

Additions to the Library

September 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.

Roadmaps

The Principle of the Path: How to Get from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be. By Andy Stanley. Here's some practical, biblically-based wisdom to help you reach the goals you desire in your life. One principle, says Stanley, will help you heal relationships, improve marriage, help hand off godly values to your children, succeed financially or in business and reach other desired destinations. If you want to break bad habits, bad behaviors and bad decisions that lead to trouble, this could help.

Thrive, Don't Simply Survive: Passionately Live the Life You Didn't Plan... By Karol Ladd. Sometimes the things that matter most—like marriages, children, careers, families, and friends—fall apart and leave us with only deflated dreams. Learn how to redefine your unexpected life, discover concrete skills that help you move past simply surviving and into a thriving life lived passionately and with joy.

Directions: Daily Devotions for Your Journey. By 27 teaching pastors of Florida churches. A whole year's worth of daily devotionals, each featuring a Bible verse, a meditation, and a question to think about. *(And, yes! You can check it out for a year. In the 242 section of the library containing yearly devotional calendars, you may keep the book for the duration to use every day.)*

The DNA of Relationships. By Gary Smalley, Greg Smalley, Michael Smalley and Robert S. Paul. We are designed for relationships with others and with God. How you feel about life often boils down to how you feel about your relationships. Yet many of us are living with broken, strained or painful relationships, often ignoring the most important one, our connection with God. The authors have a 5 point plan to help you break the destructive relationship dance.

Church Diagnostics

The following suite of books from Natural Church Development Resources can be used to measure church growth, provide a plan for discovering the spiritual gifts within a congregation and apply those gifts to carry out the mission of the church.

--**Reveal: Where Are You?** By Greg L. Hawkins and Cally Parkinson. Are your church's programs really working? Are they helping to promote spiritual growth?

--**The Threefold Art of Experiencing God: the Liberating Power of a Trinitarian Faith.** By Christian Schwarz. Understanding the Trinity provides an opportunity to grow in our view of God.

--**The 3 Colors of Ministry.** By Christian A. Schwarz. "A Trinitarian approach to identifying and developing your spiritual gifts."

--**How to Study the 3 Colors of Ministry in Your Small Group.** (Group Leader's Guide.) By Christian A. Schwarz and Brigitte Berief-Schwarz.

--**How to Use the 3 Colors of Ministry in a Mentoring Relationship.** (Mentor's Guide.) By Christoph Schalk.

--**How to Implement the 3 Colors of Ministry in Your Church.** (Pastor's Guide.) By Christoph Schalk.

Talking with God

Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference? By Philip Yancey. Yancey asks some important questions: Is God listening when I pray? Why do so many prayers go unanswered? Why should God care about me? Does prayer really help with physical healing? Why does God seem sometimes close and sometimes far away? Does prayer change God or change me? How can I make prayer more satisfying? Since the link with our Heavenly Father is vital, the answers should be interesting to all of us.

Christian Leaders

Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer. By J. Oswald Sanders. A new updated edition for the twenty-first century of a work that is a classic in the area of godly leadership. “To aspire to leadership is an honorable ambition.” (Timothy 3:1). Sanders covers the cost, the responsibilities, the tests, the qualities, and the one indispensable requirement of leadership.

Heavenly Beings

An Angel a Day: a Book of Meditations, Stories of Angelic Encounters. By Ann Spangler. Sixty brief meditations on angelic encounters in both Scripture and in the lives of ordinary men and women. Angels sent from God perform many functions in the Bible, especially as messenger and protector, but always as God’s servants.

Christian Fiction

Contemporary

Higher Hope. By Robert Whitlow. (Tides of Truth, book 2. Library also has book 1, *Deeper Water*.) Young lawyer Tami Taylor, fresh from a tiny rural town, begins her law career clerking in a prestigious law firm in Savannah. Her deep Christian convictions often place her in ethical opposition to her employers, especially when an unscrupulous developer tries to legally evict an unlearned pastor to possess the land.

Greater Love. By Robert Whitlow. (Tides of Truth, book 3) After passing her law exams with high honors, Tami is offered two positions: one with the wealthy law firm she has been clerking for and a beginning startup with two other women. While defending a young uncooperative client who she knows is not telling the truth and trying to decipher a cryptic document carried by the runaway teen, Tami must decide which of two young men will share her future.

Historical Romance

A Distant Melody. By Sarah Sundin. (Wings of Glory, book 1) Its 1942 and World War II is underway. Never quite pretty enough to suit her mother, Allie has resigned herself to marry a man her mother approves. Then by chance she meets Lt. Walter Novak—fearless in the cockpit but hopeless with women—just before he ships overseas. Their correspondence between a muddy bomber base in England and a mansion in an orange grove will change both their lives.

A Measure of Mercy. By Lauraine Snelling. (Home to Blessing, book 1) In 1903, Blessing, North Dakota, a town settled by several Norwegian families, Astrid Bjorklund has been studying medicine with hopes of joining her mentor Dr. Elizabeth Bjorklund in practice. When a missionary arrives in town and tells of the need for a medical missionary to Africa, Astrid wonders if God is calling her.

No Distance Too Far. By Lauraine Snelling. (Home to Blessing, book 2) Smarting from a misunderstanding with Joshua Landsverk, the man she thought she loved, Astrid goes south to attend a missionary training school. When she is called home to help in a family medical crisis, a new opportunity opens for her and she wonders if the mission field God calls her to is different from the one she imagined.

Twilight’s Serenade. By Tracie Peterson. (Song of Alaska, 3) When the man she loved, Yuri Belikov, married someone else, Britta Lindquist left Sitka, Alaska, for San Francisco to study violin, her talent and passion. Returning in 1906 to Sitka she found Yuri absent but his wife about to deliver a child. When tragedy strikes, she suddenly finds herself caring for Yuri’s children.

A Love of Her Own. By Maggie Brendan. In turn-of-the-century Montana, April McBride travels to Lewistown, a small mining town, to attend her brother’s wedding. It’s a crude, dusty place inhabited by ill-bred cowboys, and she can hardly wait to leave. A run-in with horse trainer Wes Owen opens up vast possibilities, however...for frustration, embarrassment, friendship and...love?

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