

## Non-Fiction

***Christology: The Study of Christ*** (The Concise Theology Series) by Daniel L. Akin (Rainer Publishing, 2013); \$4.97 (Kindle): Who is Jesus? *Christology* is the central doctrine of Christianity. In this brief ebook Akin covers both Old and New Testament texts, offering succinct explanations about some of the biggest questions about Jesus. In addition, major theories and historical controversies surrounding the life of Christ are examined.

***Exalting Jesus in Mark*** (Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary) by Daniel L. Akin (B&H Academic, 2014); \$12.99 (Amazon, LifeWay): As part of a new commentary series edited by Danny Akin, David Platt, and Tony Merida, Akin provides a series of Christ-centered, expository sermons through Mark's Gospel. Each chapter is filled with faithful exegesis, practical application, and helpful illustrations that will help readers study the Bible and exalt Jesus.

***Exalting Jesus in 1, 2 & 3 John*** (Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary) by Daniel L. Akin (B&H Academic, 2014); \$12.99 (Amazon, LifeWay): Akin provides a series of Christ-centered, expository sermons through John's letters. Each chapter is filled with faithful exegesis, practical application, and helpful illustrations that will help readers study the Bible and exalt Jesus.

***Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus*** (Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary) by Daniel L. Akin (B&H Academic, 2013); \$12.99 (Amazon); \$9.99 (Kindle): This is the first installment of a new commentary series edited by Akin, David Platt and Tony Merida. Each volume will provide Christ-centered, expository sermons through books of the Bible, including faithful exegesis, practical application, and helpful illustrations that will help readers know and exalt Jesus.

***A Theology for the Church***, Revised Edition by Daniel L. Akin (B&H Academic, 2014); \$54.99 (Amazon, LifeWay): What does scripture say? What has the church believed? How do various doctrines fit together? What impact do they have on today's church? Akin, and other leading Baptists examine systematic theology in way that will be informative and edifying for everyone from seminary students to pastors to laymen.

***10 Who Changed the World*** by Daniel L. Akin (B&H Academic, 2012); \$12.99 (Amazon, LifeWay); \$9.99 (Kindle): Akin provides a powerful tribute to the transformational work done by some truly inspiring Christian missionaries. With each profile, he journeys into the heart of that gospel servant's mission-minded story and makes a compelling connection to a relevant biblical text.

***Prayer Patterns, A Collection*** by Tillie Lucas Bell (2012); \$9.99 via Tillie Lucas Bell, 4080 Oak Level Rd., Rocky Mount, N.C. 27803, or (252) 443-6119; [tilliebell@embarqmail.com](mailto:tilliebell@embarqmail.com); A collection of inspirational, true stories written for Woman's Missionary Union meetings at Rock Creek Baptist Church, Nashville, N.C., over an 11-year period – August 2000 through June 2011. Each article, based on a segment in Missions Mosaic Magazine called "Prayer Patterns," presents a challenging, encouraging concept.

***The Trail of Transforming Faith*** by Bobby Blanton (2B Publishers, 2013) \$13 (Amazon, Kindle): *The Trail of Transforming Faith* is an expository treatment of the life and faith development of Abraham from Ur to Mount Moriah. Some of the key life experiences that made him the great champion of faith are covered along with many life principles and "teaching points" drawn from Abraham's life that apply to our own life.

***What Does God Want Me to Do? Understanding and Responding to Calling*** by Joe Collins (CrossBooks, 2013); \$14.99 (Amazon, CrossBooks, [jcdulcimer.com/store/page4.html](http://jcdulcimer.com/store/page4.html)): Based on 20 years of research and a wealth of local church experience, *What Does God Want Me to Do?* is a book for laypeople and clergy

alike. Collins sheds light on this often misunderstood topic. He also provides various tools to help his readers pursue calling in ways that are both biblical and practical.

***An Infinite Journey-Growing toward Christlikeness*** by Andrew M. Davis (Ambassador International-Emerald House, 2014); \$19.99 (Amazon, Barnes and Noble); \$7.99 (e-version); \$9.99 (Nook): God has set before every Christian two infinite journeys which we are to travel every day: the internal journey of growth into Christlike maturity, and the external journey of worldwide evangelism and missions. This book is a road map laying out these journeys and how we are to grow in knowledge, faith, character and action.

***An Approach to Extended Memorization of Scripture*** by Andrew M. Davis (Ambassador International-Emerald House, 2014); \$10.99 (Amazon, Kindle): *An Approach to Extended Memorization of Scripture* encourages you to ramp up scripture memorization. Daily procedures and techniques guide the reader through memorizing entire chapters and books of the Bible at one time. Author and pastor Davis has used these proven methods to memorize 35 books of the Bible.

***Restored, A Journey Through Cancer and Beyond*** by Don Davis (Arrowhead Graphics, 2013) \$5 (In Kannapolis at Supply Shoppe or Franklin Heights Christian Books and Gifts, or at [dondavisministries.com](http://dondavisministries.com); free to cancer survivors): This book is to help cancer survivors cope with their cancer. Being a two-time survivor of melanoma he knows the mental and physical difficulties of taking chemotherapy and other related drugs. Using his experiences he parallels the steps of a cancer survivor with God's assurances described by King David in Psalm 23.

***It Was God: Miracles in Modern Times*** by Wendy Fields (CrossBooks, 2013); \$10 (Amazon, Barnes & Noble); \$4.99 (ebook): *It Was God: Miracles in Modern Times* seeks to open our eyes by explaining that miracles are real and still happen today. The book shares inspiring true stories that illuminate the hand of God in seemingly unexplainable situations as told by ordinary people like us.

***Hear I AM: Conversations with God Through Hurt and Healing*** by Angela Denton Foss (BookJolt, 2013); \$17.99 (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Smashwords, The Olde English Tea Room in Wake Forest): This book, filled with more than 200 Bible verses, is written by a former professor in her 30s/early 40s and chronicles talks with God through a blood cancer diagnosis (multiple myeloma) and treatment/recovery (from 2010 to 2012); treatment included a bone marrow transplant, which doctors call being "born again."

***Going Home, Living In Green Pastures*** by Jean H. Frady (Catch the Spirit of Appalachia, 2013); \$15 (City Lights, Sylva; Cheddar Bay Country Store, Dillsboro; Books Unlimited, Franklin; Mountain Made, Franklin; and Jean Frady, 765 Frul Smith Rd., Tuckasegee, NC 28783; (828) 293-9677): Jean shares her tribute to Cecil M. Frady, her husband and minister who was not only God's man, but the people's man, who loved above all else.

***Believer's Baptism: The Symbol And The Significance*** by Josh Franklin (L'Edge Press, 2014); \$13 (Amazon): Baptism is the first step every believer should take in his or her walk with Christ. It is an outward sign of an inward change. In this 66-page volume, questions will be answered in light of the scriptures, like is it important to be immersed, or is sprinkling or pouring water valid? Perfect for baptism candidates.

***Pathway to Power: A 52-Week Devotional Journal*** by Josh Franklin (L'Edge Press, 2013); \$10 (Ledgypress.com): This devotional journal is designed to help any believer dig into God's Word, internalize scripture, and live by the Word daily. In addition to 52 pages designed for weekly journaling,

this 120-page resource has helpful sections to help with daily and family devotions, like “Having a Meaningful Time with God.”

***Starting Strong: Beginning Your Journey with Jesus Christ*** by Josh Franklin (L’Edge Press, 2012): \$6 (Ledgypress.com): *Starting Strong* is a discipleship tool that shares essentials to a thriving relationship with Jesus Christ, like prayer, Bible study and perseverance. Whether you have just recently given your life to Christ, or you would like to have a firm grasp on what being a follower of Christ is all about, this book is for you!

***Shameless*** by Roger Goforth (CreateSpace, 2014); \$10.99 (Amazon); \$4.99 (Kindle): *Shameless* is a bold, brutally-honest true story of Roger Goforth, sharing the story of a youth pastor and church-planter who overcame struggles with drug addiction and depression through an encounter with God’s grace.

***Throwback Church*** by Roger Goforth (CreateSpace, 2014); \$7.19 (Amazon); \$2.99 (Kindle): *Throwback Church* takes a close look at the 1st century church and its amazing impact on culture, and challenges today’s church to follow in its footsteps of faith, evangelism and discipleship.

***Psalms for Children*** (children’s book) by Don Y. Gordon (A Pair of Docs Publishing, 2013); \$20 (Ardmore Baptist Church via [dgordon@ardmorebaptist.org](mailto:dgordon@ardmorebaptist.org), A Pair of Docs Publishing): *Psalms for Children* is a collection of 25 memorable psalms adapted for children accompanied by 25 beautiful illustrations. Attention to the diversity of psalms is evident through the inclusion of praise, lamentation, confession, thanksgiving, wisdom, and trust. Conversation prompts are included at the back of the book.

***Lovin’ Our Troops, A Story of Service on Two Fronts*** by Mary Bass Gray (CrossBooks, 2012); \$14 (CrossBooks, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Kindle, Nook, [www.operationbandanas.org](http://www.operationbandanas.org)): *Lovin’ Our Troops* is an inspiring true story of faith, patriotism, service and heroism. Not only does it give a unique glimpse into the lives of those who serve in combat and their families, but it is also a personal journey and great reminder of what God can accomplish through His people through one act of obedience.

***The Questioning God: An Inquiry for Muslims, Jews, and Christians*** by Ant Greenham (Energion Publications, 2012); \$9.99 (<http://direct.energion.com/book-series/areopagus/the-questioning-god>): God engages us through questioning. It is central to our being human. Yet the major monotheistic religions vary markedly on this matter. Greenham examines Islam, Judaism and Christianity to see how they relate to questioning. This examination includes questions God asks us and questions we should ask as God’s people.

***Recovering Hope for Your Church: Moving From Maintenance to Missional & Incarnational Engagement*** by Edward Hammett (Chalice Press, 2014); \$18.95 (Amazon, Chalice Press): *Recovering Hope for Your Church* is a practical and proven guide for pastors, church leaders who find their church stuck – facing downturns of baptisms, attendance, finances and an emerging apathy from those in the membership.

***Waking The Sleeping Giant*** by Wade H. Huntley (CrossBooks, 2013); \$30 (Holly Springs Baptist Church, 1541 Harris Holly Springs Road, Rutherfordton, NC 28139): Huntley, in his 59th year as pastor of Holly Springs Baptist Church in Rutherfordton, recalls the words of former pastor, N.B. Phillips, in 1955 about the church. He said “if God will let you go, there’s a sleeping giant down there, go wake Him up.” This book details the life and ministry of Pastor Huntley.

***Preaching the Farewell Discourse: An Expository Walk-Through of John 13:31-17:26*** by L. Scott Kellum (B&H Academic, 2014): \$29.99 (most book stores): Provides a step-by-step illustration for producing an expository sermon series. Lays out the process to go from text to sermon, then describes

how to employ discourse analysis to a hortatory or expository document. Implements the theory on the Farewell Discourse, illustrating the process of expository preaching.

***The Lion and the Lamb*** by L. Scott Kellum, Andreas J. Kostenberger and Charles L. Quarles (B&H Books, 2012); \$39.99 (most book stores): Engaging and accessible, this is an ideal resource for non-professionals to know the essentials of each New Testament book. A concise summary of *The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown*, this volume sets a new standard for high-level, up-to-date research presented in a format that is practical, relevant, and easy to follow.

The Korean language edition of ***The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown: An Introduction to the New Testament*** by L. Scott Kellum, Andreas J. Kostenberger and Charles L. Quarles (Christian Literature Crusade, 2013); \$39.99 (***Clcbook.com***): Offered to those who seek to better understand and share God's Word of truth. It introduces all 27 New Testament books through Christ's incarnation and virgin birth, the heart of His ministry shown in the Gospels' Passion Narratives, and the triumphant return and our eternal reign with Him as depicted in Revelation.

***Mary Slessor, Missionary Mother*** by Terri B. Kelly (BJU Press/Journeyforth, 2014); \$10 (Amazon, Journeyforth/BJU Press, Kindle, Kobo): For Mary Slessor training as a missionary to Africa began in Scotland, where she lived as a mill worker. God sent Mary to fulfill her dream as missionary in Africa. She lived among the nationals who loved her for 39 years. Not once was she injured. She carried the only weapon she believed in – her Bible.

***"Hi, Mike. It's Mom!"*** by Jan Kuhn (CreateSpace, 2013); \$13.25 (Amazon): "Did you see my guest?" From the depths of post-surgical drug-induced sleep, our son Mike awakened to inform his parents, "God sent an angel to tell me I have quality time yet!" Thus began our walk of faith. Cancer had its way, going from the doctor's prognosis of "weeks at most, more likely days" to a precious year of life.

***Turning Over a New Leaf ... Out of the Closet & into the Light*** by Teri Leef (Westbow Press, 2013); \$28.95 hardback, (***www.turningleafministries.com***); \$11.95 paperback; \$7.77 (ebook): Addicted to alcohol by 10-years-old, a young girl's life was in shambles. As an adult, she sought relief from personal pain, used street drugs, gambled, and sought love and acceptance through homosexual relationships. Once she met Christ, He miraculously transformed her life in ways she never dreamed possible.

***A Paradigm of Death: Understanding Death from God's Perspective*** by Thomas Leighow (Xulon Christian Book Publishers, 2014); \$34 hardback (most book stores); \$25 paperback; \$10 (ebook): The thesis rests upon the belief that the only real comfort in death comes by understanding death from the ultimate source of life and death – the God of the Bible. Seeing death through the eyes of God requires examining three essential aspects of God and only then are we able to see death from an eternal perspective.

***True North: Christ, the Gospel, and Creation Care*** by Mark Liederbach and Seth Bible (B&H Publishing, 2012); \$19.99 (LifeWay, Amazon, ***bhpublishinggroup.com***, Kindle): The purpose of *True North* is to explore the person and work of Christ in creation, redemption and the restoration of all things.

***What the Spirit Says to the Churches*** by Bob Lowman Jr. (Metrolina Baptist Association, 2013); \$5 via Metrolina Baptist Association, 328 W. Carson Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203, (704) 375-1197: *What the Spirit Says to the Churches* is a relevant review of Jesus' messages to the seven churches in Revelation 2-3. These congregations are like an association of churches. Every message is for every church. So what are we hearing the Spirit say to us as churches? What does Jesus think about your church?

***The Thankful Goat: An Unlikely Partnership Between a Woman and a Goat*** by Dawn Mathews (CreateSpace, 2014); \$12.51 (Amazon); \$9.99 (Kindle): I always wanted to milk a goat. We decided to buy a couple of them, and God used a simple little animal to completely change our lives. Join me on my four-year journey as we completely changed our lives for the better, learned to appreciate the life we have, and found love and ministry in a most unlikely friendship.

***Holy Habits: Spiritual Disciplines for Christian Living*** by S.H. Mathews (Rainer Publishing, 2014); \$9.42 (Amazon); \$4.97 (Kindle): Habits introduces the reader to the process of spiritual formation by teaching believers how to intentionally orient their lives toward God and to participate in the process whereby God uses the believer's efforts to bring about Christian maturity and holiness.

***For My Sister*** by Greg Mathis (A Clear Word Publishing, 2013); \$9.95 ([Mudcreekchurch.org/store](http://Mudcreekchurch.org/store)): More than 200,000 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year – one of every eight. Each one needs our help, prayers, love, presence and support as they fight cancer. This devotional book is an effort to give guidance and spiritual encouragement as they navigate their uninvited, unexpected journey.

***Looking for God*** by Greg Mathis (A Clear Word Publishing, 2012); \$9.95 ([Mudcreekchurch.org/store](http://Mudcreekchurch.org/store)): Facing trials in life with determination is good, but not enough for the child of God. The testimonies in *Looking for God* are from Christians pointing you to the One who traversed the deepest, darkest valley ever: Jesus. He has long since made it through the valley to the other side and is waiting on you to look His way.

***Jesus is My Thesis: Cornerstone of the Church, Stumbling Block to the Academy*** by Sallie Hite McDaniel (CrossBooks, 2013); prices vary (most book stores; ebook available): *Jesus is My Thesis* recounts McDaniel's journey through a secular university in the Bible Belt. McDaniel reveals secret tactics professors use to teach unsuspecting students what to think rather than how, a carefully devised plan aimed at replacing Christian faith and parental wisdom with humanist philosophy.

***Making Friends for Christ: A Practical Approach to Relational Evangelism*** by Wayne V. McDill (CreateSpace, 2013); \$6.44 (Amazon, Barnes & Noble); \$5 (Kindle): *Making Friends for Christ* is a guide for learning how to be a real friend. It offers practical, everyday ideas for touching the people God has already put into your life. You will learn how to be a good listener, overcome common barriers, invest in relationships and turn your home into a place of ministry.

***The Message in Your Emotions*** by Wayne V. McDill (CreateSpace, 2012); \$9.08 (Amazon, Barnes & Noble); \$5 (Kindle): Our emotions are trying to tell us something. We have a built-in alarm system that warns us when we sense a threat to our natural desires. This book identifies seven clusters of negative emotions that signal that sense of threat. Rather than allowing our emotions to provoke us, we can read the signals and act wisely.

***Segregation in Churches: Providing God's Answer to Solve the Dilemma*** by Nicholas M. Muteti (CreateSpace, 2013); \$12.59 (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Kindle, [createspace.com](http://createspace.com)): The book tells Muteti's story of how God used him to bring Christian unity to warring tribes in his native Africa and the role diversity plays in building strong, healthy churches in America through cross-cultural evangelism. Ending segregation in churches allows Christians to become a powerful, unified force in the world.

***Let Jesus Lead, the Church in Unity Following the Leader*** by Phil Oakley (Westbow Press, 2014); prices vary (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Nook, Westbow Press, ebook): Learn how Jesus, the Head of the church, can bring a church to unity so as to empower them to be the church He wants them to be. See why

churches have arguments and move toward becoming a unified church that makes a difference in the world.

***The Abundance of the Garden – Lessons from the Fruitful Garden for the Fruitful Christian Life*** by Douglas E. Prevette (CrossBooks, 2013); prices vary (most major stores): As God created the earth to bear fruit to reveal His power and purpose, He created us to bear spiritual and physical fruit to honor and worship Him. Parallels of gardening are used to teach how God reveals Himself through fruitfulness of the earth. Scriptural references teach us that He has a plan of fruitfulness for us.

***Jonah: An Expositional Commentary*** by Russ Reaves (CreateSpace, 2012); \$16.99 (Amazon): The book of Jonah leads its readers into an encounter with the greatness of God. In this expository commentary, the author guides readers through a passage-by-passage exposition of Jonah, providing biblical, linguistic, and doctrinal explanation along with practical application.

***We Hear the Christmas Angels*** by Russ Reaves (CreateSpace, 2012); \$9.99 (Amazon): In this collection of Advent studies, readers encounter the good news of Jesus Christ through the announcements made by angels surrounding the events of His coming into the world. These messages prepare you to worship and serve King Jesus throughout the season and the entire year.

***A Practical Guide to Informal Mentoring*** by Alvin L. Reid (Navpress, 2012); \$4.99 (ebook): Mentoring like Jesus means more than sitting in a room once a week. It means sharing life together. This ebook offers guidance on how a mentor can invest in a protégé through everyday life experiences.

***Physical Fitness and Its Spiritual Impact*** by Alvin L. Reid (Gospel Advance Books, 2013); \$5.49 (most major stores); \$2.99 (Kindle): Obesity is a major problem today. Ministers of the gospel sadly reflect this trend too often. This simple little book offers encouragement to believers to see how their physical lives cannot be separated from their spiritual growth. Testimonies and practical advice help the reader to be fit both spiritually and physically.

***As You Go: Creating a Missional Culture of Gospel-Centered Students*** by Alvin L. Reid (NavPress, 2013); \$10.99 (most major stores); \$9.99 (Kindle): This popular book among those in student ministry offers the first comprehensive book calling leaders to build ministry to the next generation on the gospel, with a goal of creating young missionaries rather than simple moralists.

***The Book of Matches*** by Alvin L. Reid with Ashley Gorman (NavPress, 2012); \$4.99 (ebook): Too many books on dating and relationships for young adults are more fluff than substance. This humorous, practical little book argues that one can only build healthy relationships with the opposite sex by first building a relationship with Jesus.

***Servant Evangelism*** by Alvin L. Reid and David Wheeler (Gospel Advance Books, 2013); \$5.49 (most major stores); \$2.99 (Kindle): *Servant Evangelism* offers a practical approach to engaging believers in personal evangelism through serving their community. Combining simple acts of kindness and intentional, personal evangelism offers an effective way both to show and to share the good news.

***Firefall 2.0: How God Shapes History Through Revival*** by Alvin L. Reid and Malcolm McDow (Gospel Advance Books, 2014); \$15.99 (most major stores); \$9.99 (Kindle): *Firefall 2.0* offers an expanded and updated version of an earlier work providing a history of revival from the Old Testament to our time. This comprehensive work is for both the historian and the student, the pastor and the interested layman. The book includes application and practical questions to relate the past to our time.

***Stones of Remembrance – Seven Women’s Experiences of Faith*** by Faye Rider, Fran Ohlsen, Annetta Collins, Suzanne Noble, Sophie Stenman, Kathy Rider and Beverley La Point (YAV Publications, 2014);

\$12.95 (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, [interestingwriting.com](http://interestingwriting.com)): Seven Christian women gathered together in winter 2013 to write their memoirs. They discovered that God has been with them through the ups and downs of their lives. *Stones of Remembrance* is an anthology of some of their most precious stones remembered – moments shared with God. These are true stories from their lives.

***Divine Appointments*** by William A Shourds (Carolina Printing, 2013); \$10 via 5725 Murrayville Road, Lot 72, Wilmington, NC 28405): Is there evidence of *Divine Appointments* in a person's life, or are we just "lucky"? Twenty-six of my personal life experiences are captured in this book. Each one demonstrates the supernatural intervention of God. Lucky? No way!

***A Christian Passover in the Jewish Tradition*** by David Simon, Sarah Simon and Chelsea Simon (CreateSpace, 2013); \$14.99 (Amazon, [KosherCopy.com](http://KosherCopy.com)); \$12.99 (Kindle): Gather the family and experience Passover as a Christian. This Messianic re-tells the ancient story, gives instructions for the leader, and explanations for each part of the service. Through Passover we can gain insight into the Last Supper of Jesus and how we must personally choose salvation through the grace of Christ.

***Passover in the Jewish Tradition*** (participant edition) by David Simon, Sarah Simon and Chelsea Simon (KosherCopy, 2014); \$0.99 (Amazon, [KosherCopy.com](http://KosherCopy.com), Kindle): This interactive participant guide is designed to be used with *A Christian Passover in the Jewish Tradition*. This digital book will help your Seder to become even more interactive by sharing parts so everyone gets involved in telling (and enjoying) the Passover story.

***New Trail for Life*** by Jeff Smith (Westbow Press, 2013); \$11.95 ([NewTrailforLIFE.com](http://NewTrailforLIFE.com)): *New Trail for Life* is a great next step for new believers, and a valuable resource for seasoned Christians. It serves as an exciting trail guide to lead you out of the thicket of sin and into fellowship with God. You'll enjoy the adventure of reading the author's exciting stories of riding for Jesus.

***Parental Guidance Suggested: A 25-Day Journey to Becoming the Disciple-Maker of Your Home*** by Mark Smith (L'Edge Press, 2012); \$10.36 (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Kindle): *Parental Guidance Suggested* will encourage and challenge you to become the follower Christ deserves and the parent your children need. This easy to read six-week Bible study is based on Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Proverbs 22:6. It will help you elevate to new levels of parenting and guide you to be the disciple-maker God desires you to be.

***His Word is Our Foundation*** (children's book) by Kimberly Souther (2014); \$3.99 via [ksouther@yadtel.net](mailto:ksouther@yadtel.net): There is a verse for each letter of the alphabet. As a kindergarten teacher I know the importance of learning the letters of the alphabet in the early foundation of reading. I love children and I want them to know that God's Word is needed in the foundation of their lives.

***Lights of Christmas*** by Kimberly Souther (Redemption Press, 2014); \$6.99 (Amazon, [redemptionpress.com](http://redemptionpress.com), or Gullian's Book Stores in Statesville, Winston Salem and Mount Airy): Do you enjoy riding through your town and looking at the beautiful Christmas lights? *Lights of Christmas* explains how the colors on a strand of lights relate to the life of Jesus and how we should go out and share Jesus with others and shine our light for Him.

***That's Not Odd...That's God!*** by David Stanford (Westbow Press, 2014); \$16.95 (Westbow, other major stores): When all hope is gone, when the funds are depleted, when time has run out, when there's just no way ...these are the very times God loves to intersect our lives, and display His all-sufficient wisdom and power. In *That's not Odd...That's God*, be encouraged by 10 true stories, illustrating the unseen hand of God's providence.

***Will It Float?*** by Matt Thomas (Westbow Press, 2014); price varies (available at most major stores): A journey through the story of Noah and the Ark to glean an understanding of how we need to be the ark of the church. Through prism implications and plank applications, the reader is able to discover the spiritual ideas in the biblical flood narrative and then make practical applications in the building of the church.

***Reformation in Responsibility*** by Rit Varriale (DV Publishers, 2012); \$10 (most major stores and via [rit@theappian.com](mailto:rit@theappian.com)): Addresses the American obsession with minority and individual rights, describing the transition in thought that caused America to become a nation of the secularist, by the courts, for the minority. It provides philosophical and theological foundations for standing up to the courts and promoting values that made America great.

***Love Still Wins: Loving God, Eternal Hell, And An Answer To Rob Bell*** by Tony Watts (Tate Publishing, 2013); \$14.99 (most major stores and [Link2eternity.com](http://Link2eternity.com)): Love Still Wins answers Rob Bell's allegations that the God of traditional Christianity switches from a "loving heavenly father" to a "vicious tormentor" in the "blink of an eye." Hence, it confronts Bell's intent to redefine the Christian faith, and then unravels his faulty worldview, hermeneutic and theology.

***In His Hands*** by Jason Webb (Westbow Press, 2012); prices vary (most major stores): *In His Hands* is my story. It is my testimony – my life, my experiences with God's grace, mercy and love. It involves cancer, a plant explosion, my first date with my wife and more. Scripture is interlaced throughout the book at appropriate locations to illustrate events and God's hand at work in the occurrences in my life.

***Remembering Funny Things*** by B.E. White Jr. (2014); \$9.95 ([Lulu.com](http://Lulu.com)): A collection of religious humor to enliven speeches, sermons, lessons, and introductions. Funny short stories that people will enjoy reading and telling to others. A moral or application can be made from each amusing story. Arranged by topics in easy to remember conversational form.

***Walking Toward Eternity: Journal of a Caregiver*** by Henry Wren (2012); available via [henrywrenpublications.com](http://henrywrenpublications.com)): *Walking Toward Eternity* is a personal account of the author's experience with caring for two wives as they battle cancer. The book, using Bible verses, takes the reader through what took place during these 20 years, and how the author coped with the situation after their deaths.

***Two Trashbags: Anecdotes of My Father*** by Jonathan Yarboro (L'Edge Press, 2014); \$12.99 (Amazon, [twotrashbags.com](http://twotrashbags.com)): *Two Trashbags* is a collection of stories that demonstrate a son's exploration of his relationship with his father. Individually, the stories are irreverent, shocking and deeply humorous. Collectively, they tell the heart-breaking story of one outrageously damaged man.

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***For I Know the Plans*** by Bailey Bowers (CreateSpace, 2014); \$10.99 (Amazon, Kindle): Chrissy's brother returns from Uganda launching the start of a great summer which will end with a trip to New York City. But when tragedy strikes, she ends up in Uganda instead of NYC. When God shows up in powerful ways, she slowly comes to realize that maybe this is exactly where He wants her.

***Aloha Rose*** by Lisa Carter (Abingdon Press, 2013); \$12.99 (most book stores): Laney Carrigan's only clue to her birth family is the Hawaiian quilt she was found wrapped in as an infant. On the Big Island, Laney begins a painstaking journey toward her true heritage. Hawaiian cowboy, Kai Barnes fears Laney is nothing more than a gold digger. Putting at risk what Kai and Laney both want most – a family.

***Beneath a Navajo Moon*** by Lisa Carter (Abingdon Press, 2014); \$14.99 (most book stores): Love and danger collide deep in the heart of the Navajo Nation. When cultural anthropologist Erin Dawson crosses

paths with tribal policeman Adam Silverhorn, it's hardly love at first sight. But when suddenly thrust into a common quest to rout an insidious drug cartel – they must rely on each other for survival.

***Carolina Reckoning*** by Lisa Carter (Abingdon Press, 2013); \$14.99 (most book stores): Alison Monaghan never gets to confront her husband about his infidelity after his body is found at an antebellum historic park. Detective Mike Barefoot puts Alison at the top of the suspect list. But he finds himself drawn to her and to her two teenage children. Can he stop a killer before Alison becomes the next victim?

***Under a Turquoise Sky*** by Lisa Carter (Abingdon Press, 2014); \$14.99 (most book stores): When a federal agent is assigned to protect the only witness to a cartel execution, Aaron hides Kailyn in the vast Navajo Nation. An unlikely friendship emerges between the former Ranger and Southern belle who brings along her frou-frou pooch. “That dog’s coyote food,” he warns. But nobody warns him to guard his heart.

***Anna’s Shoebox*** (children’s book) by Don and Barbara Davis (Arrowhead Graphics, 2013); \$5 ([dondavisministries.com](http://dondavisministries.com)): A little girl, Anna prays to become an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox to be able to share Jesus with the recipient. In a dream Anna becomes a shoebox and goes overseas to meet Tina, who learns about Jesus. The book helps children to support missions and learn it is more blessed to give than receive.

***The Mystery at Windy Pointe*** by Judy Honson (Refuge Press Publishers, 2014); \$14.95 (Lester Honson, 3496 Morganton Blvd., Lenoir, N.C., 28645; or \$3.99 on Kindle): When Thor and Tana go to Rhode Island, they are soon enmeshed in a dangerous game of political intrigue. Who’s behind the vandalism in the little village of Windy Pointe? Who’s the mysterious person appearing on the rocks during a storm? Someone is playing a dangerous ‘game’ and they’re out to win at any cost!

***The Young Shepherd: Nathan Murray’s First Year as Pastor*** by Wayne V. McDill (CreateSpace, 2013); \$8.55 (Barnes & Noble, Ebay, Amazon); \$5 (Kindle): Nathan and Sandra Murray moved to their first pastorate in the hills of North Carolina. Nathan soon realized that there were things about being a pastor he did not learn in college and seminary. Thankfully, mentors including some of the gentle folk of New Hope Church, will help him overcome and become an effective shepherd.

***Assimilation: Book one of the Paladin Chronicles*** by Zechariah McElrath (Westbow Press, 2014); hardback and paperback prices vary; \$3.99 (ebook): *Assimilation* is a historical fiction, based in the 13th century. It is about a man’s journey to become a genuine Christian. The narrative contains theological truths that help guide the reader to better understand what they believe and why they believe it. The book also argues against the problem of evil.

***Mr. Jay Learns to Share*** (children’s book) by E. Ann Moore (Xlibris, 2013); \$19.79 (most book stores): This is the first book in a series of 10 called A Bird’s Eye View of Virtues. *Mr. Jay Learns to Share* highlights the virtue of compassion. Mr. Jay and his nemesis, a grackle, fight over bread. Mr. Jay learns to share with Mr. Grackle when he finds out it is a matter of life and death.

***The Neighbor*** by Robert Moore (Tate Publishing, 2013); \$16.15 (Amazon, [TatePublishing.com](http://TatePublishing.com)); \$8.49 (Kindle): *The Neighbor* is a romantic story emphasizing God, family, and moral values in today’s secular world. The main character is a bachelor who decides to buy a home in an upscale, Morganton, N.C., neighborhood. The consequences of his decision greatly affect the lives of those around him.

***Miss Donna is Really a Dinosaur*** (children’s book) by Donna Harvey Turner (Author House, 2013); \$19.99 (Amazon); \$4 (ebook): This book is about a preschool teacher named Miss Donna. One of the students believes Miss Donna turns into a dinosaur on the playground at the preschool. The preschool is

called Everyone Matters to God Preschool. The purpose of this book is to bring enjoyment and laughter into the life of children.