

Books

Title	Author	Comments
Abandonment to Divine Providence	T.P. de Caussade	A classic and an antidote for those sick of "self-help"
Ancient Paths	Craig Hill	
A Resistant Life	Gordon MacDonald	
The Arts and Crafts of Biblical Preaching	Robinson/Larson	Excellent – should be on every pastor's bookshelf and be referred to often – has helped me tremendously!
As a Driven Leaf	Milton Steinberg	View of 1 st Century Judaism
Barbarian Way	Erwin McManus	
Becoming a People of Grace	Charles Swindoll	
Biblical Eldership	Alexander Strauch	
The Blessing	Gary Malley & John Trent	
Blue Like Jazz	Donald Miller	
Breaking the Missional Code	Stetzer/Putman	
Called to be Holy	Oswald	Excellent insight on <u>practical</u> holiness
The Challenge of Jesus	N.T. Wright	Thought provoking historically based study of Jesus' life
The Christian Challenge in a Post-modern World	N.T. Wright: www.ntwrightpage.com	Article by N.T. Wright
The Church God Blesses	Jim Cymbala	
The Church In Many Houses	Steve Cordle	a case for "Great Commission" oriented small groups
The Church That Never Sleeps	Matthew Barnett	
Come Thirsty	Max Lucado	
Conspiracy of Kindness - 2	Steve Sjogren	This is a book of evangelism through acts of kindness
	Steven B. Simple	

Contrarians Guide to Leadership		
The Cost of Discipleship	D. Bonheoffer	
Courageous Leadership - 2	Bill Hybels	Explanation of the Dream Team
The Da Vinci Code – a quest for answers	Josh McDowell	
The Disciple Making Church & The Disciple Making Pastor	Bill Hull	Both develop a good Theology but not practical for our implementation
Discipleship Counselling	Neil T. Anderson	
Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus Through the Gospel of John	Jean Vanier	It is worth weeding through some Catholic dogma to have fresh insights into our Lord!
Dream Giver	Dr. Bruce Wilkinson	
Dream Releasers - 2	Wayne Cordiero	
Driven by Destiny	John Bevere	
Emotionally Healthy Church Zondervan, 2003 – 2	Peter Scazzero	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inventory on emotional health 2. A strategy for Discipleship that actually changes lives
The Externally Focused Church - 2	Rick Rusaw & Eric Swanson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Challenge & Biblical Pattern for prioritizing ministry to others 2. Excellent resource for shaping an engaging mindset in a church
Faith Begins at Home	Mark Holmen	
Family Based Youth Ministry	Mark Davries	The importance of involving youth and adults together or there is nothing to keep the youth once they leave the youth group
The Five Dysfunctions of a Team	Patrick M. Lencioni	
Five Smooth Stones for	Eugene H. Person	Very practical, thought provoking and challenging. A wealth of valuable, practical,

Pastoral Work		theological insights.
Flashbang: How I Got Over Myself	Mark Steele	Hilarious & honest
Focus - The Power of People Group Thinking	John D. Robb	Deals with reaching people groups, planning strategy, praying and networking
Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire	Jim Cymbala	It is a manual for a small church to grow by prayer. It works.
Generous Orthodoxy	Brian McLaren	Overview of emerging church
Going Public With Your Faith	William Carr Peel, Walt Larimore M.D.	
Good to Great - 2	Jim Collins	
Good to Great and the Social Sector	Jim Collins	
Grace – Based Parenting	Dr. Tim Kimmel	
The Gutter	Craig Gross	The calling of the church to the disenfranchised
Halftime	Bob Buford	
How to Lead and Still have a Life	Dale Burke	Very helpful and practical for ministry.
Humility	Andrew Murray	
If Standing Together is So Great, Why Do we Keep Falling Apart	Tom Kraeuter	
Igniting Passion in Your Church	Steve Ayers	
Inside the Organic Church	Bob Whitesel	
Integrity - 2	Dr. Henry Cloud	Excellent, even though written for business leaders
Irresistible Revolution - 2	Shane Claiborne	A challenge to rediscover true Christianity
It's Your Ship	Michael Abrashoff	Management Techniques
Jesus in the Margins		

Jesus Life Coach	Laurie Beth Jones	
Jesus the Pastor	John W. Frye	Helpful perspectives on the central essence of Pastoral Ministry
Jesus' Sermon on the Mount	D.A. Carson	Commentary on Matthew 5-10
Just Walk Across the Room	Bill Hybels	
The Language of God -2	Francis Collins	a leading scientist's search for God
The Last Christian Generation	Josh McDowell	
The Leaders Journey	Harrington, Creech, Taylor	Personal integrity & spiritual development rather than function. Very challenging
Leadership is the Key	Herb Miller	
Leading the Congregation:	N.Shawchuck & R. Heuser	Pastoral self-care
Leading the Team Based Church	George Cladis	
Letters & Papers from Prison	D. Bonhoeffer	
Living the Resurrection	Eugene H. Peterson	
Lord Change My Attitude Before it's too Late	James McDonald	Excellent & challenging – not to apply
Luke for Everyone	N.T. Wright	Moderately easy to read commentary series
Making Cell Groups Work	M. Scott Boren	
Marriage and Divorce: in the Bible and the Church	Alex R.G. Deasley	
The Master Plan of Discipleship	Robert Coleman	Excellent
Measure of a Man	Gen Getz	
Mega Shift	James Ritz	A great book on the shift the church is and needs to make to see much fruit again. Why is the church exploding in parts of our world and not in N.A.? Because of the shift back to being the church as Christ purposed.

Mentoring Leaders - 2	Carson Pue	
Ministry Staff Member	Douglas L. Fagerstrom	
The Missioinal Leader	Roxburgh & Romanuck	Personal integrity & spiritual development rather than function. Very challenging
Mudhouse Sabbath	Lauren F. Winner	
Next Generation Leader -2	Andy Stanley	Great for leadership
No More Christian Nice Guy	Paul Coughlin Bethany House 2005	This is a book that explores how Christian men have lost their backbone, their willingness to fight to be passionate, to be like Jesus when he drove the money lenders out of the temple.
On Mission with God	Willis & Blackaby	
Organic Church - 2	Neil Cole	
Overcoming Overload	Steve & Mary Farrar	
The Papa Prayer	Larry Crabb	
Post Modern Children's Ministry	Ivy Beckwith	Children's Ministry
The Power of God at Home	J. Bradley Wigger	Children's Ministry
Prayer – Does it Make a Difference	Yancey	1. Excellent 2. Very much recommended
The Present Future	Reggie McNeal	Discipleship now and beyond that is relevant and makes a difference
The Promise of the Second Wind	Bill Butterworth	
Quiet Leadership	David Rock	This book is really about coaching
Raising Kids for True Greatness	Dr. Tim Kimmel	Excellent
Reading Is Believing	David Cunninghamthe Apostles' Creed applied
Reclaiming God's Original Intent for the Church	Wes Roberts & Glenn Marshall	Memorable

Relational Leadership	Walter C. Wright	
The Rest of God	Mark Buchanan	Excellent view of Sabbath
Revival in the Rubble	John Kitchen	
Rock Solid Kids	Larry Fowler	Children's Ministry
Run With the Horses	Eugene H. Peterson	
Sacred Romance (& workbook)	John Eldridge	
Sacrificed? Truth or Politics	Larry D. Spencer	
The Scandal of Evangelical Conscience	Ron Sider	Great personal challenge
Screwtape Letters	C.S. Lewis	
The Secret Message of Jesus - 2	Brian McLaren	Life Changing
The Seven Deadly Sins of a Small Group – 2	Donahue/Robinson	
Seven Practices of Effective Ministry -2	Andy Stanley	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some thoughtful insights on managing ministry 2. Great for Leadership
Shaped By God's Heart - 2	Milfred Minatrea	
Simple Church	Thom Rainer, Eric Geiger	
Simply Christian	N.T. Wright	
Spiritual Depression	David Martyn Lloyd-Jones	
Spiritual Leadership - 3	Henry & Richard Blackaby	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excellent overall look at this topic 2. Personal integrity & spiritual development rather than function. Very challenging 3. An excellent resource on developing leadership
So You Want to be Like Jesus	Chuck Swindall	
Staying Power	Craig Brian Larson	Must read for the "thinking about quitting" pastor.
The 10 Dumbest Things Christians Do	Mark Atteberry	

Theology for Preaching: Authority, Truth and Knowledge of God in a Postmodern Ethos	Ronald J. Allen, Scott Black Johnston, Barbara S. Blaisdell	
This Beautiful Mess -2	Rick McKinley	If you allow it to, the book will change you
Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions – 2	George Barna	Children's Ministry
Unlearning Church	Mike Slaughter	
An Unstoppable Force	Erwin McManus	
Uprising - 2	Erwin McManus	An invitation to a deeper walk
The Vanishing Conscience	John Mac Arthur	Wonderful work on sin and the human conscience, and today's society
Velvet Elvis -6	Rob Bell	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Great view of emerging issues 2. A different view of church from a younger perspective 3. Life Changing 4. A fresh look at making our faith relevant
Visioneering	Andy Stanley	Maintaining and developing personal vision
What God Hath Wrought	Everek Storms	Leadership
What's So Amazing About Grace?	Phillip Yancey	
When Good Men are Tempted	Bill Perkins	Good to know how to deal with sexual temptation. A "must read" book for men in ministry.
When Heaven Invades the Earth	Bill Johnson	A good book on the presence and power of God invading people's lives
Who Can Be Saved?:	Terrance L. Tiessen	Reassessing Salvation in Christ and World Religions
Who Moved My Cheese	Spencer Johnson Penguin Putnam	
Why Men Hate Giving to	David Murrow	

Church		
Winning with People - 2	John Maxwell	Great principles
The World is Flat	Thomas L. Friedman	
Your God is too Safe - 2	Mark Buchanan	

Conferences/Seminars/

Title	Organization / Instructor	Comments
A Holy Life and How to Live It <i>(& individual Bible book studies)</i>	Moody Bible Institute – by extension	
Advanced Skills for Administrative Assistants	Banff Academy of Business	A one day intensive workshop. I was the only pastor there, but I found it very helpful with the many administrative responsibilities
Alpha Conference	Calgary	
The Art of Biblical Narrative	Keith Bodner – Tyndale College and Seminary	
Break Forth 2006	New Creation Ministries	Was Very Good
Broadcast Teaching of	Ravi Zacharias John Piper	
CCN Seminars	Church Communication Network	I continue to enjoy the ministry of CCN; it brings high quality teaching at a reasonable price.
Crest Leadership Training	Rocky Mountain College	
Driven by Eternity	John Bevere	DVD Course – lots of solid teaching
Faith Lessons	Ray vander Lann	DVD & Bible Study Guide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mind blowing & life changing
Family Ministry Seminar	Willow Creek Associations Children's and	Mark Holmen's plenary sessions are available at www.growingleadership.com or by calling the Willow Creek Association

	Family Seminar - annual – Mark Holmen	
“Father Loves You” Conference	Toronto Airport Fellowship	
GC2 training – 2	EMCC	Excellent
Heroes Trainer Course	Impact Society of Calgary Jack Toth Director	Part of a character education course for Jr. & Sr. High students, approved by the Calgary Board of Education. A three day course. Incredible opportunities have come out of this in our community.
Isn't She Beautiful	Mars Hill Bible Church – Grand Rapids Michigan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Life changing 2. I would very highly recommend to anyone wanting to attend a reflective couple of days on the church and be reminded about being a follower of Christ first – a person who loves and follows Jesus (not a “task completer”)
Leadership Summit – many of our pastors attended across the country	Willow Creek	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excellent 2. Exceptional- lots of take homes
National Youth Workers Convention – 2006	Cincinnati OH.	
Pastor to Pastor	Focus on the Family	CD Series
The Perspectives Course	Rocky Mountain College	Highly recommended for all EMCC leaders
Regent College Pastor's Conference	Regent College Vancouver BC	Exceptional – best thing I do each year
Small Group Conference	Willow Creek	
Small Group Conference	Saddle Back Church – L.A. California	
Straight Up Leadership Conference	James McDonald In Oakville, ON	
360 Degree Leadership Seminar		www.maximumimpact.com/mis

2006	Simulcast of Maximum Impact – John Maxwell	
Transitional Course	Emmanuel Bible College	
Tyndale Pastors Conference – Revive Your Soul	Tyndale University College & Seminary (Toronto)	Outstanding
Willow Creek Arts Conference	Willow Creek	