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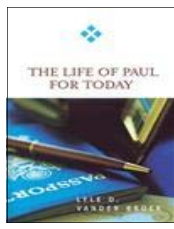
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New Books

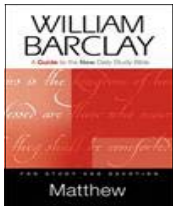


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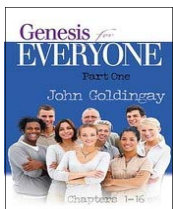
THE LIFE OF PAUL FOR TODAY by Lyle D. Vander Broek. This latest volume in the “For Today” series looks at the life of Paul as a believer and as a missionary. The author uses both the book of Acts and Paul’s letters to develop a chronological study of Paul’s life and looks at ways it speaks to Christian faith today. Questions for discussion are included. Published by Westminster John Knox Press.



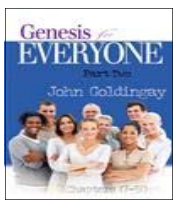
A GUIDE TO THE NEW DAILY STUDY BIBLE: MATTHEW—FOR STUDY AND DEVOTION by William Barclay. This volume from William Barclay’s New Daily Study Bible focuses on the book of Matthew. It includes 20 excerpts from Barclay’s book and questions to encourage discussion and reflection. The aim of these studies is to help readers reflect on their meaning as followers of Christ today. Published by Westminster John Knox Press.



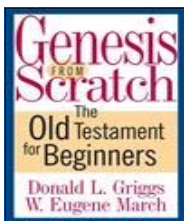
LET US REASON TOGETHER: CHRISTIANS AND JEWS IN CONVERSATION by Editors: Joseph D. Small and Gilbert S. Rosenthal. Since 2005, representatives of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and National Council of Synagogues have engaged in consultations focused on understandings of the relationship between Christians and Jews. This book shares the results of these discussions. Its “presentations and response” format addresses several important issues between the two religions. Published by Witherspoon



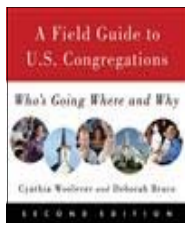
GENESIS FOR EVERYONE: PART ONE by John Goldingay. This volume in the “For Everyone” Bible commentary series deals with Chapters 1-16 of Genesis. The author gives a short portion of Scripture and then explains in ways that will instill a deeper understanding of the spiritual and theological significance of the events portrayed in Genesis. A glossary of Old Testament words is included. Published by Westminster John Knox Press.



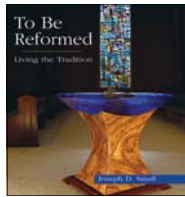
GENESIS FOR EVERYONE: PART TWO by John Goldingay. This volume in the “For Everyone” Bible commentary series deals with Chapters 17-50 of Genesis. The author gives a short portion of Scripture and then explains in ways that will instill a deeper understanding of the spiritual and theological significance of the events portrayed in Genesis. A glossary of Old Testament words is included. Published by Westminster John Knox Press.



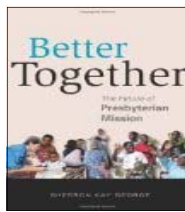
GENESIS FROM SCRATCH: THE OLD TESTAMENT FOR BEGINNERS by Donald L. Griggs and W. Eugene March. This book is an expansion of *The Bible from Scratch* series by dealing with an individual book in the Old Testament. It includes two parts: A “Participant’s Guide” and a “Leader’s Guide.” The series does not assume what readers should already know; it is, instead a course for beginners. The section for leaders provides many options. Published by Westminster John Knox Press.



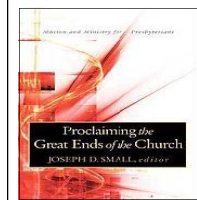
A FIELD GUIDE TO U. S. CONGREGATIONS: WHO'S GOING WHERE AND WHY by Cynthia Woolever and Deborah Bruce. The authors present the data from the 2009 U.S. Congregational Life Survey in an interesting inviting manner. Their information from a broad range of denominations includes congregational health and the experiences of worshipers in congregations of all sizes. Published by Westminster John Knox Press.



TO BE REFORMED: LIVING THE TRADITION by Joseph D. Small. The author explains the role played by tradition in a rapidly changing world. He provides a distinctive appreciation of what it means to confess the faith in the contemporary world and the role of confession in reforming the church. Published by Witherspoon Press.



BETTER TOGETHER: THE FUTURE OF PRESBYTERIAN MISSION by Sherron Kay George. The author brings together perspectives from local, national and global missions in the PC (USA) to offer a study of the best practices of contemporary mission work. She addresses many questions about mission. Each chapter starts with a case study and a study guide is included. Published by Geneva Press



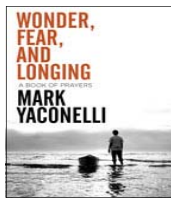
PROCLAIMING THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH: MISSION AND MINISTRY FOR PRESBYTERIANS by Joseph D. Small. This collection of sermons represents a cross section of contemporary Presbyterian preaching that addresses the themes found in the "Great Ends of the Church." Some of the preachers featured are: Rodger Nishioka, Jerry Andrews, Michael Lindvall, Joseph Small and M. Craig Barnes. Published by Geneva Press



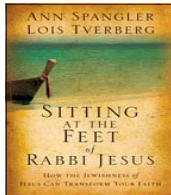
MOSAIC: PIECES OF MY LIFE SO FAR by Amy Grant. The author presents a captivating collection of beautiful reflections on her life, love, and faith. She weaves original lyrics and poetry with lighthearted reminiscences of her Tennessee childhood, revealing a woman who sees life through a unique and deeply personal lens. Amy is a Presbyterian and performed for Presbyterian Educators at the 2010 APCE conference in Nashville. Published by Waterbrook Press.



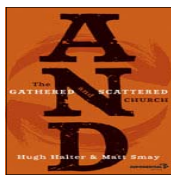
DIRTY WORD: THE VULGAR, OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD by Jim Walker. This book is the story of Hot Metal Bridge Community in Pittsburgh and its struggle to follow the call of Jesus in this crazy postmodern world. The author explains with honesty what it is like to be a pastor working in the messy, turbulent world in one of the most creative new churches in the country. Jim has presented his message at Westminster College at both the Synod Gathering and New Wilmington Mission Conference. Published by Discipleship Resources.



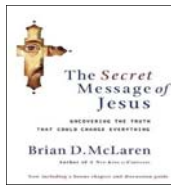
WONDER, FEAR AND LONGING: A BOOK OF PRAYERS by Mark Yaconelli. This prayer book is a book of stories, poetry, verses, mystical inspirations, prayer, imaginings, meditative practices and spiritual exercises that seek to uncover the hidden communication between a person and God. It asks you to stop and listen, turn and welcome the silent love of God. Published by Zondervan Press.



SITTING AT THE FEET OF RABBI JESUS: HOW THE JEWISHNESS OF JESUS CAN TRANSFORM YOUR FAITH by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg. The authors present powerful scenes from Jesus' ministry, the prayers, feasts, history, culture and customs that shaped him and his followers. By looking at the Jewishness of Jesus, they journey into the heart of Judaism in ways that will help readers better understand and appreciate their own faith. Published by Zondervan Press.



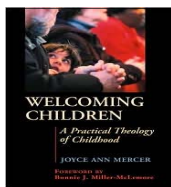
AND: THE GATHERED AND SCATTERED CHURCH by Hugh Halter and Matt Smay. The authors present a balance of a biblical church, one that scatters its people while providing gathered structures that hold it all together. They offer a fresh perspective on how the two work together. They explain the changes the church is going through during this time of missional renewal. Published by Zondervan Press



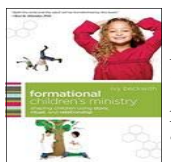
THE SECRET MESSAGE OF JESUS: UNCOVERING THE TRUTH THAT COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING by Brian D. McLaren. In part I, the author looks at Jesus and his times, trying to understand his politics, religion, and social situation. In Part 2, he looks closely at Jesus' message, immersing us in that message. In Part 3, he looks through Jesus' message at our world and our own lives. Published by Thomas Nelson.



LET THE CHILDREN COME: REIMAGINING CHILDHOOD FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE by Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore. The author blends insights from the Christian tradition, feminism, theology, modern social sciences, and her own experiences of raising children to explain how to live with and care for children with greater understanding, compassion, and respect. She shows how ordinary experience is a fundamental resource for building a relationship with God. Published by Jossey-Bass.



WELCOMING THE CHILDREN: A PRACTICAL THEOLOGY OF CHILDHOOD by Joyce Ann Mercer. The author combines the contemporary literature on religious education and child development with a strong theological grounding resulting in a practical proposal for the renewal of Christian education in today's churches. She gives a compelling invitation to practice full inclusion of children into all aspects of church ministry and outreach. Published by Chalice Press.



FORMATIONAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: SHAPING CHILDREN USING STORY, RITUAL AND RELATIONSHIP by Ivy Beckwith. The author offers a paradigm shift from the school model to story, ritual and relationship model for concrete examples of how both the methods can work. This book is for those who "think outside the box" about spiritual formation. Published by Baker Books.



MISSIONS: 13 COMPLETE LESSONS TO HELP KIDS EXPLORE GOD'S WORLD by Karyn Henley. The purpose of this 13-session curriculum is to help children understand missions. The lesson plans include scripture, discovery centers, group discussion, debriefing, reproducible activities, maps and games, information about Jesus' mission, missions in the Bible and modern missions. Published by Standard Publishing