrival or amount of money in the bank, considering our money as an expression of our faith continually draws us back to Scripture and to God as our provider.

Jennifer Sanborn, National Coordinator for Learning Initiatives

Consider these questions and more with courses in the Faithful Finance track of ABHMS Center for Continuous Learning.



- Need help creating a budget?
- Developing a savings plan?
- Paying down debt?

Check out CCL’s free, on-demand course *Starting the Money Conversation*.



Faithful in Pastoral Finance

How I Learned to Love Dealing with Money in Ministry (or at Least Hate It Less)

Margaret Marcuson

Early in my ministry, I dreaded dealing with stewardship and money matters. I would have been happy to ignore it, to be perfectly honest. I felt called to preach and lead a congregation, but if money weren't a part of it, that would have been fine with me. It was the area of ministry where I felt the least competent.

Little by little, I did learn to feel competent, and even to love dealing with money. Remember, the Bible says, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10), not money itself. Loving this area of ministry is not the same as loving money itself!

Here are the ways I learned to love it.

1. *I decided to learn more about it.* I didn't love this part of ministry, but I knew I wanted to *understand* money better because I knew it was part of my job. The more competent I became, the easier it was to love dealing with money matters.

You may ask, "What if I don't want to love it? Stewardship is hard. I dread those sermons. The budget meetings are even harder, especially when it comes to my salary." Here are a few ideas:

- Could you lower your aversion to money by 10 percent? Or even 25 percent?
- Could you make it a research project to learn how money works in your church?
- Could you bring this struggle to God in prayer?

2. *I spent time with people who understood money better than I did.* One minister I know created a financial learning plan for herself. I wasn't that organized, however, when something money related came my way, I signed up for it. Over the years, I took several in-person and online stewardship and finance courses that helped me. Finally being able to understand financial reports was a confidence booster for me.

One thing I wish I'd done early in my ministry: find a ministry money mentor. Find someone for whom no question about money is too dumb. It might be a colleague with a financial background or a knowledgeable member of your congregation. Just be sure you choose someone calm and mature.

3. *I learned to think about money as part of the spiritual life.* Early on, I wanted to get financial and stewardship matters done and over with so I could get back to "real ministry." However, I came to see dealing with money *as* real ministry, vital both for the sake of the congregation as a whole and for the individuals within it.

Many Christians still think of money as a little dirty. We have a dualistic attitude toward it. But many of Jesus' sayings have to do with money, even more than have to do with prayer. As followers of Jesus and leaders in his church, we are called to be more comfortable talking about it than I was.

Think about your own congregation and what you want for them in the relationship between their faith and their money. Many of our people are mired in debt and fearful about retirement or this month's bills. It's important pastoral work to help them deal with these challenges in light of our faith.

4. *I learned more about my family story.* I knew my family history played a part in my resistance to dealing with money. My father grew up extremely poor in the Depression. His grandparents died tragically in circumstances involving money. His parents had different views of money and fought constantly about it.

In my family, money was potentially dangerous, *and* we harbored a deep fear there might not be enough of it. No wonder I wanted to ignore it. However, here's the paradox: the more I explored that complicated history, the more comfortable I felt talking about money.

I also learned about my family's strengths in relation to resources. I learned about the immigrants and pioneers who survived challenges and about the people who gave generously, trusting God to take care of them. This gave me more confidence to ask other people to give generously. I knew it was possible, even for those with limited resources.

Think about your family story in relation to money. Start with what you know already. What do you know about the family patterns of giving, talking about money openly, of saving and spending?

5. *I was persistent and patient.* I've had to be patient with myself over these years. My approach-avoidance relationship with money continues to this day. I've been working on it for decades now. I don't say this to discourage you but simply to provide a reality check. There is no quick fix, especially if

you have a complicated history with money. Be patient and persist.

As you lean in and pay more attention to money at church, show grace to yourself. If you are anxious about money leadership, remember that it took you years to get to this point, and it may take years to make a shift. That's all right. Most things of value take years to accomplish.

Celebrate every step you take, including every time you do these things:

- Review the financial statements before each board meeting (or afterward)
- Participate in a workshop on church finance
- Read a book about money
- Risk asking a question you are afraid is a dumb one
- Ask for a raise, even a tiny one
- Preach a sermon about money midyear instead of waiting for stewardship month

A final recommendation: *find support for yourself*. In addition to finding a money mentor, seek accountability and support. For ten years I was part of a group of women who met monthly to set financial goals for ourselves. The group helped me take actions, both professional and personal, in relation to money that I found hard to do otherwise. Accountability works. You can also check out the ABHMS Center for Continuous Learning's offerings, including my on-demand courses:

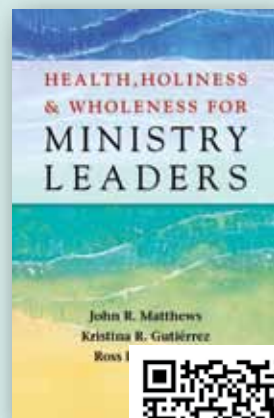


**Money and Your Ministry:
Thinking Bigger**



**Money and Your Ministry: What Pastors
Need to Know about Money**

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- American Baptist ministerial leaders registered in the professional registry who need funds for conferences, events, and courses, as well as those enrolled in DMin and PhD studies.

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Faithful in Prophetic Finance

A Change in Perspective

Curtis Ramsey-Lucas

In an op-ed in *The Washington Post*, Rebecca Solnit suggested that “much of the reluctance to do what climate change requires comes from the assumption that it means trading abundance for austerity, and trading all our stuff and conveniences for less stuff, less convenience.”¹

Solnit, a writer and historian, and coeditor of the new anthology *Not Too Late: Changing the Climate Story from Despair to Possibility*, argued that what is required is a change in perspective, one that reframes climate change as an opportunity “to rethink who we are and what we desire.”²

“What if we imagined ‘wealth’ consisting not of the money we stuff into banks or the fossil fuel–derived goods we pile up, but of joy, beauty, friendship, community, closeness to flourishing nature, to good food produced without abuse of labor?” Solnit wrote. “What if we were to think of wealth as security in our environments and societies, and as confidence in a viable future?”³

Solnit’s op-ed recalls the groundbreaking environmental justice work of American Baptist pastor and denomina-

tional leader Jitsuo Morikawa (1912–1987). Morikawa made a significant contribution to this field by articulating an understanding of environmental justice rooted in Christian theology and ethics.

Prior to World War II, Morikawa served three Japanese American congregations in the Los Angeles area. During the war, he was forcibly relocated to the Poston Internment Camp in southwestern Arizona. He preached for one and a half years in the camp and relocation center.

From 1944 to 1956 Morikawa was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Chicago. After that he served 19 years with American Baptist Churches USA, first as director of evangelism and later as associate executive secretary. He challenged American Baptists to redirect their evangelism toward the world at large and encouraged churches to be concerned with the corporate and social, as well as the personal and individual, dimensions of life.



Morikawa wrote, “To be human, to live life in salvation, to live life in Christ, is to live as a fair and responsible steward of God, which means a new standard of living, a life of maximum meaning based on minimal consumption to insure equity of distribution and protection of future generations still unborn.”⁴

Morikawa was prescient. “The twin issues around which the world’s future seems to revolve are the issues of ecology and justice,” he wrote. “Ecology pointing to humanity’s dependence on nature, and justice, its dependence on neighbor.”⁵

Morikawa understood both sin and salvation to be collective, corporate conditions. “Salvation is a corporate well-being and to the extent that all are blessed, we are individually blessed, and to the extent that not all are blessed we are individually denied blessing.”⁶

It is not enough for an individual or a family to succeed if others are not prospering, likewise, for Western nations to enjoy material abundance while others remain mired in poverty. Persistent inequity within and among nations, Morikawa argued, is contrary to God’s design for human life.⁷

Morikawa was ahead of his time in discerning the intersectional nature of social justice and ecological wholeness. His efforts were instrumental in bringing these concerns together in the American Baptist emphasis on ecojustice in the early 1970s, and they continue in the work of such organizations as the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility to press companies to do their part to address the climate crisis.

Like a modern-day apostle Paul, Morikawa argued that our stewardship in Christ calls for a new standard of living—one that does not measure the good life by what we consume but rather finds meaning in minimal consumption to insure equity of distribution in the present and protection of the environment for future generations. He was prophetic in his own day and remains so in our time.

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves,” Paul wrote to the church in Philippi. “Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4).

Paul did not suggest we ignore our own interests, but rather that our interests are bound up in the interests of others. If we lived more fully into this admonition, considering the intersection of our interests with that of our neigh-

bors and the environment, it would contribute significantly to addressing issues of ecology and justice.

Morikawa understood that a living standard tied to what we acquire and consume is untenable in a world of limited resources and increasing population. A new, more modest standard of living—one that considers the interests of our neighbors and the environment, and that seeks to expand equity of access to the necessities of life for all—is possible. To achieve it will require a change in perspective.

Which brings us back to Solnit's suggestion that we think of wealth not in terms of money and goods but rather in terms of joy, beauty, friendship, and community; that we think of wealth as security in our environments and societies, and confidence in a viable future for all. To this I imagine Morikawa would say, "Amen!"

Curtis Ramsey-Lucas is editor of The Christian Citizen. For more from The Christian Citizen, sign up for our weekly newsletter at christiancitizen.us.

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Investing Responsibly, Stewarding Justly

At ABHMS the prophetic commitment to confront systems that debase personhood, deny justice, and destroy creation is not only reflected in ministry programming but also in the way stewardship of funds is exercised through socially responsible investing (SRI). SRI may include using the following:

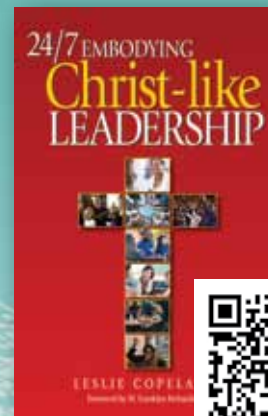
- Screens that exclude investments in companies engaged in products and activities such as tobacco, liquor, gambling, pornography, and militarism
- Voting proxies that impact policies and practices of companies held in the investment portfolio
- Shareholder activities such as letter writing, formal and informal dialogue with company management and, when appropriate, filing shareholder resolutions, all with the goal of persuading companies that doing well financially does not have to come at the expense of doing good

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January 1: New Year's Day

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

January 6: Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 7: Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

February 2

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

February 4

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 14: 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

February 18: First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 25: Second Sunday in Lent

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

March 3: Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 10: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 17: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 24: Palm or Passion Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16
Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;
Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

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

Holy Week: March 25–March 30

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 Lamenta-
tions 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

March 31: Easter Sunday

Old Testament Readings and Psalms

Genesis 1:1—2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and
Psalm 46
Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus
15:1b-13, 17-18
Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6
Baruch 3:9-15; 3:32—4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8,
19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19
Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalms 42, 43
Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143
Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98

New Testament Reading and Psalm

Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

April 7: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1—2:2
John 20:19-31

April 14: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 9: Ascension Day

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

May 12: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 19: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26: Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

June 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) and
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Deuteronomy 5:12-15 and Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
and Psalm 138
Genesis 3:8-15 and Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 16

1 Samuel 15:34—16:13 and Psalm 20
 Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
 Mark 4:26-34

June 23

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 and
 Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57—18:5,
 10-16 and Psalm 133
 Job 38:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Mark 4:35-41

June 30

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 and Psalm 130
 Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24 or
 Lamentations 3:22-33 and Psalm 30
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Mark 5:21-43

July 7

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48
 Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Mark 6:1-13

July 14

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, and Psalm 24
 Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Mark 6:14-29

July 21

2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:20-37
 Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23
 Ephesians 2:11-22
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28

2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14
 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Psalm 145:10-18
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 John 6:1-21

August 4

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a, and Psalm 51:1-12
 Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:23-29
 Ephesians 4:1-16
 John 6:24-35

August 11

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and Psalm 130
 1 Kings 19:4-8 and Psalm 34:1-8
 Ephesians 4:25—5:2
 John 6:35, 41-51

August 18

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 and Psalm 111
 Proverbs 9:1-6 and Psalm 34:9-14
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58

August 25

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43 and Psalm 84
 Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 and Psalm 34:15-22
 Ephesians 6:10-20
 John 6:56-69

September 1

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and
 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15
 James 1:17-27
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 8

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and Psalm 125
 Isaiah 35:4-7a and Psalm 146
 James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
 Mark 7:24-37

September 15

Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19 or Wisdom
 of Solomon 7:26—8:1
 Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-9
 James 3:1-12
 Mark 8:27-38

September 22

Proverbs 31:10-31 and Psalm 1
 Wisdom of Solomon 1:16—2:1, 12-22 or
 Jeremiah 11:18-20 and Psalm 54
 James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
 Mark 9:30-37

September 29

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 and Psalm 124
 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and
 Psalm 19:7-14
 James 5:13-20
 Mark 9:38-50

October 6

Job 1:1; 2:1-10 and Psalm 26
 Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8
 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
 Mark 10:2-16

October 13

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Psalm 22:1-15
 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17
 Hebrews 4:12-16
 Mark 10:17-31

October 20

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) and Psalm 104:1-9,
 24, 35c
 Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16
 Hebrews 5:1-10
 Mark 10:35-45

October 27

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
 Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126
 Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 10:46-52

November 1: All Saints' Day

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9
 and Psalm 24
 Revelation 21:1-6a
 John 11:32-44

November 3

Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146
 Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8
 Hebrews 9:11-14
 Mark 12:28-34

November 10

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127
 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Mark 12:38-44

November 17

1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10
 Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16
 Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
 Mark 13:1-8

November 24

2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)
 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93
 Revelation 1:4b-8
 John 18:33-37

November 28: Thanksgiving

Joel 2:21-27 and Psalm 126
 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 Matthew 6:25-33

YEAR C BEGINS**December 1: First Sunday of Advent**

Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
 Luke 21:25-36

December 8: Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9
 Or
 Malachi 3:1-4
 Luke 1:68-79
 Philippians 1:3-11
 Luke 3:1-6

December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20
 Isaiah 12:2-6
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:7-18

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a
 Luke 1:46b-55
 Or
 Psalm 80:1-7
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

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
 Titus 3:4-7
 Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
 Or
 Isaiah 52:7-10
 Psalm 98
 Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)
 John 1:1-14

December 29

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
 Psalm 148
 Colossians 3:12-17
 Luke 2:41-52

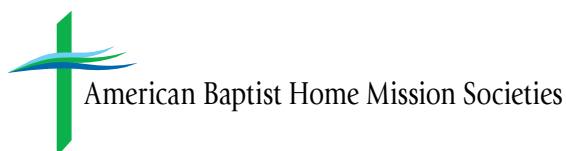




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2024 Year-At-A-Glance Calendar

January 2024

America for Christ promotional window begins.

- 1 New Year's Day
- 6 Epiphany
- 7 Baptism of the Lord
- 15 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- 18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 21 Christian Unity Sunday
- 24 Holocaust Remembrance Day (International)
- 28 Green Lake Sunday

February 2024

Black History Month

- 1 Anniversary of the founding of the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society (1877)
- 4 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 4 Boy Scout Sunday
- 11 Transfiguration Sunday
- 11 Church Vocations Sunday
- 14 Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins
- 18–24 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week
- 18 Christian Legacy Sunday
- 18 First Sunday in Lent
- 19 Presidents' Day
- 24 American Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 25 Second Sunday in Lent
- 25 Single Adult Awareness Sunday
- 27 Anniversary of the founding of the Baptist General Tract Society (1824)

March 2024

America for Christ Offering Month and Women's History Month

- 1 World Day of Prayer
- 3 America for Christ Sunday
- 3 Third Sunday in Lent
- 8 International Women's Day
- 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent
- 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 10 American Baptist Seminary Sunday
- 10 Girl Scout Sunday
- 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 17 Women in Ministry Sunday
- 24 Palm or Passion Sunday
- 25 Annunciation of the Lord
- 28 Maundy Thursday
- 29 Good Friday
- 30 Holy Saturday
- 31 Easter

April 2024

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

- 7 World Health Day
- 14 American Baptist Volunteer Sunday
- 14–20 National Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 22 Earth Day

- 27 Anniversary of establishment of American Baptist Home Mission Society (1832)
- 28 American Baptist Camps and Conferences Sunday

May 2024

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and Older US Americans Month

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 3 May Fellowship Day
- 5 Peace Sunday
- 6 Holocaust Remembrance Day (US)
- 6–13 Family Week
- 12 Mother's Day
- 12 Rural Life Sunday
- 12 Ascension Day
- 19 Pentecost
- 18 Armed Forces Day
- 19 Baptist Heritage Day
- 26 Trinity Sunday
- 27 Memorial Day

June 2024

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

- 2 One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday
- 2 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 2 International Environmental Sabbath
- 9 Children's Day
- 9 Baptist Youth Day of Prayer
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 20 World Refugee Day
- 23 American Baptist Homes and Caring Ministries Sunday

July 2024

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

August 2024

World Mission Offering promotion begins.

- 4 Friendship Day
- 6 Transfiguration

September 2024

Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15–Oct. 15)

- 2 Labor Day
- 15 American Baptist Women's Sunday
- 15 National Back to Church Sunday
- 21 International Day of Prayer for Peace
- 27 Native American/First Nations Day
- 29 Christian Education Sunday

October 2024

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

- 6 World Mission Offering Sunday
- 6 World Communion Sunday
- 13 American Baptist Laity Sunday
- 14 Columbus Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 19–21 National Observance of Children's Sabbath
- 20–26 National Pastoral Care Week
- 24 United Nations Day
- 27 Campus Ministry Sunday
- 27 Reformation Sunday
- 31 Reformation Day

November 2024

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 1 World Community Day
- 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 3 American Baptist College Sunday
- 4 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 5 Election Day
- 10 Stewardship Sunday
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 Anniversary of the founding of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society (1877)
- 17 Bible Sunday
- 24 Christ the King Sunday—The Church Year Ends
- 24 Asian American Baptist Sunday
- 28 Thanksgiving

December 2024

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Month

- 1 First Sunday of Advent—The Church Year Begins
- 1 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Sunday
- 8 Second Sunday of Advent
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 15 Third Sunday of Advent
- 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 24 (sundown)–Jan. 6 Christmastide
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26–Jan. 1 Kwanzaa
- 29 Student Recognition Sunday
- 31 New Year's Eve (Watch Night)

JANUARY 2024

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.

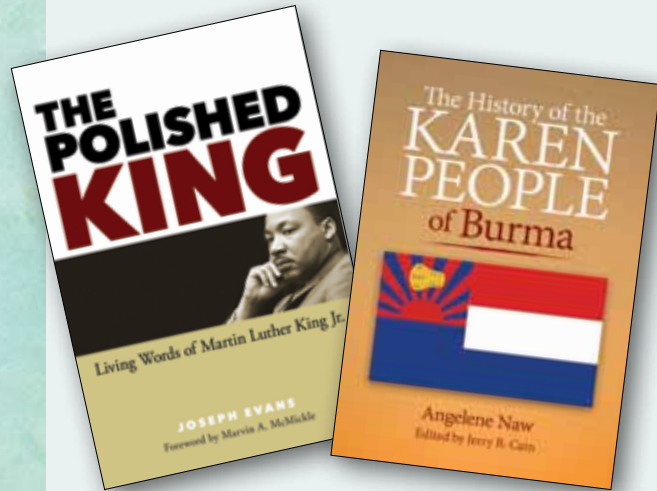
Key Dates

- 1 New Year's Day
- 6 Epiphany
- 15 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- 18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 21 Christian Unity Sunday
- 28 Green Lake Sunday

Recommended Judson Press Books

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- *The History of the Karen People of Burma* by Angelene Naw, Jerry B. Cain editor



FEBRUARY 2024

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 (1877)
- 4 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 11 Church Vocations Sunday
- 14 Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins
- 18 First Sunday in Lent
- 24 American Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 25 Second Sunday in Lent
- 27 Anniversary of the founding of the Baptist General Tract Society (1824)

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- *With Liberty and Justice for Some: The Bible, the Constitution, and Racism in America* by Susan K. Williams Smith
- *The Risk of Being Woke: Sermonic Reflections for Activists* by Curtiss Paul DeYoung
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MARCH 2024

America for Christ Offering Month and Women's History Month

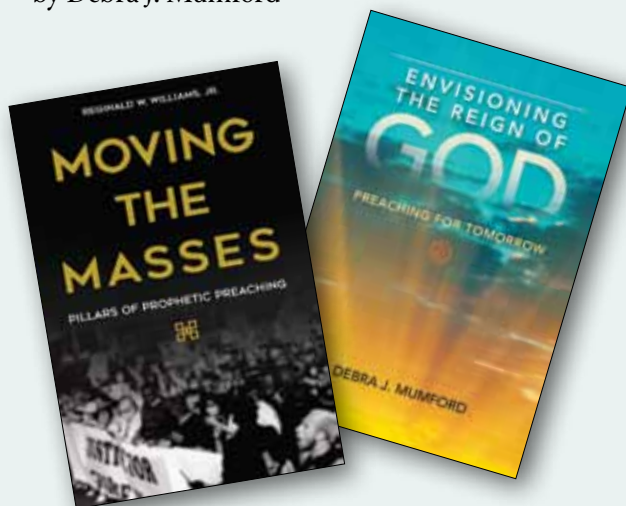
Key Dates

- 1 World Day of Prayer
- 3 America for Christ Sunday
- 3 Third Sunday in Lent
- 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent
- 10 American Baptist Seminary Sunday
- 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 24 Palm or Passion Sunday
- 28 Maundy Thursday
- 29 Good Friday
- 30 Holy Saturday
- 31 Easter

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- *Moving the Masses: Pillars of Prophetic Preaching* by Reginald W. Williams Jr.
- *Envisioning the Reign of God: Preaching for Tomorrow* by Debra J. Mumford



APRIL 2024

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

Key Dates

- 14 American Baptist Volunteer Sunday
- 22 Earth Day
- 27 Anniversary of establishment of American Baptist Home Mission Society (1832)
- 28 American Baptist Camps and Conferences Sunday

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- *My Fabulous Fifth Chapter: It's My Turn Now!* by Suzan D. Johnson Cook
- *Tending to Eden: Environmental Stewardship for God's People* by Scott C. Sabin, edited by Kathy Ide
- *Bless God and Take Courage: The Judson History and Legacy* by Rosalie Hunt Hall



MAY 2024

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

Key Dates

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 3 May Fellowship Day
- 5 Peace Sunday
- 6–13 Family Week
- 12 Mother's Day
- 12 Rural Life Sunday
- 12 Ascension Day
- 27 Memorial Day

Recommended Judson Press Books

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- *The Extraordinary Story of Ann Hasseltine Judson: A Life Beyond Boundaries* by Rosalie Hunt Hall
- *Meant for Good: Fundamentals of Womanist Leadership* by Deborah Jackson
- *Table Life: An Invitation to Everyday Discipleship* by Greg Mamula



JUNE 2024

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

Key Dates

- 2 One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday
- 2 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 2 International Environmental Sabbath
- 9 Children's Day
- 9 Baptist Youth Day of Prayer
- 16 Father's Day
- 23 American Baptist Homes and Caring Ministries Sunday

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- *The History of the Black Baptist Church: I Don't Feel No Ways Tired* by Wayne E. Croft Sr.
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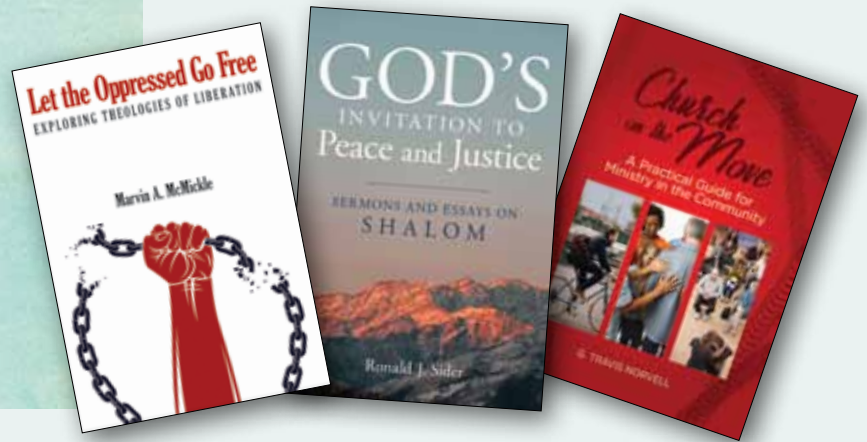
Key Dates

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

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- *Let the Oppressed Go Free: Exploring Theologies of Liberation* by Marvin A. McMickle
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- *Church on the Move: A Practical Guide for Ministry in the Community* by G. Travis Norvell



AUGUST 2024

World Mission Offering promotion begins.

Key Dates

- 4 Friendship Day
- 6 Transfiguration

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SEPTEMBER 2024

Hispanic Heritage Month
(September 15-October 15)

Key Dates

- 2 Labor Day
- 15 American Baptist Women's Sunday
- 15 National Back to Church Sunday
- 21 International Day of Prayer for Peace
- 27 Native American/First Nations Day
- 29 Christian Education Sunday

Recommended Judson Press Books

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- *Listen to the Children: Conversations with Immigrant Families/Escuchemos a los Niños: Conversaciones con Familias Immigrantes* by Elizabeth Conde-Frazier
- *Church at the Wall: Stories of Hope along the San Diego-Tijuana Border* by Seth David Clark
- *Pressing Forward: Faith, Culture, and African American Youth* by Carmichael Crutchfield and Denise Janssen



OCTOBER 2024

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

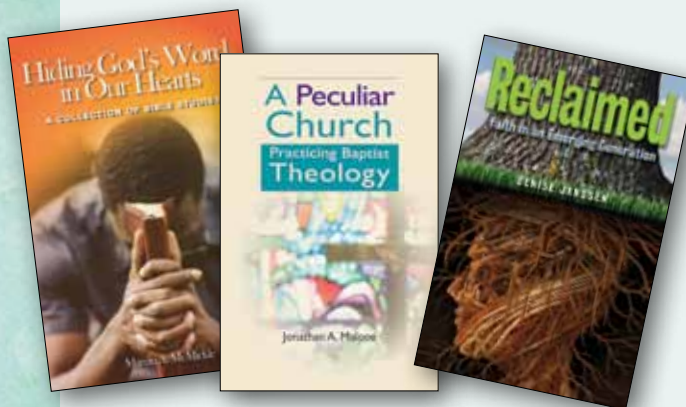
Key Dates

- 6 World Mission Offering Sunday
- 6 World Communion Sunday
- 13 American Baptist Laity Sunday
- 19–21 National Observance of Children's Sabbath
- 27 Campus Ministry Sunday
- 27 Reformation Sunday

Recommended Judson Press Books

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- *Hiding God's Word in Our Hearts: A Collection of Bible Studies* by Marvin A. McMickle
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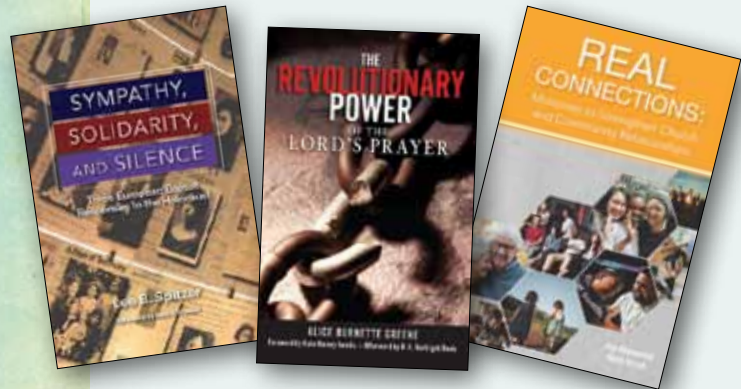
Key Dates

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 3 American Baptist College Sunday
- 4 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 17 Bible Sunday
- 24 Asian American Baptist Sunday
- 28 Thanksgiving

Recommended Judson Press Books

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- *Sympathy, Solidarity, and Silence: Three European Baptist Responses to the Holocaust* by Lee B. Spitzer
- *The Revolutionary Power of the Lord's Prayer* by Alice Burnette Greene
- *Real Connections: Ministries to Strengthen Church and Community Relationships* by Joy Skjegstad and Heidi Unruh



DECEMBER 2024

Retired Ministers and Missionaries
Offering Month

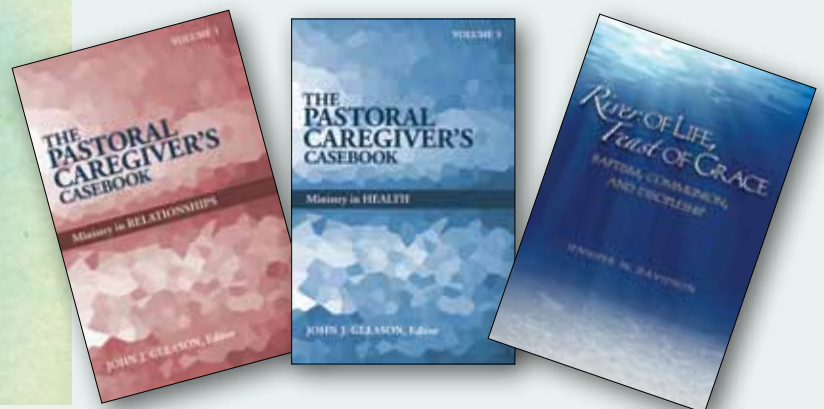
Key Dates

- 1 First Sunday of Advent—The Church Year Begins
- 1 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering Sunday
- 8 Second Sunday of Advent
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 15 Third Sunday of Advent
- 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve (Watch Night)

Recommended Judson Press Books

(www.judsonpress.com or 800-458-3766)

- *Pastoral Caregiver's Casebook Volume 1: Ministry in Relationships* edited by John J. Gleason
- *Pastoral Caregiver's Casebook Volume 3: Ministry in Health* edited by John J. Gleason
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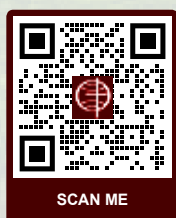


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Missional Frontiers in Faith Formation – Learn principles and practices for transformed discipleship ministries, real-life examples of disciple-making in community, and new models of faith formation. This six-part on-demand course features Michael Adam Beck of Fresh Expressions. **Price: \$49**

Rowboat or Sailboat: What Kind of Church Are You? – This short video offers a simple small-group exercise for creating a conversation with key leaders about where they see the ministry of your church today, and then opens the door for dreaming about where God may be calling the congregation to move in the future. On-demand. **Price: FREE**

Treasuring our Youth A five-part asynchronous series about ministering to youth today. Features Fuller Youth Institute’s “Growing Young” model and insights from parachurch leaders and youth ministers/pastors in the local church. On-demand webinar replays of live event hosted by ABCNYS. **Price: FREE**

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Asian Americans and Burmese in America – Replay of a webinar training for ministry leaders, including Asian Americans and Burmese who have been affected by historic and present racism. This training provides critical knowledge about the immigration experiences of these populations, and it will equip ministry leaders with a compassionate understanding of God’s creation upon humanity. On-demand. **Price: FREE**

Building Cultural Intelligence: Navigate Differences with Greater Confidence and Skill – Learn to define and understand culture, to develop the capabilities of cultural intelligence (CQ), and how to use your CQ in real-life ministry encounters. On-demand webinar replay. **Price: FREE**

Chaplaincy Skills for Community Ministry – A popular six-week certificate course for leaders considering chaplaincy as a ministry or serving in chaplain roles in their communities. Learn from board-certified chaplains in this synchronous cohort facilitated by Dr. Patricia Murphy. Dates TBA. **Price: \$249**

Making a Case for Consensus – What is consensus? What is the difference between decisions by consensus and “majority rule”? Why would a faith community want to choose consensus as their model for decision-making? Facilitated by authors Marcia Patton and Nora Percival (*Sacred Decisions: Consensus in Faith Communities*, Judson, 2021). On-demand webinar replay. **Price: FREE**

HEALING AND TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

Change Makers: Stories of the Past and Present for Tomorrow – Featuring the late Yosh Nakagawa, Katie Choy-Wong, and Ken Fong, this asynchronous learning experience includes a small-group leader’s guide focused on Yosh Nakagawa’s comments. On-demand webinar replay. **Price: FREE**

Let’s Talk about Mental Health – A five-part asynchronous series about the lived experiences of mental health concerns: suicide, grief, self-care, men’s health, and our kids’ health. Includes a moderated Q&A with mental health providers. On-demand webinar replays. **Price: FREE**

Social, Emotional, and Economic Health amid Racial Injustice – COVID-era hardships are long-lasting, especially for communities affected by anti-AAPI racism. Learn how to support people in being well, even as trauma persists. Featuring Hyepin Im. On-demand webinar replay. **Price: FREE**

Trauma and Healing in Wounded Communities – Featuring Rita Nakashima-Brock, this focuses on practical tools for healing ministries with traumatized people, especially in multicultural communities. On-demand webinar replay. **Price: FREE**

FAITHFUL FINANCE

Couples and Money – Strengthen your relationship with this six-part course focused on how you relate to money and each other. Each part includes a 7 to 10-minute video from financial educator Grace Pomroy and follow-up questions and activities. On-demand. Dates TBA. **Price: FREE**

Foundations for Faithful Finance – Discover your money personality and principles of time management, financial decision-making, and generosity. A six-week synchronous cohort facilitated by Judson Press author and financial adviser Shayna Lear Harvey. Dates TBA. **Price: FREE**

Holy Currencies – A six-part video series from the Kaleidoscope Institute, expanding our understanding of available resources to include time and place, gracious leadership, relationship, truth, and wellness. Also in Spanish. On-demand. **Price: FREE**

How to Handle a Money Crisis (or Simply the Fear of One) – Facing changing or challenging financial circumstances with your church? Become clearer about your own values in relation to money, get more thoughtful about your church's financial circumstances, and bring greater calm

and creativity to the changing church landscape. On-demand. **Price: FREE**

Money and Your Ministry – A two-part asynchronous learning experience with leadership coach Margaret Marcuson. Part 1 is designed for clergy to expand their thinking and leadership in relation to money in ministry. Part 2 invites pastors to consider what skills and knowledge they need to effectively lead the congregation financially. On-demand. **Price: FREE**

Starting the Money Conversation – Expand your financial tool kit with this two-part series exploring common issues: bills, debt, credit, and saving. Features trainers from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. On-demand. **Price: FREE**

Tools for Financial Literacy – Equip Jesus' followers with financial literacy through this self-directed course introducing the library of CFPB's "Your Money, Your Goals" tools. Great for youth ministry and life-skills training. On-demand. **Price: FREE**

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De la crucifixión de Jesús a la Resurrección de Cristo – Un estudio bíblico de cuatro partes, en español, que explora las narraciones de la pasión de Jesús, especialmente

las implicaciones de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Facilitado por Samuel Pagán. **Precio: GRATIS**

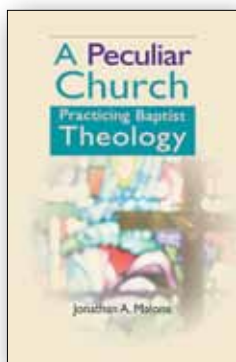
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Teaching Tips for Faith Formation

As we have considered our many resources for ministry throughout this guide, we also want to highlight faith formation. In this feature, Judson Press publisher Cheryl Price spotlights books focusing on faith formation through understanding Baptist theology, Bible study, and listening to our young people. Examine these books at www.judsonpress.com to see which ones will assist your faith formation ministries within the Baptist tradition.



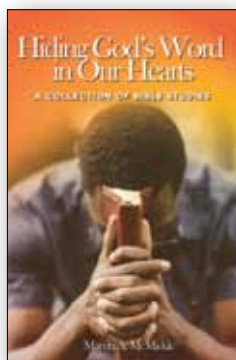
A Peculiar Church: Practicing Baptist Theology

by Jonathan A. Malone

As new or seasoned faith believers, we ask questions to help us explore who we are. Our exploration includes why we believe and what we value. Jonathan Malone, the author of *A Peculiar Church*, invites the reader to challenge preconceptions and discover opportunities to ask questions about how these beliefs are applied in their faith formation. These questions are grounded in the Baptist faith's theology and Scripture. For example, Malone discusses why Christians should show compassion and hospitality. He encourages believers to think and feel more deeply about their faith and how their beliefs are reflected in their ordinary tasks and theological aspects.

Teaching Tip:

Ask participants to record a video or write their responses to the question, "Why are you Baptist?" Ask a few persons to share their reflections with others. Discuss how Malone's book helps support opportunities to develop their faith formation as Baptists.



Hiding God's Word in Our Hearts: A Collection of Bible Studies

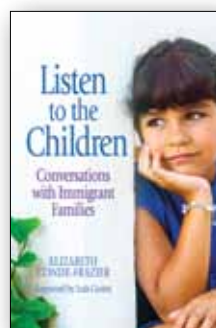
by Marvin A. McMickle

Are you ready to embark on a historical and biblical journey through the Scripture? Marvin McMickle, the author of *Hiding God's Word in Our Heart*, offers an in-depth study of selected Scripture passages. Each Bible lesson provides insightful, provocative experiences for developing our faith formation through Bible study, prayer,

song, social justice, and more. McMickle is an experienced preacher and writer who paints clear pictures and provides engaging narratives to hear and see the Scriptures and the life of Jesus in transforming opportunities for us today.

Teaching Tip:

Invite everyone to select their favorite Psalm. In small groups, have persons share how their Psalm speaks to justice issues in their neighborhood and the country. Have a more extensive group discussion regarding why God's word encourages us to be just.



Listen to the Children: Conversations with Immigrant Families/ Escuchemos a Los Ninos: Conversaciones con familias inmigrantes

by Elizabeth Conde-Frazier



Children have much to say and give as they are growing and maturing. When children move geographically to a new land, what happens? Hear fictionalized accounts based on real families of how children, parents, caregivers, and others impact and change each other's lives. The emotional and physical stresses are unveiled. Read and engage in the voices of the families and their children's reactions to significant and complex changes in their lives as they immigrate to foreign and new places to live.

Teaching Tips:

Select a ministry or program with the group that supports children and their families. Plan with the participants to create or partner with the company and develop ways to help them.

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Discipleship Extras

From helpful articles to small-group workshops to bulletin inserts related to faith formation and leadership development, the ABHMS website offers a treasure trove of free resources to support your congregational ministries of Christian education and discipleship. To name just a few:

- **Workshops for Church Life and Leadership** – classic small-group studies, including the most popular in Spanish, French and Karen
- **Articles for teachers** on age-level faith formation, selecting curriculum, learning styles and more
- **Activities for children** for Advent, Christmas and Palm Sunday
- **Discipleship Matters** bulletin inserts with themes related to children, youth and significant days in the church year
- **Discipleship and Christian Education Guide** – this resource in PDF form!



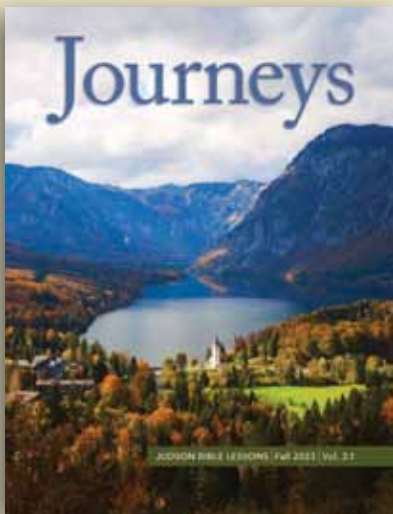
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New Resources



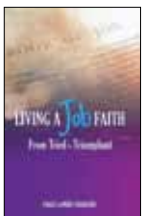
Got Style? Personality-based Evangelism, revised edition

Jeffrey A. Johnson offers an updated and refreshed edition of his popular book and workshops. Building on his past work in evangelism, he focuses on how all personalities are gifted in sharing the good news with others—not just the stereotypical “evangelist” personality. Have fun discovering your specific personality traits through the “Discover your Style” inventory and learning about the many ways you can use those strengths to invite others into a faith relationship. \$23.99



Hiding God's Word in our Hearts: A Collection of Bible Studies

Marvin A. McMickle offers expert insights through the in-depth study of popular Bible passages. Beginning with the Twenty-third Psalm, the book shares reflections that can guide small group discussion, personal reading, or congregational conversations. Additional topics include The Lord's Prayer, The Roman's Road, The Whole Armor of God, and individual studies that relate to timely topics. Read McMickle's wisdom to help you safe-keep the word of God in your heart today. \$24.99



Living a Job Faith: From Tried to Triumphant

Paige Lanier Chargois dramatically draws in readers to the Hebrew Bible story of Job. Using imagery from the courtroom, Chargois brings Job's spiritual trials to light for the 21st century.

Witness how Job survives massive loss, overcomes the doubt of his friends, and emerges triumphant through his unshaken faith in God. Learn how Job's example can inspire us to persevere in faith through hard times, reassured that God is with us in our most difficult moments. \$17.99



Church at the Wall: Stories of Hope along the San Diego-Tijuana Border

Seth David Clark tells the powerful story of how the Border Church, founded and pastored by John Fanestil, worships on the San Diego–

Tijuana border without a building. Every Sunday afternoon the author, who serves as the US-side pastoral coordinator of the church, gathers with people of good will from both sides of the border at Friendship Park to build the kingdom of God. Their love of Christ is exhibited through celebrating communion,

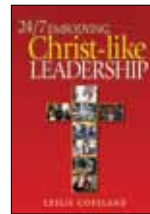
singing, and using their pinkies to pass the peace through the mesh metal walls between the US and Mexico. Readers will get to know this remarkable international church community—and its distinctive expressions of theology, justice, righteousness, and love—through the eyes of active participants. \$17.99



The Sunday After: Preaching in Moments and Movements

Clarence E. Wright offers perspective and guidance for effective preaching in moments of social upheaval and change. Drawing from the work of great historic preachers from the Civil Rights

Movement to today, Wright emphasizes the importance of getting the message right from the pulpit to support the congregation in challenging times. He shares his growth as a pastor maturing in his role during the advent of the Black Lives Matter movement. Let this book inspire and shape your words and actions after major events. \$22.99



24/7 Embodying Christ-like Leadership

Leslie Copeland has written a timely and refreshing book for leaders to reflect and rethink who they are as leaders. Leaders are encouraged to examine their lives truthfully and carefully to

grow spiritually while faithfully operating as servant-leaders for Christ. Copeland reminds leaders that such characteristics as courage, commitment, and compassion are essential to good leadership. Copeland combines Scripture and intriguing illustrations from real-life examples of positive and negative leadership to identify and define the traits of solid Christian leadership. As Christian leaders read *24/7 Embodying Christ-like Leadership*, they will ask: “Am I being, feeling, thinking, and doing my best for God? If not, what am I being called to do differently in serving God?” Read this practical work and share this book of leadership traits with another co-laborer in the Lord's fields of ministry. \$17.99

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New Resources *(cont.)*



The History of the Karen People of Burma

Angelene Naw along with Jerry Cain detail the Karen ethnic minority's many-centuries-long struggle with the Burmese majority in Burma/Myanmar. Told from a Christian Karen perspective, this book shares the history of Christian missionary work that predates Adoniram Judson. Additionally, Naw shares how the missionaries helped the Karen codify a written language, opening educational opportunities for a culture eager to learn; how religious differences have fueled open warfare for generations, and more. Stories of heroism and bravery amid suffering and oppression abound. Because the study of ethnic minorities is illegal in Burma, this book provides a unique perspective of someone who has not only studied but lived the experience. \$32.99



The Risk of Being Woke: Sermonic Reflections for Activists

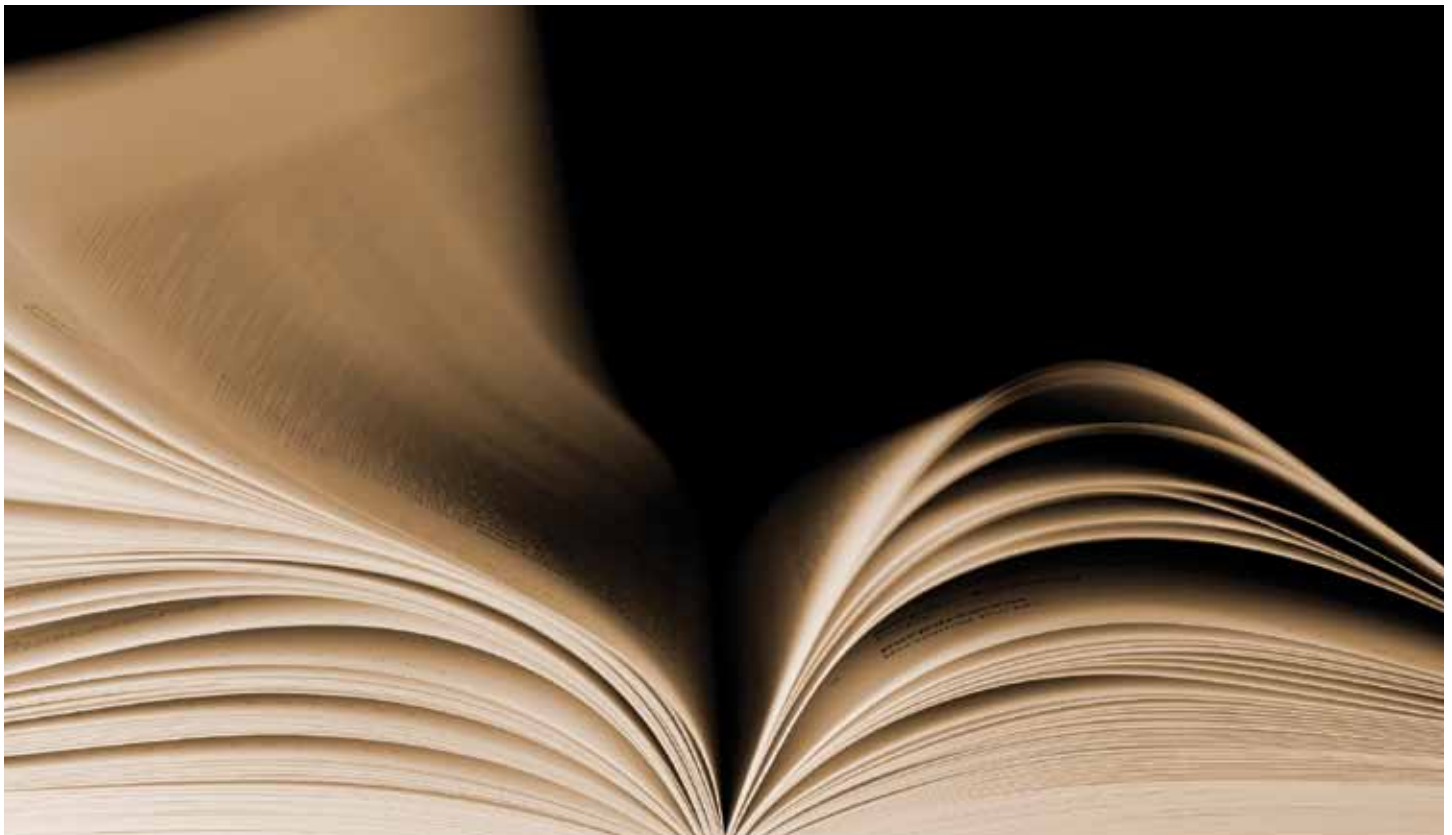
Curtiss Paul DeYoung asks: are you a Christian, an activist, or both yearning for justice to roll down like water? Are you seeking Biblically informed spiritual guidance while keeping your

eyes open to challenging societal truths? This collection of sermonic reflections from Curtiss Paul DeYoung, CEO of the Minnesota Council of Churches, written following the murder of George Floyd, provides spiritual sustenance for the activist soul. \$22.99

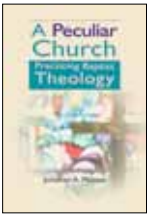


From Distrust to Trust: Controversies and Conversations in Faith Communities

Timothy J. Bonner and Matthew B. Sturtevant dive deep into how churches navigate politically divisive issues, stretching and growing to include worshipers with diverse experiences and beliefs. Based on their research into churches discerning whether to perform same-sex marriages, Bonner and Sturtevant identify model practices and pitfalls for churches engaging in potentially controversial decisions. Their work incorporates a variety of perspectives, drawing on the experiences of churches in the Midwest, as well as both coasts. This book's tools can help churches embrace trust through disagreements and grow in love. \$22.99

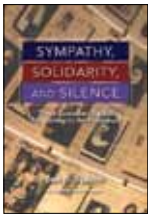


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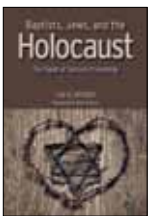
A Peculiar Church: Practicing Baptist Theology

Jonathan A. Malone provides an excellent presentation of how Baptist theology emerged in the church historically and practically. This book is divided into three parts: first, the challenges and methodology associated with creating a Baptist Theology; second, worship and ordinances; and third, other aspects of church life and ministry such as baptism and funerals. A pivotal point in Malone's "doing theology" is rooted in convictions, which he describes as "centrally held statements out of which a theology emerges." Read this book to learn more about how Baptist theology is reflective of the responses of God's people to God's Word. \$23.99



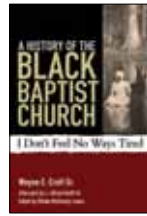
Sympathy, Solidarity, and Silence: Three European Baptist Responses to the Holocaust

Lee B. Spitzer retells how Baptists in the United Kingdom, France, and Germany responded to Nazism and the ensuing Holocaust. Drawing from historical documents from the Baptist World Alliance, newspaper articles from the Baptist Times and others, and the works of contemporary and historic German theologians, Spitzer weaves a narrative that engages hope and deeply disturbs. How did Baptist theology inspire some to save lives, while the Church was used as a tool to promote the most unthinkable of human behaviors in neighboring countries? How did the Baptist World Alliance respond to this deep conflict? Would the Baptist principles of freedom prevail? If these questions intrigue you, read on to see how European Baptists, along with the BWA, responded to this horrifying conflict. \$29.99



Baptists, Jews, and the Holocaust: The Hand of Sincere Friendship

Lee B. Spitzer writes a thorough narrative history that explores the previously unknown work of Baptists in the United States during the Second World War. Rich with primary source material and covering the history of Northern (American) Baptists, Southern Baptists, and African American Baptists alike, this groundbreaking volume is a must-read for church historians, Holocaust scholars, Baptist history buffs, and anyone interested in interfaith relations. \$38.99



A History of the Black Baptist Church: I Don't Feel No Ways Tired

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River of Life, Feast of Grace: Baptism, Communion, and Discipleship

Jennifer W. Davidson considers the historic theology of the Christian rites of baptism and communion from a Baptist perspective, and then explores the practical implications of these rituals for a life of radical discipleship. Online Leader's Guide available for small-group study! \$17.99



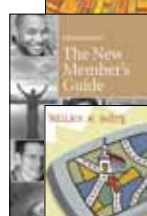
Down by the Riverside: A Brief History of Baptist Faith

Everett C. Goodwin
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We Are Baptists

Jeffrey D. Jones and Debra L. Sutton
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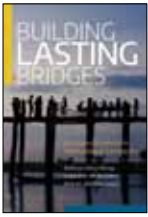
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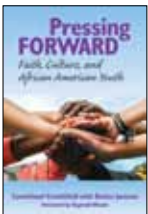
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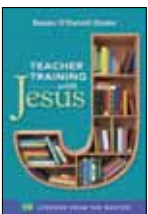
Building Lasting Bridges: An Updated Handbook for Intercultural Ministries

Authors Kathryn Choy-Wong, Lucia Ann McSpadden, and Dale M. Weatherspoon provide insights from three US-based faith leaders from diverse cultural and denominational backgrounds for understanding and bridging cultural divides. Revised for our time, this book offers a brief theology supporting diversity, followed by reflections from the authors on their personal journeys toward embracing diversity within their faith context. Notably, the authors provide a practical pathway for building bridges, which will support everyone from beginning to advanced builders of bridges. The book features brief, easily accessible chapters with compelling questions for either personal or group reflection that will be perfect for intentional community-building group study or personal growth. A light, easy sense of humor is interspersed throughout the book, bringing some levity to an often-heavy topic. Supplemental materials for reflection and conversation are available online. Whether you are seeking to begin the conversation in your community or looking for inspiration to continue the journey toward the beloved community, this book is for you! \$15.99 A downloadable workbook is also available.



Pressing Forward: Faith, Culture, and African American Youth

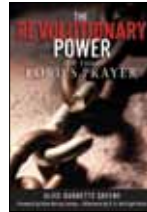
Carmichael Crutchfield and Denise Janssen have written a critical analysis of the significance of topics like self-identity, worship, pedagogy, music, and listening among African American youth, and they provide a dynamic guide for applying practical tools to foster a faith development that goes beyond memorizing Scripture for rewards. The authors utilize responses from adolescent focus groups to advocate for healthy internal and external faith formation. This book is a must-read for anyone wanting to better understand and assist in maturing the faith of African American youth. \$15.99



Teacher Training with Jesus: 10 Lessons from the Master

Susan O'Carroll Drake asks: What habits, attitudes, or techniques can you learn from the world's Master Teacher? This book highlights 10 short lessons based on Jesus' model of teaching. Each lesson includes a Bible study, inspirational vignette, and

practical suggestions to help you become more effective in teaching. Ideal for Christian educators, Sunday school teachers, and Bible study leaders. \$14.99



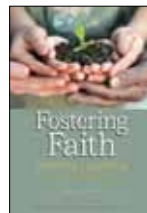
The Revolutionary Power of the Lord's Prayer

Alice Burnette Greene offers today's Christian disciples new understanding of the potency and power this significant prayer delivers and the transformative effect it can have for sharing God's love in the world. \$15.99



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Dan M. Cash and William H. Griffith focus on eight powerful questions Jesus asked in the Gospels, explore each biblical situation with depth and analysis, and experience practical insights that you can use to improve leadership skills and engage the constant change you face in the world around you. Read independently for devotion or in a small-group study. \$13.99



Fostering Faith: Teaching and Learning in the Christian Church

The authors Denise Janssen with Diane Janssen Hemmen and Sallie Verner propose a shift from education as "schooling" to a holistic model of education as transformation, which equips and empowers Christian disciples for ministry. Valuable for clergy, lay leaders, and education ministry members, this resource seeks to strengthen the vital role teachers play in the church and in the world as learners and disciples themselves. \$14.99



Millennials in Ministry

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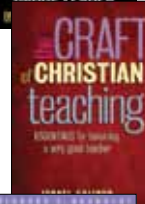
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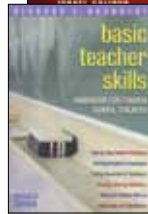
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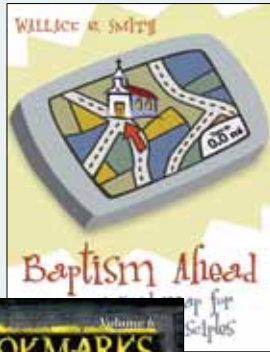
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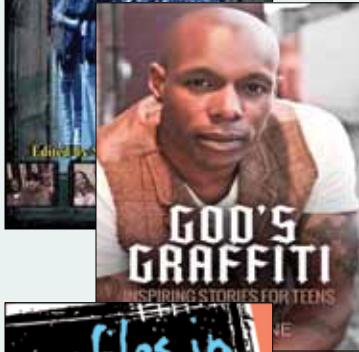
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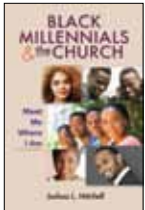
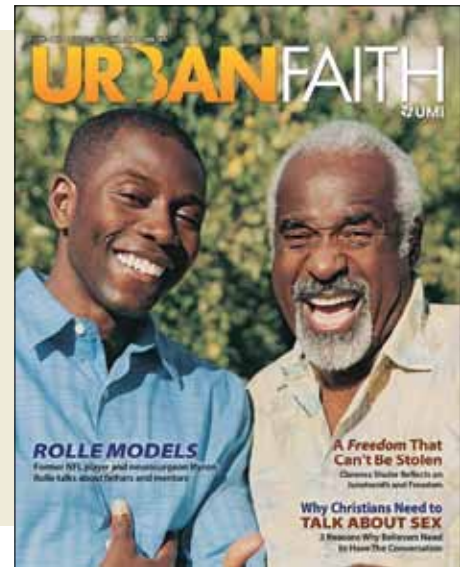
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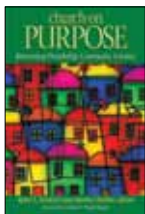
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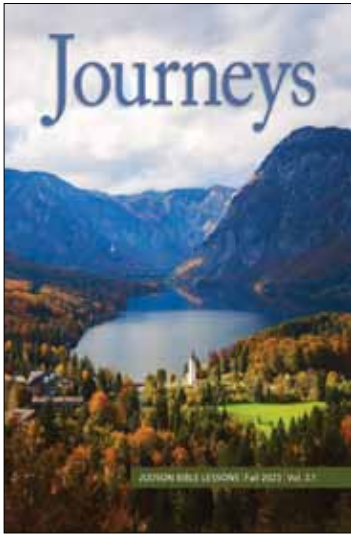


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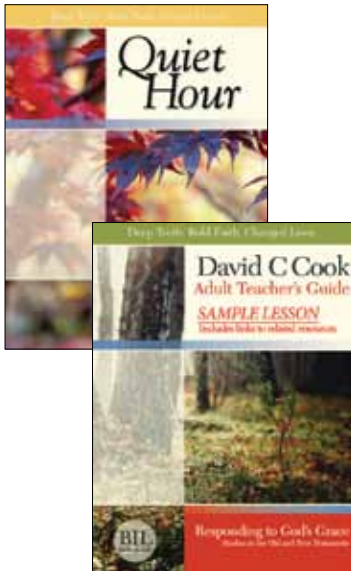
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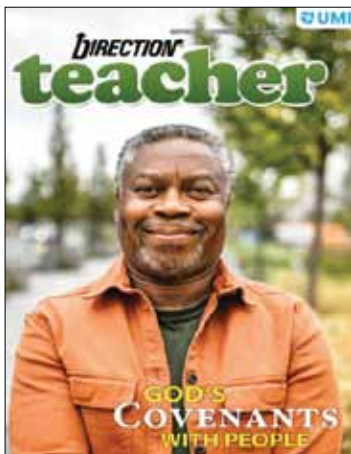


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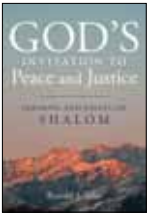
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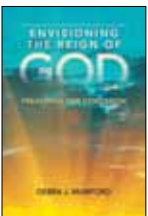
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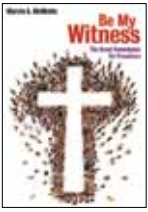
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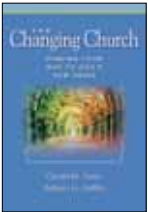


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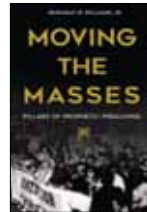
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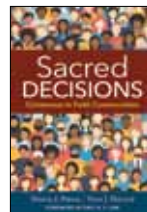
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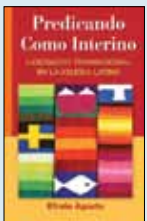


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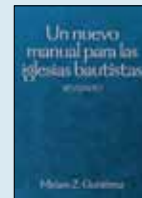


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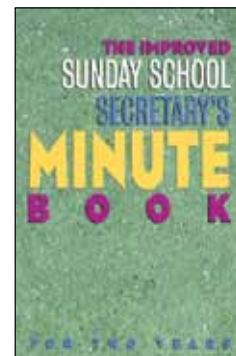
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အများ - လုံလောက်စွာနေကြောင်းသိစေပါ။

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