

Additions to the Library

July 2010

The following list includes books that were added to your church library. Check the card catalog under author or title for call numbers. Books check out for one month at a time.

Our Christian Heritage

The Christians: Their First Two Thousand Years, Vol. 8. The Renaissance: God in Man, A.D. 1300 to 1500. By The Society to Explore and Record Christian History. This wonderful set is being researched and published one volume at a time. A detailed Christian history from Jesus to the present day (eventually), it combines excellent illustrations with careful research in a readable format. This volume is filled with vivid characters—Dante, Joan of Arc, Isabella of Spain, Tamerlane, John Hus, John Wyclif, Leonardo da Vinci, the Borgias—and huge events—the Black Death, the Spanish Inquisition, the fall of Constantinople, the struggle to hold back a rampant Islam and much more. How did these people and events affect Christian history? Find out here.

101 More Hymn Stories: the Inspiring True Stories Behind 101 Favorite Hymns. By Kenneth W. Osbeck. If you didn't find your favorite hymn in *101 Hymn Stories* (which the library also has), it is probably in here. "He Lives," for instance, was written by Alfred H. Ackley (1887-1960) in response to a sincere Jewish student who had been attending his evangelistic meetings who asked, "Why should I worship a dead Jew?" Ackley's enthusiastic answer later inspired him to write the hymn.

Family Values

For the Family's Sake: the Value of Home in Everyone's Life. By Susan Schaeffer Macaulay. Our busy modern lifestyles can take the "heart" out of home if we let it. "Home" usually evokes a safe haven where we love and are loved, that fosters growth, peace and rest. Macaulay presents a blueprint for constructing a home that survives the variety of situations we face in modern life—with Jesus as its foundation.

Welcome to the Family: What to Expect Now that You are a Christian. By John MacArthur. The family referred to here is the Christian family of believers. New Christians often walk into the faith totally unprepared and undirected and find themselves overwhelmed. This small book aims to equip such people to grow and mature and prepare them for the changes they will face as new believers.

Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions. By George Barna. Most people who become Christians do so before the age of 15, and their moral values are set before the age of 9. That gives you some idea of the importance of reaching children for Christ. If the parents are not Christians, how can they teach their children? Barna believes it is essential for churches to come along side parents and equip them to provide a Christian foundation for their children.

Especially (but not only) for our Pastors

Leading Beyond the Walls: Developing Congregations with a Heart for the Unreached. By Adam Hamilton. Hamilton is senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing congregations in the country. He has written a guide for pastors who want to energize their membership to reach out to their surrounding community.

The Hospital Visit: a Pastor's Guide. By Michael L. Kirkindoll. A handbook to help pastors provide care in the hospital setting by explaining his role in six main relationships: to the patient, to the family, to the local congregation, to the hospital chaplain, to doctors and other medical personnel, and finally to the pastor's own woundedness.

Marital Questions

What If I Married the Wrong Person: Help and Hope on the Question Nearly Every Couple

Asks. By Richard Matteson and Janis Long Harris. Offering much more than the pat advice to “tough it out,” these authors bring perspective and inspiration and some practical exercises and disciplines to transform the way you think about your marriage. Here’s how you can love again and create a new marriage—with the same person.

Christian Fiction

Contemporary

Long Journey Home. By Sharlene MacLaren. Former pastor Dan Mattson abandons his flock and turns his back on God after the death of his beloved wife and baby daughter. Callie May, a single mother after divorcing an abusive husband, is facing life alone with a scarred heart. Dan and Callie become allies when her ex-husband shows up to wreck havoc in her life.

Waiting for daybreak. By Kathryn Cushman. Clarissa Richardson is trying to run a successful pharmacy. Then her grandfather hires Paige Woodward, a seemingly perfect employee, to help her out. Paige is desperate for work to help pay for her mother’s cancer treatment, but Clarissa has the feeling there is something in Paige’s past that she is not telling them.

Miracles. By Terri Blackstock. Included are two complete novels: *The Listener* and *The Gifted*. Both stories involve special supernatural gifts that characters receive and how they use them in a modern setting. Sam Bennett can suddenly hear the thoughts of others just by looking at them. After miraculously surviving an earthquake, three friends find themselves with amazing powers...that after a while vanish.

Historical Fiction

Footprints on the Horizon. By Stephanie Grace Whitson. (Pine Ridge Portraits) While the First World War rages overseas, three women cope with the heartbreak and loneliness of life at home in Nebraska as loved ones are sent to the front lines and wounded or killed. Some return suffering from more than physical disabilities.

The Sacrifice. By Beverly Lewis. (Abram’s Daughters, 3) The saga of four Amish sisters in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, continues after World War II. After her sister Sadie has abandoned her faith and family, Leah fears that her sister has also betrayed her with her beloved Jonas. Meanwhile, loyal neighbor Smithy Gid bides his time and patiently waits in hopes of winning Leah’s heart.

Bittersweet. By Cathy Marie Hake. It’s Sacramento, California, in 1860, and Laney McCain has set her sights on Galen O’Sullivan, her brother’s best friend, who thinks of her as the pesky tag-a-long little sister. When squatters move in on the O’Sullivan’s land, Galen allows them to stay in return for work on the farm...a decision he soon regrets.

Hearts Awakening. By Delia Parr. Elvira Kilmer arrives on Dillon’s Island, Pennsylvania, in 1840 needing work. She’s a single woman who assumes that marriage and family have long passed her by. Widower Jackson Smith decides he has never met anyone so plain, and he hires her as a housekeeper and helper with his young boys.

The Spider Catcher. By Gilbert Morris. Rees Kenyon, a young Welshman who forsook the family shipbuilding business to study medicine, has his dreams shattered by a tragedy. Callie Summers is a street smart child of London slums weaned on life’s harsh realities. Thrown together by circumstances, they cross the ocean to a new life just as the American Revolution begins.

