

## Additions to the Library

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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 Lord and Savior

**The Case for Faith: A Journalist Investigates the Toughest Objections to Christianity.** By Lee Strobel. Strobel has written many classics of Christian apologetics, including *The Case for Christ*, in which he examines Christ's credentials. In this book he looks at the various arguments against there being a God and that God being the God of the Bible. You've heard them all before: Why is there suffering? Why does evil exist? Doesn't science rule out God? If there is a God, can Jesus be the only way to Him? Strobel interviews eight brilliant experts regarding each of the eight difficult questions.

**24 Hours that Changed the World.** By Adam Hamilton. The book that inspired our church's Lenten study, the accompanying DVD, 40 Days of Reflection devotional, and leader study guide are now in the library. Anyone wanting to revisit this wonderful series of inspiring meditations can walk again through the last 24 earth-shattering hours of the life of Christ.

**Jesus, the One and Only.** By Beth Moore. Aiming at an "up-close and personal portrait of the life of Jesus the Messiah," Moore covers the earthly ministry of Jesus, adding new insights to the old familiar stories and capturing the awe that His contemporary audience might have felt. From manger to cross, this readable and inspiring book brings Christ up close.

### Christian Lives

**Confessions of a Caffeinated Christian: Wide-Awake and Not Alone.** By John Fischer. The witty, very entertaining autobiography of an imperfect man who found God wanted him anyway. From his opening statement ("I was born dead."), he tells about his "messy" life, his lifelong love for coffee, and his passion for Jesus. "Caffeinated Christians" are people who have been broken, but face life's problems and pain with a "full-strength faith—deep and powerful."

**What Difference Do It Make? Stories of Hope and Healing.** By Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent. A continuation of the story began in the *New York Times* bestseller, *Same Kind of Different as Me*. Ron Hall and Denver Moore, unlikely friends and even unlikelier coauthors—a wealthy fine-art dealer and an illiterate homeless African American—were brought together by a remarkable woman's love. They tell more of their stories, including Ron's coming to terms with his difficult father and Denver's dramatic stint in Angola prison.

**Billy Graham: a Tribute from Friends.** Compiled by Vernon McLellan. The fifty-five friends list reads like a who's who presented in alphabetical order. Each tells of their association with Billy Graham, how he affected their lives and his probable legacy. To name a few, they include Charles Colson, Kay Arthur, Elisabeth Elliot, Mike Huckabee, Bill Bright, Joni Eareckson Tada and four U.S. Presidents.

**Amazing Faith: the Authorized Biography of Bill Bright.** By Michael Richardson. All of us are familiar with Campus Crusade for Christ that has now grown into an international organization with world ministry. This is the amazing story of its founder, a rural Oklahoma boy who grew into a successful businessman...with something missing. How he found his way to God, and a world-changing mission is fascinating reading.

## How Others See Us

**Unchristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity...and Why It Matters.** By David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons. Christians are supposed to represent Christ to the world, but according to the latest report card, something has gone terribly wrong. Descriptions like “hypocritical,” “insensitive,” and “judgmental” abound among young people. The authors and two dozen other leading Christian voices unpack the major criticisms and consider how best to represent Jesus to your friends, neighbors and co-workers.

## Christian Fiction

### *Contemporary*

**My Soul to Keep.** By T. David Bunn. Brent Stark thinks his days as a leading man are over until God—in the form of a visionary tycoon—offers him the role of his life. Bobby Dupree, a southern entrepreneur with a revolutionary idea for filmmaking, wants to make a new kind of movie. He has all the faith, but little know-how. How can they face off against the money and power of Hollywood?

**Between Sundays.** By T. Karen Kingsbury. Derrick Anderson, a retiring quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, promised his dying son he would win a Super Bowl for him. His hope may rest on an upcoming star, Aaron Hill, who is beginning to find the glitz and glamour of life at the top meaningless. Things get complicated when young foster child Cory insists Aaron is his dad. *(The book's forward is written by Alex Smith, quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers.)*

**Maggie.** By Charles Martin. (Sequel to *The Dead Don't Dance*) Life began again for Dylan Styles when his beloved wife Maggie woke up from a coma brought on by the intense two-day labor that ended in the tragic loss of their baby son. So they begin a normal life in Digger, South Carolina, attempting to get past the grief of their loss and try for another child.

**Take Three.** By Karen Kingsbury. (Above the Line series, 3) Chase Ryan and Keith Ellison set out to save the world with their films, and they are finally seeing their dreams come true. They are negotiating to have a top young star play the lead in their inspirational production, but a powerful studio is determined that she will not take the part.

**Luke's Passage.** By Max Davis. Luke Hatcher was the pride of Magnolia Springs, Louisiana, a high school baseball star headed for the big leagues. Things changed for him when a dare turned into tragedy, the love of his life was lost forever, and he began his emotional journey through the jungles of Vietnam.

### *Suspense*

**The Real Enemy.** (Sophie Trace Trilogy, 1) By Kathy Herman. Brill Jessup just became the first female police chief in Sophie Trace, Tennessee, after a stellar 18-year career in Memphis. Her personal life is more troubled as she nurses bitterness toward her husband who has made a mistake she cannot forgive. Then people of the town begin disappearing, and Brill faces an enemy that cannot be stopped with a gun.

**The Last Word.** (Sophie Trace Trilogy, 2) By Kathy Herman. Brill Jessup's daughter Vanessa returns home from college pregnant. The baby's father, a professor, insisted on abortion and disappeared when Vanessa refused. Brill also faces the murder of one of her detectives by someone who also plans to kill her if she doesn't find him first.

**The Right Call.** (Sophie Trace Trilogy, 3) By Kathy Herman. Ethan Langley returns home from college and hopes to grow his friendship with Vanessa Jessup and her infant son Carter with the warm approval of her parents. A series of random shootings rock the town, and Ethan learns details that might break the case—but it imperils the lives of those he has come to love.

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