

EVANGELISM RESOURCE LIST

WEB RESOURCES:

Evangelistic Preaching Helps (archives page) -- an occasional online resource that helps individuals prepare sermons from an evangelistic perspective.

http://www.gbod.org/evangelism/articles.asp?loc_id=1101

The Faith Sharing Initiative -- a strategy for training the churches laity in how to share their faith. Rev. Royal Speidel provides training for the faith sharing initiative. [Email rspeidel1@comcast.net]

<http://www.gbod.org/evangelism/fsparticipants.pdf>

The Faith Sharing Initiative also is available in Spanish.

<http://www.gbod.org/evangelism/elcompromiso.pdf>

General Board of Discipleship Evangelism Web Site

<http://www.gbod.org/evangelism/>

Offer Them Christ – Holston Conference web site offering resources related to offering Christ

<http://holston.org/about/offer-them-christ/>

Offering Christ Today (archives page) -- a weekly online resource that provides helpful tips on evangelism and offers suggested evangelism resources.

http://www.gbod.org/evangelism/articles.asp?loc_id=1100

Rethink Church Web Site

<http://www.10thousanddoors.org/site/c.ruI4KbMRIvF/b.4877557/k.BF1F/Home.htm>
http://www.umcom.org/site/c.mrLZJ9PFKMG/b.4696269/k.18F8/Rethink_Church_What_if_Church_was_a_Verb.htm

Stories for Survivors are Bible stories with discussion questions created for survivors of disaster. The stories are told without extensive commentary in order to allow personal and group discovery of the spiritual truths in each text that are most relevant to the needs of people who are in crisis and transition.

http://www.gbod.org/evangelism/articles.asp?item_id=15243

PRINT and VIDEO RESOURCES:

Ancient Future Evangelism: Making Your Church a Faith-Forming Community by Robert E. Webber

Robert Webber presents a model of evangelism and discipleship firmly rooted in Scripture, attested to in the history of the church, and authentic to the postmodern world in which we live. Webber surveys evangelism throughout the centuries, tracing the development of the ancient process of Christian formation. He translates that process for the 21st century, presenting four stages -- conversion, discipleship, spiritual formation, and Christian vocation -- that can easily be adapted to various church traditions.

http://www.amazon.com/Ancient-Future-Evangelism-Church-Faith-Forming-Community/dp/0801091608/sr=1-1/qid=1158866180/ref=pd_bbs_1/104-1975385-1204743?ie=UTF8&s=books

Beyond the Roll the Sunday School and Evangelism. A Workshop for Congregational Leaders + Instructional DVD

This flexible workshop can be used in a variety of settings and includes everything a congregation needs for focusing the work of Sunday school for its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

The primary audience is a leadership group within the church, including Sunday school teachers. The workshop begins with a Bible study pointing to the "main thing," examines cultural changes that have contributed to the decline of the church, and focuses on the potential within the Sunday school for making new disciples.

<http://abingdonpress.com/search.aspx?scope=all&query=Beyond%20the%20Roll%20Book&pid=0687641403>

Biblical Perspectives on Evangelism Living in a Three-Story Universe, by Walter Brueggemann

Brueggemann here describes evangelism as a drama in three scenes, concerning (1) God's victory over the forces of chaos and death, (2) the announcement of that victory, and (3) its appropriation by those who hear the announcement. This same dramatic sequence, as he shows, is many times re-enacted in the Bible; the times and circumstances of the re-enactment may differ, but the essential message, as well as the structure of its presentation, remains the same.

<http://abingdonpress.com/search.aspx?scope=all&query=biblical%20perspectives%20on%20evangelism&pid=412331>

Church for the Unchurched By George G. Hunter III

Hunter discusses the rebirth of the apostolic congregation, Christianity's vision of what people can become, how small groups shape an apostolic people, how lay ministry advances the Christian movement, and how apostolic churches reach secular people.

<http://abingdonpress.com/search.aspx?scope=all&query=church%20for%20the%20unchurched&pid=277329>

The Church in Many Houses: Reaching Your Community Through Cell-Based Ministry by Steve Cordle

The Church In Many Houses: Reaching Your Community Through Cell-Based Ministry makes the case that the cell model will work— *if* key assumptions about spiritual growth and the nature of the church are reexamined and renewed. Steve Cordle identifies the four pivotal philosophical shifts necessary for the cell approach to work:

- **programs to relationships**—the purposes of the church are best fulfilled in the cell group instead of in programs
- **member to disciple-maker**—every member can and should become a group leader
- **educating to equipping**—spiritual growth is not knowing more but applying more
- **“come and see” to “go and show”**—the power of penetration evangelism.

<http://abingdonpress.com/search.aspx?scope=all&query=steve%20cordle&pid=068732579X>

Deepening your Effectiveness, Restructuring the Local Church for Life Transformation by Dan Glover and Claudia Lavy.

Proposing a “deep-sea change” from the typical church plan, Glover and Lavy offer experienced coaching in how to systematize disciple-making in a congregation.

http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=343629

Faith-Sharing: Dynamic Christian Witnessing by Invitation by Eddie Fox and George Morris. The text answers, the fundamental questions of why, who, what, when, and how of personal witnessing.

http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=155037

Faith-Sharing New Testament and Psalms. An inexpensive translation of the New Revised Standard Version with personal helps. For those wishing to be grounded in the Christian faith, and to share gracefully that faith with others and lead them to Christian commitment.

<http://store.wmepress.org/fanewteandps.html>

Faith-Sharing Video Kit. This video presents a six-session study of personal faith sharing, based on the book, **Faith-Sharing.**

http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=154979

The Faith-Sharing Congregation, by Roger K Swanson and Shirley Clement. This book is a strategy for doing evangelism. Based on the quality of Congregational life, which includes building a discipleship system, paying particular attention to ministries of hospitality, personal relationships, storytelling, the domestic Church of the family, and the family as the Body of Christ.

http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=154960

How Great a Flame! Contemporary Lessons from the Wesleyan Revival by James Logan

Logan highlights key elements in that fanned the flames of the Wesleyan Revival. The discussion questions that follow each chapter make this a good four-week small group study resource.

http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=228449

Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education

The journal contains scholarly articles and book reviews, and the minutes of the annual meetings of the Academy of Evangelism and Theological Education. This journal provides a medium for the responsible sharing of ideas among those engaged in the teaching of evangelism, primarily at the seminary level, as well as those whose ministries involve them in serious research and writing in the field.

\$10 per book.

Checks payable to JAETE. Mail to:

Dr. Ronald W. Johnson, Managing Ed., Jaete, Mercer School of Theology, 3001 Mercer University Drive, Atlanta, GA 30341-4115

Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So! By H. Eddie Fox and George E. Morris

The book explores the fact that many churches do not believe that witnessing is their calling. Fox and Morris say that churches are shy about their lack of knowledge and ability to effectively communicate the message of the Gospel. *Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So!* attempts to erase the fears of inadequate witnessing and give confidence to Christians to spread the Word. It is a book for individuals who long to be effective witnesses, for congregations who have a desire to reach people and grow, and for college and seminary classes that are designed to motivate and inspire witnessing.

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/product-description/157736158X/ref=dp_proddesc_0/104-1975385-1204743?ie=UTF8&n=283155&s=books

Needs-Based Evangelism by Dr. Robert Pierson

In *Needs-Based Evangelism*, Robert Pierson, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, makes a simple but essential point: We must combine caring ministry with proclamation of the Gospel. Pierson blames the decline of so many mainline Protestant churches on their tendency to dichotomize good works and evangelistic witness.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/search.aspx?ddlSearchScope=&txtSearchQuery=Needs-Based Evangelism>

The Pathways to Christ Tract Series:

DR446 *Begin with Jesus*

DR447 *Understanding My Faith Journey with Christ.*

DR448 *Learning New Habits*

DR449 *Gifted in Christ*

DR450 *Hacia una nueva vida en Cristo*

DR524 *Mi jornada de fe con Cristo*

DR522 *Nueva vida, nuevos hábitos*

DR523 *Mis dones en Cristo*

Church members and leaders often struggle to explain to unchurched friends and acquaintances the importance of being a disciple of Jesus and growing in faith among a community of believers. That's where this series of tracts can help. Powerful and priced right to leave with the seekers you meet, each attractively designed, brief tract builds on the others with the goal of inviting seekers to know and follow Jesus Christ in clear, non-churchy language.

Each title has a study guide companion available as a free pdf download.

http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/search_page.asp

Personal F.R.A.N. Plan. Sold in groups of 100. These wallet-size leaflets are designed for praying and for sharing one's faith, with a friend, relative, associate, or neighbor.

Available in English and Spanish.

English http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=155022

Spanish http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=155108

Radical Outreach. The Recovery of Apostolic Ministry and Evangelism by George G. Hunter III

This book tells how the contemporary church can reclaim its ancient witness through hands-on ministries with the unchurched.

<http://abingdonpress.com/search.aspx?scope=all&query=radical%20outreach&pid=068707441X>

Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith, by Henry H. Knight III & F. Douglas Powe Jr. This book focuses on personal and communal transformation and the practice of evangelism with a distinctive Wesleyan approach. This book can be used as a six-week study resource.

http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=358091

Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism by Martha Grace Reese. (church leaders)

Unbinding Your Heart: 40 Days of Prayer & Faith Sharing (All-Congregational study)

Unbinding Your Church (pastors, teachers & church musicians resource guide)

(This book emerged from a national four-year study, the Mainline Evangelism Project. Over 1,000 people were interviewed. The book looks at evangelism in mainline churches today. It shows examples of great churches sharing their faith. Finally, it helps readers move into the possibilities God has in mind for them.

For more info, download free chapters: www.GraceNet.info

http://www.amazon.com/Unbinding-Gospel-Real-Life-Evangelism/dp/0827238045/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1/102-4097576-8726552?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1187214739&sr=8-1

Vital Signs: A Pathway to Congregational Wholeness by Dan R. Dick. Dan Dick offers helpful suggestions about how different types of congregations can move in the direction of vitality. This book is for church leaders who believe God calls all Christians to participate in Christ's mission to...be the body of Christ for the world.

http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=426042

Your Church Can Thrive: Making the Connections that Build Healthy Congregations, by Harold Percy.

Percy provides a practical how-to book that helps churches focus on their main mission—making disciples. Provocative questions lead readers through rich times of discovery and reclamation of purpose.

<http://abingdonpress.com/search.aspx?scope=all&query=your%20church%20can%20thrive&pid=9780687022564>

HOSPITALITY/WELCOMING RESOURCES

GO FISH! series of T.I.M.E. – Together In Ministry Everyday. *T.I.M.E.* outlines an easy, effective, and cost-free way for churches to make an immediate impact on their community – have congregations volunteer 90 minutes every 90 days in some form of community service work with established local agencies engaged in helping with such issues as hunger, aging, school, grief counseling, or housing. Abingdon Press resource. www.GoFish4People.com

CATCH: Attracting and Connecting Visitors by Debi Williams Nixon with Adam Hamilton

CATCH brings a comprehensive plan for implementing the proven marketing and visitor follow-up techniques from Church of the Resurrection. This kit includes a leadership team handbook and workbook for evaluation, discussion and planning, a handbook of 40 daily devotions and a resource DVD. Part of the GO FISH! series

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/Home.aspx?bsc=000379058>

Igniting Ministries Web Site <http://www.ignitingministry.org/default.aspx>

BEYOND 30 SECONDS: Developing a Welcoming Congregation

This seven-session small-group video series is for all local congregations wanting to go beyond the 30-second length of the national television commercials to explore what may block our ability to welcome others.

<http://www.ignitingministry.org/getstarted/products.aspx>

Living Our Promise: The Igniting Ministry Trainers Toolbox 12 Complete Training Sessions

Living Our Promise of “open hearts, open minds, open doors” requires constant effort and attention. Help your congregation embrace the idea of welcoming as a lifestyle with these 12, ready-made training sessions. From an overview of Igniting Ministry, to a worship service that teaches welcoming, to a session that helps your congregation through transition and change, this toolbox offers step-by-step suggestions to enhance your church’s welcoming ministry.

<http://www.ignitingministry.org/resources/product.aspx?iid=1124>

Just Walk Across the Room: Simple Steps Pointing People to Faith by Bill Hybels

This practical book invites us to understand the deeper relationships in living a life of invitation. Not every "faith sharing" moment leads to a prayer of conversion; however, Hybels challenges the readers to live in 3D (Develop Relationships, Discover Stories and Discern Next Steps) listening to the leading of the Holy Spirit in guiding us to speak and when to stay silent. Good look at challenging us to step out of our "Circle of Comfort." Book includes discussion questions for each chapter. DVD and church campaign curriculum kit

<http://www.justwalkacrosstheroom.com/faqs.aspxit>

Making Room Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition by Christine D. Pohl

This book revisits the discipline of welcoming strangers and provides the foundation for renewed commitment to recovering hospitality as a Christian tradition.

<http://www.cokesbury.com/search.aspx?scope=all&query=christine%20pohl&pid=0802844316>

The Race to Reach Out Connecting Newcomers to Christ in a New Century by Douglas T. Anderson and Michael J. Coyner

The authors believe that to assimilate newcomers into the life and ministry of the congregation, the whole church system must be involved. Anderson and Coyner demonstrate how to identify and respond to visitors in a nonthreatening, yet interested way; how to share information about them with the leaders of those ministries and programs in which they would be most interested; how best to help them in their decision to become church members; and how to help them understand and fulfill their own call to ministry in the congregation.

<http://abingdonpress.com/search.aspx?scope=all&query=michael%20j.%20coyner&pid=0687066689>