

## Additions to the Library

December 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.

### Getting the Word

**Resurrection: Receiving and releasing God's greatest miracle.** By Mark Rutland. A short, powerful book that exults in the defeat of death. The passion of Jesus paid the price to give us the "joy that sees beyond the grave." After examining the events of Easter morning in detail, the grief of the disciples, the remorse of Peter and Judas (and their different choices), Rutland goes on to ponder the meaning of God's greatest miracle that brings us hope and joy and life that does not end.

**God's Little Instruction Book: Volumes I, II & III.** You are probably all familiar with the first volume of this that came out in 1993. It is a collection of inspirational quotes and scriptures designed to motivate you to live a meaningful, productive and happy life. The popular quote is followed by the Bible verse that affirms it.

### Our Emotions

**The Cry of the Soul: How our emotions reveal our deepest questions about God.** By Dr. Dan B. Allender & Dr. Tremper Longman. Our emotions were given to us by God for a purpose, but they can either help or hinder our spiritual aspirations. Allender and Longman try to sort out the differences between righteous anger and unrighteous anger, destructive fear and constructive fear, dark desire and divine desire, and many other conflicting emotions to show us how God uses our emotions to redeem us.

### Defending the Faith

**Faith under Fire: How Christians Respond to Islam and other religions.** By David C. Cooper. Today America has become a melting pot of many world religions, pseudo-Christian movements, cults and philosophies. Cooper shares his insights on Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam, and examines the beliefs of Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses and others. How does the Christian defend against the multitudes of opposing beliefs and ideologies? Look at Jesus of the Bible.

### Marriage

**The Marriage Builder.** By Larry Crabb. A psychologist cuts to the heart of the biblical view of marriage: the "one-flesh" relationship. He argues that the deepest needs of human personality—security and significance—cannot be met by a marriage partner. We need to turn to the Lord to satisfy our needs, and free us to become truly one. Three building blocks are considered essential: the grace of God, true marriage commitment and acceptance of one's mate.

### The Guys

**Why Men Hate Going to Church.** By David Murrow. Some statistics: 40% of adults in most churches are men, and 20 to 25% of married churchgoing women attend without their husbands. Why are men so bored and reluctant? With eye-opening research and persuasive facts, Murrow reveals why men are the world's largest unreached people group. His answer is not to call men back to church. It is to call church back to men.

## Christian Fiction

### *Contemporary*

**Star Bright.** By Andrew Greeley. It's beginning to look a lot like an American Christmas with irritable, unpleasant relatives, horrible weather, miserable travel and a slobbering dog. So thinks Jack Flanigan a Boston College student who decides to invite a new Russian friend, lovely Tatiana Shuskulya, home with him for Christmas. What happens when Tatiana enters the American maelstrom of Yuletide makes a hilarious story.

**Things Left Unspoken.** By Eva Marie Everson. Jo-Lynn Hunter is at a crossroads in life when her great aunt Stella insists she return home to restore the old family manse in sleepy Cottonwood, Georgia. For Jo-Lynn it's also a welcome therapeutic time away from her husband. Beneath the dust and peeling wallpaper, she discovers that things are not as they always seemed in her family. Exactly what is her Aunt Stella trying to hide? And will her marriage survive the renovation.

**Letters to God.** By Patrick Doughtie and John Perry. Tyler Dougherty, a nine-year-old boy, is stricken with incurable brain cancer and copes with the disease by writing letters to God. When interim postman Brady McDaniels finds the first heaven-bound letter he considers it an annoyance, shoves it in his pocket and forgets it. Finding it later, he decides to take it to a church. Thus begins a chain of events that will change the lives of the postman, the pastor, Tyler's angry mother Maddy, and his rebellious brother Ben.

**The Bridge of Peace.** By Cindy Woodsmall. Lena Kauffman is a young Old Order Amish schoolteacher who has dealt all her life with attention raised by a noticeable birthmark on her cheek. She moves past the stares and whispers and concentrates on her teaching. Several crises arise at the schoolhouse that endanger her students, and somehow Lena is held responsible for the problems.

### *Historical*

**A Memory between Us.** By Sarah Sundin. In 1943 during World War II, Major Jack Novak ends up in an English army hospital after a plane crash. There he meets army nurse Ruth Doherty and is captivated. Ruth is focused on her work and supporting her orphaned siblings back home. She is not interested. As the war comes closer, though, they are forced to depend on each other. Includes lots of World War II aviation history.

### *Historical Romance*

**That Certain Spark.** By Cathy Marie Hake. Gooding, Texas, in 1892, is about to gain a double blessing—a veterinarian and a doctor. But when siblings Enoch and Taylor Bestman arrive, the discovery that the lone-awaited doctor is a woman does not go down well. Taylor's worst critic also becomes, against his will, her patient.

### *Western Romance*

**Cowgirl at Heart.** By Cristine Lynxwiler. (A McCord Sister romance) Elyse McCord always plays it safe, a fact she blames on being the biological daughter of a modern-day Bonnie and Clyde. Shy around all but her adoptive family members, the timid Elyse, who loves animals, comes aggressively forward to protect an abused dog and finds herself the captive of a gun-wielding maniac.

**The Reluctant Cowgirl.** By Cristine Lynxwiler. (A McCord Sister romance) Crystal McCord, another adopted daughter of the large McCord family, has a natural talent for drama and has no inclination to spend her time on a ranch. When her New York stardom dreams tumble, though, she travels home to the ranch to regroup...and runs into her first real-life Arkansas cowboy complete with horse and hat.