

Additions to the Library

September 2011

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.

Reaching the Unreached Among Us

Pure Scum: the left-out, the right-brained and the grace of God. By Mike Sares. Reece Roper, a member of the band Five Iron Frenzy, had been asked to leave a couple of churches he had tried to attend. They didn't like his long brightly-colored hair, his nose ring or mode of dressing. Then he was welcomed by pastor Mike Sares who sent a church member to join his band and mentor them. Sares eventually founded the Scum of the Earth Church in Denver to seek out the lost and underestimated. With both high and low points, this is the story of that church.

Introverts in the Church: finding our place in an extroverted culture. By Adam S. McHugh. The author believes that many churches tend to be extroverted places where the contributions of introverts are often not recognized. As members of the body of Christ, these shier and less outspoken people are able to serve, lead, worship, and evangelize effectively, but in ways that fit who they are. McHugh offers practical ways to reach out and welcome these people.

Understanding Evangelical Media: the changing face of Christian communication. Edited by Quentin Schultze and Robert Woods. Reaching the world is the goal for evangelists, and modern technology has opened up a vast array of mediums to do it. Each chapter of this heavily researched book deals with a particular communications method and is written by an expert in the area. Covered are: radio, TV, film, digital movies, Christian music, books, theater, cyberspace, theme parks, comic books, games and merchandise. The tools are here for carrying out the Great Commission.

Travellers in The Way

The Christian life

The Life God Blesses: the secret of enjoying God's favor. By Jim Cymbala. God is not looking for people with special talents, unusual intelligence or great strength, but instead for those who possess a certain kind of heart. Getting that heart that God cannot resist will make one a channel of His blessing for your family, your church and your world. A small book with a big message.

The Good Life: seeking purpose, meaning, and truth in your life. By Charles Colson. In a search for the answers to questions we all ask—Who am I? Why am I here? How can I find significance in my life? How can I make my life count?—Colson reflects on his own story and that of others. The values that are often touted in our culture turn out to be an illusion, and only the truth brings peace.

Celebration of Discipline: the path to spiritual growth. By Richard J. Foster. *Christianity Today* has described this book as one of the best ten books of the twentieth century. Foster, a Quaker, gives the classic Christian disciplines that lead to a richer spiritual life and deeper understanding of God. The inward disciplines are meditation, prayer, fasting and study. The outward disciplines are simplicity, solitude, submission and service. The corporate ones are confession, worship, guidance, and celebration.

Come Thirsty. By Max Lucado. Do you have a dehydrated heart? Deprive your soul of spiritual water and it will send desperate messages: snarling tempers, waves of worry, growing guilt and fear, hopelessness, resentment, loneliness and insecurity. Our Lord invites us to come and drink deeply to quench our thirsty soul. Drink deeply of his unending and unfailing love.

The Wesleyan Tradition

John Wesley's Message for Today. By Steve Harper. Wesley's teaching continues to be a source of inspiration after more than two hundred years. There is now a new interest in getting back to the spiritual roots of our faith and practice. This introduction provides a guide to Wesleyan theology in clear contemporary language, just as Wesley would if he were writing today...plain words for plain people.

Especially for Women

Life on Planet Mom: a down-to-earth guide to your changing relationships. By Lisa T. Bergren. Becoming a mom affects your relationships with everyone—your spouse, your parents, your friends, and even God. Bergren helps busy moms prioritize relationships with others and offers practical ideas to enhance the six key relationships: with self, spouse, friends, family of origin, community and God.

The Wounded Woman: hope and healing for those who hurt. By Steve Stephens and Pam Vredevelt. The pain may be of many kinds: an abusive childhood, having a child with special needs, losing a child, abortion, rape, unfaithfulness of spouse, death of someone close. To help women regain their feet, recover their energy and reclaim their joy, the authors use real-life case histories of women who made that recovery and found their way to healing.

Be Angry But Don't Blow It! Maintaining your passion without losing your cool. By Lisa Bevere. Conflict is unavoidable, so each of us must learn to successfully manage it. For those who find this difficult, Bevere has the following suggestions: learn to say things so you'll be heard; move beyond mere apologies to genuine confession; yank the defiling root of bitterness; and find forgiveness and release for yourself. Although, she takes a feminine slant, we could all benefit from her anger control advice.

The Valley of Death

Our Greatest Gift: a meditation on dying and caring. By Henri J. M. Nouwen. "Dying is the most general human event, something we all have to do. But do we do it well?" So asks Nouwen. He believes we should prepare for our death with the same care as our parents prepared for our birth. When we make the choice of faith, we can face death with hope knowing that it is victory, new life and glory because of what Jesus did on the cross.

Christian Fiction

Historical Romance

Tomorrow's Garden. By Amanda Cabot. In the 1850's in Libreville, Texas, Harriet Kirk arrives to be the town's new schoolmarm, put the past behind her and give her younger siblings a brighter tomorrow. There she encounters former Texas Ranger Lawrence Wood, who has a few things to put behind him too. The attraction is irresistible.

A Woman Called Sage. By Dianne Mills. In frontier Colorado, Sage, a Ute Indian woman married to a white man, sees their ranch invaded by ruthless gunmen who kill her husband and cause her to lose their unborn child. Bent on revenge, she becomes a rare person in the old West...a female bounty hunter. She is diverted from her goal when two small boys are kidnapped and the local Marshall asks for her help.

Romance

Love Finds You in Camelot Tennessee. By Janice Hanna. Steve Garrison, the mayor of Camelot, Tennessee, is fighting to save his town's economy, when childhood friend Amy Hart devises a plan. The townspeople will perform the musical "Camelot," drawing nightly crowds from all over. She then asks him to play the part of King Arthur.

