

Books

Title	Author	Comments
3:16 The Numbers of Hope	Max Lucado	▪
7 Practices of Effective Ministry	Stanley, Jones, Joiner	▪
A Man Called Peter	Catherine Marshall	▪
A New Kind of Youth Ministry	by Brian McLaren and Chris Folmsbee	▪
A War of the Heart	McNeal	▪ Has helped me to do some soul work in my life
An Army of Ordinary People	Felicity Dale	▪
Authority in Prayer	Dutch Sheets	▪ It is an amazing book on bringing understanding to authority and it's relationship to prayer.
Back to Jerusalem	Paul Hattaway	▪ Three Chinese House church leaders share their vision to complete the Great Commission – very challenging
Be All You Can Be	John Maxwell	▪
Being Leaders	Aubrey Malphurs	▪ This has become a defining work on Leadership for our elders & deacons.
Beyond Opinion: Living the Faith we defend	Ravi Zacharias	▪ Excellent apologist
Bible Concepts Counselling manual	John Region	▪ Caring for the heart
Building Faith at Home	Mark Holman	▪
Built to Last: Successful Habits of Visionary Companies	Jim Collins and Jerry I. Porras	▪ Great on leadership principles
Can You Drink the Cup	Henri J. M. Nouwen	▪
Can You Hear Me? Tuning in to the God who speaks.	Brad Jersak	▪ Excellent tool for developing congregational prayer.
Causing Others to Want Your Leadership	Robert L. DeBruyn	▪ For teachers, & principles with application to many leadership settings.
Choosing to Cheat	Andy Stanley	▪ A challenge to professionals to make family their priority instead of allowing work to rob them of time with those they love and value the most.
Choosing to Preach	Kenton Anderson	▪ Gives options and examples of different sermon structures
Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places: A Conversation in Spiritual Theology	Eugene H. Peterson	▪ Extraordinary!
Church Planting Movements	David Garrison	▪
Compassionate Ministry	Gary L. Sapp	▪
Compassion	Henri J. M. Nouwen	▪
Contemplative Student Ministry		▪
Creating Community	Andy Stanley	▪
Cure for the Common Life	Max Lucado	▪ Insightful looks at life
Dialogue with God	Mark Virkler	▪ An excellent book on learning to listen to the Holy Spirit's voice

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Divine Nobodies	Jim Palmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great book that raises questions about what it means to follow Christ.
Dream Releasers	Wayne Cordeiro	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Epicenter	Rosenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing the times/prophecy
Everything by Prayer: <i>Armin Gesswein's Keys to Spirit-Filled Living</i>	Fred Hartley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Exclusion and Embrace: A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness, and Reconciliation	Miroslav Volf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tremendous book on forgiveness
Faith Works: The Gospel according to the Apostles	John F. MacArthur JR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
First Break All the Rules	Marcus Buckingham	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Fish Out of Water	George Barna	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Fulfilling Your Ministry	Philip Owojobi (Nigeria)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Getting Through the Tough Stuff	Charles Swindall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Go Put your Strengths to Work	Marcus Buckingham	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
God's Greater Glory	Bruce A. Ware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Grace Walk	Steve McVey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
High-Maintenance Relationships	Les Parrott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deals with different types of people and how to cope with them.
His Needs, Her Needs: <i>Building an Affair Proof Marriage</i>	W.F. Hartley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Holy Discontent	Bill Hybels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
How (Not) to Speak of God	Peter Rollins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The best book on emerging church/theology
How People Grow	Townsend & Cloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great Book
How to Read the Bible for All it's Worth	Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Hurt – <i>Inside the World of Today's Teenagers</i>	Chap Clark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent book on understanding our role in teens lives
In the Name of Jesus	Henri Nouwen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Integrity	Henry Cloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Intercessory Prayer: How God Can Use Your Prayers to Move Heaven and Earth	Dutch Sheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great call to prayer with some helpful teaching
I Promise...	Dr. Gary Smalley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valuable resource for sermon series on relationships.
Issues In Focus	Margaret Rosenberger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Though an older book, it helps one to re-evaluate their attitude and actions towards drugs, abuse, homosexuality, aids, Exorcism, sexual sins etc. This book presents a clear biblical perspective on many controversial issues.
Is the Reformation Over?	Mark Noll & Carolyn Nystrom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An historical & present day assessment of the commonalities & differences between the Roman Catholic Church and Evangelicals.
It's Your Ship	Captain D. Michael Abrashoff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership lessons learned by captain of the USS Benford and applied to leadership & Management of other organizations.
Jesus & Caesar: <i>Christians in the Public Square</i>	Brian Stiller	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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Jim & Casper Go to Church: A believer, An Atheist, An unlikely friendship.	Jim Henderson & Matt Casper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An evaluative consideration of looking at church through eyes of un-churched.
Just Walk Across the Room	Bill Hybels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is very good material for reviving our spirit and passion of evangelism.
Leadership Is the Key	Herb Milles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leadership That Works	Keith Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leading Congregational Change	Jim Herrington, Mike Bonem, and James H. Furr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dynamics of bringing about change
Leading from the Second Chair: Serving your church, Fulfilling Your Role, and Realizing your Dreams	Mike Bonem & Roger Patterson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Learning to Listen, Learning to Teach	Jane Vella	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Living Your Strengths	Albert Winseman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Lord Change my Attitude	James MacDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Making Room for Life	Randy Frazee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Megashift: Igniting Spiritual Power	James Rutz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great account of what God is doing globally
Messy Spirituality	Mike Yaconelli and Karla Yaconelli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good
Next Generation Leader	Andy Stanley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
No Perfect People Allowed	John Burke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a come as you are culture in the church. Building a transparent culture that oozes with grace and mission. This is a must read!
Plastic Jesus	Eric Sandras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helped me to rediscover authentic spirituality.
Organic Church	Neil Cole	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Organic Community	Joseph Myers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Paul's Narrative Thought World: The Tapestry of Tragedy and Triumph	Ben Witherington	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Practicing Greatness	Reggie McNeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I need the disciplines that this book discusses
Prayers of God Chasers	Tommy Tenney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Preaching with Power: Dynamic Insights from Twenty Top communicators	Michael Duduit – ed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Pursuing the Full Kingdom Potential		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Reclaiming God's Original Intent for the Church	Wes Roberts & Glenn Marshall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Red Letters	Thom Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice	Dallas Willard & Jan Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is basically a handy devotional or spiritual formation guide
Reveal – Where Are you	Greg Hawkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willow Creeks' study of themselves
Sacred Marriage	Gary Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Sacred Pathways	Gary Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation	Ruth Haley Barton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disciplines - Great
Saddam's Secrets....	General Georges Sada	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Searching for God Knows What	Donald Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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Sex God	Rob Bell	▪
Signs of Life	David Jeremiah	▪ Devotional (40 days) Excellent book for encouragement and training church leadership. Deals with topics such as: Living a <i>Relevant, Yielded, Authentic, Generous, Compassionate</i> life,
Simple Church		▪ Helps address the “How” aspect of Vision Statements ▪ Helped guide the development of our small group ministry.
Simply Christian	N.T. Wright	▪
Spirit-Lead Preaching	Greg Heisler	▪
Spiritual Leadership	Henry Blackaby	▪ Good Principles, and good leadership reminders
Strengths Finder	Tom Rath	▪ Great for helping people discover their potential strengths and being to focus on them.
Submerge	John Hayes	▪ This will rock your world view. (Missional)
Team the Click	Harvard Business School Press	▪
That None Should Parish	Ed Silvano	▪ Uniting churches in prayer for local outreach.
The Angry Christian	Andrew Lester	▪
The Art of Pastoring	David Hansen	▪
The Bait of Satan	John Bevere	▪ A powerful treatise on “offence”. DVD series and book
The Business of Heaven	C.S. Lewis	▪
The Disciple-Making Pastor	Bill Hull	▪ Good approach to ministry, focus on mentoring essentials
The Church that Never Sleeps	Barnett	▪ Practical Insights into being Missional
The Emotionally Healthy Church	Peter Scazzero	▪
The End of Memory	Miroslav Volf	▪ A great book on forgiveness
The End of Religion	Bruxy Cavey	▪ Highly recommended
The Five Dysfunctions of a Team	Patrick Lencioni	▪
The Forgotten Ways	Alan Hirsch	▪ Has helped me to think about Missional church
The Gift of Being Yourself	David G. Benner and M. Basil Pennington	▪
The Global House Church Movement	Zdero Rad	▪
The God Centered Church	H. Blackaby	▪
The Gospel According to Starbucks	Leonard Sweet	▪ Making church more epic
The Great Omission	Dallas Willard	▪ An exceptional read that challenges us to be disciple-makers in the church ▪ Excellent
The Heavenly Man: The Remarkable True Story of Chinese Christian Brother Yun	Brother Yun and Paul Hattaway	▪

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The Holy Wild	Mark Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Challenge our perception of God. ▪ Asking challenging questions of trust. ▪ Great book by a Canadian pastor
The Imperfect Board Member	Jim Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
The Irresistible Revolution	Shane Claiborne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Great book for understanding new radical young Christians.
The Jesus Dynasty	James Tabor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
The Last Christian Generation	McDowell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
The Ministry Play Book	Henry Klopp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Valuable input re. strategic planning
The Mosaic of Christian Belief	Roger E. Olson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does an admirable job of attempting to find consensus in theological diversity – easy reading!
The Power of Generosity	Dave Toycen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
The Preacher & Presidents		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leadership lessons from Billy Graham
The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church	Reggie McNeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
The Relational Way: from small group structures to Holistic Life Connections	Alan Roxburgh, Randy Frazee, and Scott Boren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
The Rest of God: Restoring your Soul, and Restoring the Sabbath	Mark Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
The Sabbath Rest	Mark Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
The Shack	William P. Young	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A story to help think about who God is and who we are. ▪ Great reflection on character of God and our relationship to Him ▪ A mixture of fiction and truth/theology – encouraging ▪ This book is fictional but its premise breaks stereo types of God and deepens our need to be in intimate relationship with God
The Shaping of Things to Come	Frost Hirsch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An honest appraisal of where the church is today and what it could look like in the future. Provocative, sometimes controversial, but well worth reading!
The Unity Factor	Larry Osborne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Easy reading, good analysis and input
The Vision and the Vow	Pete Greig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
The Way of the Master	Ray Comfort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wonderful tool that will offer and aid in evangelism
They Call Me Pastor	HM London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent book to refresh and remind the pastors of their call and the importance of being obedient to it.
To Know You More	Andy Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Tragic Redemption	Hiram Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deals with issues and questions that plague people, shame, guilt, resentment, etc, and how God can bring hope and healing
Transitioning	Ian Sutherland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Studied this with our elders for an overview of our Vision Renewal

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		Process.
Twelve Ordinary Men	John MacArthur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent insight into the lives of the disciples
Velvet Elvis	Rob Bell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Challenges the “church” mindset
Waking the Dead	John Eldridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
When God Builds a Church	Bob Russell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
When God Stood Up: a Christians response to Aids in Africa	James Cantelon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Winning On Purpose	John Kaiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I have begun to try to introduce many of these principles to our church ▪ Continue to refine our ministry with this book as a guide
Wounded Healer	Henri Nouwen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Your God is Too Safe	Mark Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moving out of the ordinary from complacency to new levels of spiritual passion. ▪ Great book by a Canadian Author
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Biographies		
Least of All Saints – Aimee Semple McPherson		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Shades of Black – Conrad Black		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
William Booth		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

Commentaries

Old & New Commentary Sets	Holman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent Commentaries
Commentaries	J.M Boice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent Commentaries

Conferences & Seminars

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Advent Training Institution		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Good training & family resource
Barnabas Pastors & Spouses Conference	The Dream Killers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An outstanding get-a-way located on Keats Island. Highly recommended
Bonner Choral Workshop		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent Teaching & experience for choirs
Breakforth	In Edmonton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have attended several times. Excellent! ▪ Spiritually refreshing & encouraging, planning to attend 2008
CEST Leadership Development	Rocky Mountain College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Chaplain Conference		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Good fellowship with other pastors and chaplains
Church Multiplication Association Conference	Neil Cole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

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Church Outreach Conference	Erwin McManus	▪
Dealing with Difficult People	Focus on the Family	▪ Another excellent training event
Doctor of Ministry Degree		▪ 2 individuals have achieved this
EMCC Assembly 2007	EMCC	▪ Good sessions ▪ Really Enjoyed
EMCC Assembly 2007	EMCC – Joel & Lynn	▪ Good sessions
Family Integrated Church Conference		▪ Church Planting & Vision
Fierce Conversations Workshop	Founder – Susan Scott	▪ How to speak the truth in love
Focus on the Family Pastor's Conference	Focus on the Family	▪ Pastoral ministry, care & counselling
GC2	EMCC	▪
Gladstone Festival of Preaching	Len Sweet	▪
International Heritage Tour to Israel Part II		▪ Highly recommended
Isn't She Beautiful?	Marshall Church – Grand Rapids	▪ Great insight into what the church is meant to be.
Leadership from the Inside Out	Briercrest	▪
Love Won Out		▪ Ana excellent event focusing on the Christian attitude toward homosexuality and how to minister to those in a gay lifestyle.
Marriage Ceremony	Focus on the Family	▪
Mission Fest 2007		▪
National Youth Worker's Conference	Youth Specialties	▪ A highlight
Parenting Matters	Focus on the Family	▪ excellent
Pastor's Seminar	Campus Crusade	▪ Practical Seminar, great Software for pastors
Preaching Course	Harvest University	▪
Preaching the Counts	Briercrest	▪
Refocus Conference	@ Willingdon	▪ Good reformed Theology with John Piper ▪ A new annual event on preaching – very beneficial
Regent College Course		▪ Always excellent
Rest of God Conference		▪
Rural Church Conference	Maple Creek, SK	▪ Very good perspectives on how to minister in a rural setting, especially the seminar on "Ministering to Farm Families" ▪ The session on ministering to farm families was excellent.
Saddleback Church	Rick Warren	▪ Brought back many ideas for Children's ministry
Small Groups Conference	Saddleback Church	▪
Speak Up With Confidence	Carol Kent	▪ Very helpful for speakers & preachers ▪ Excellent training
Stephen Ministries		▪

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Taking the Sting out of Conflict		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
The Bait of Satan	John Bevere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ forgiveness
Theology Conference	John Piper, Bruce Ware, & J.I. Packer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent
The Truth Project	Focus on the Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Willow Creek Leadership Summit		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellent resources ▪ Powerful experience at the event and listening to the DVD's later ▪ Great! ▪ Great for leadership development ▪ Should be mandatory for all leaders!
Willow Creek – Telephone Conference		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Youth Specialties Conference	Vancouver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Renewal as a pastor – great to connect with other youth pastors in the EMCC