



What are tracts? They are the small pamphlets found in the Narthax, Chapel, and many other places throughout the church. They are often either left for someone to find or handed out.

Why should you give out tracts? Here are 10 reasons:

1. They are a very economical form of evangelism
2. They work while we sleep
3. They have the ability to get into a house and stay there
4. They are never afraid or show cowardice
5. They are never tempted to compromise their message
6. They never get tired, discouraged or give up
7. They stick to what they have to say and never argue
8. They can present the message when don't have time
9. They can go to places where we cannot
10. They get people in the mood – they only speak when they are read

When giving out tracts don't ask, "Would you like one of these?" They will probably just say "No", or "What is it?"

Instead ask, "Did you get one of these?" That makes the person feel that he is missing out on something, and it also stirs up curiosity. Try it...it really works!

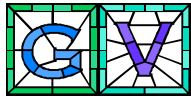
If you know the person, ask for their opinion of the tract's content. If you are too shy to give out tracts, mail them when paying bills or just leave them where they will be found.

Many people have been saved through tracts, including the great missionary Hudson Taylor. Make tracts a habit for life!

# The Book Haven Digest



**Fall 2008**



## Women's Book Club

**Women's Book Club** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) beginning Tuesday, September 23.

Here's our book list for the year so you can scout ahead for the books!

**Sept. 23** – Bring Back the Joy, by Sheila Walsh

**Oct. 28** (Missions Week) – Life's Journey in Faith, by Saw Spencer Zan  
Guest speaker: Les Zan

**Nov. 25** – The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, by Kate DiCamillo  
(Good Christmas gift for children grades 3 - 6)

**Dec. ??** – Christmas Tea. This year we will watch "Take Peace," a video about Tasha Tudor and her Christmas preparations.

**Jan. 27, 2009** – In This House of Brede, by Rumer Godden

**Feb. 24** – This I Believe, by Jay Allison (D. Gediman & V. Merrick, eds.)

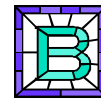
**Mar. 24** – Home to Holly Springs, by Jan Karon

**April 28** – The Case for Christ, by Lee Strobel

**May 26** – Video month (selection TBD)

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden,  
and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28



## Books À La Carte

Book a la Carte has become a familiar sight to most of you by now. (It's our little mobile book cart located in Dickerson Hall) Did you know that just down the hall way there is a stationary book table just outside the Book Haven for your perusal? The table displays many excellent hand picked books for all ages, young and old. Some are new additions to the Book Haven collection, others are old gems that have remained hidden and need to be seen again. Take a look at the books at both locations; you never know what you might find. Books at both locations can be checked out in the Book Haven.

### Book Haven's Hours

Sunday 8:30 – 11:00am  
12:00 -12:45pm

Thursday 9:45am – 12:00pm

### The Book Haven Committee

Julie Canfield Betty Stoepker  
Mirtle Higgins Lisa Sybrandt  
Joy Thompson Becky Porter –Student Intern

## Calling all Overdue Books!!

Calling all overdue books, Videos and DVDs!! (You know who you are.) How about coming back to the Book Haven? You can just jump into the "Return Box" --- never any questions asked, no fines, no brow beatings --- and we'll have a welcome home party when we see you!



## Book Haven News:

Have you stopped by the Book Haven recently? Well, we are a work in progress. We have been adding many items to the library so we need to weed out some of our older books and retire them. We are trying to create more space and get more shelves for our ever expanding collections. More space is especially needed for the growing teen and young adult sections we are working on. Not to worry though, the couch will always be there as a "haven" for those in need of quite time and refectation.

Never stopped in? Here's your chance to see what you have been missing. We are located across from the gym, just down from the Chapel. Grab a snack some Sunday and come on down. The Book Haven has a book or for everyone's interests and needs. We also have videos, cassettes, DVD's and CD's. Don't forget about the youngest of your family members. We have videos, DVD's and books that they will enjoy as well. Plus, everyone gets a lollipop just for stopping in!!

So, stop by, say "Hello". See what we have been up to and let us know what you have been up to also.

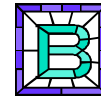
You can also check us out on the web at [www.gvpres.org](http://www.gvpres.org).

We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

The Book Haven Committee

"Evangelism is not a professional job for a few trained men, but is instead the unrelenting responsibility of every person who belongs to the company of Jesus."

Elton Trueblood



## Books to "Check Out"

### Travel: Life's Journey In Faith: Burma, From Riches to Rags Saw Spencer Zan

Life's Journey in Faith is a true story of an ethnic Karen family during Burma's transition from riches to rags, spanning a period from the British colonial days through the Japanese occupation of Burma during World War II into the chaotic political years after independence and General Ne Win's coup of 1962 and to the escape of the Zan family into Thailand in 1964. The book takes the reader back to Good Friday in 1942 when Mandalay was heavily bombed by the Japanese, the battle for Katha further north between the Chinese and the Japanese and the carpet bombing of Rangoon toward the end of the war.

### Sports: Quiet Strength: The Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Winning Life

#### Tony Dungy

Tony Dungy's words and example have intrigued millions of people, particularly following his victory in Super Bowl XLI, the first for an African American coach. How is it possible for a coach--especially a football coach--to win the respect of his players and lead them to the Super Bowl without the screaming histrionics, the profanities, and the demand that the sport come before anything else? How is it possible for anyone to be successful without compromising faith and family? In this inspiring and reflective memoir, now updated with a new chapter, Coach Dungy tells the story of a life lived for God and family--and challenges us all to redefine our ideas of what it means to succeed.

**Novel: The Storekeeper's Daughter/The Quilter's Daughter/The Bishop's Wanda Brunstetter**

The riveting story of a kidnapped Amish child is told through three bestselling novels set in Lancaster. From the beginning, Naomi Fisher blames herself for the family's tragedy and journeys away from home to find a purpose for living. Abby Miller leaves her successful Ohio quilt shop to help the Fisher family, but how long can she continue to put her dreams on hold? Leona Weaver is dedicated to her family and community, but when she falls in love with an outsider, could this friendship bring the haunting tale of a kidnapped boy full circle?

**Reconciliation: After You've Blown It: Reconnecting with God and Others Erwin Lutzer**

YOU CAN START OVER AGAIN Many Christians become so discouraged because of their sins and failures that they give up on ever having fellowship with God again. They also fear that their broken relationships will never heal. For everyone who has wished for a fresh beginning, here is good news. This gentle, affirming book emphasizes how much God wants his wandering children to return to him. Award-winning author and pastor Erwin Lutzer provides solutions to common questions about how to reconnect with God and with those we are estranged from.

**Biography / Memoir: 90 Minutes in Heaven: A True Story of Death & Life Don Piper**

As he is driving home from a minister's conference, Baptist minister Don Piper collides with a semi-truck that crosses into his lane. He is pronounced dead at the scene. For the next 90 minutes, Piper experiences heaven where he is greeted by those who had influenced him spiritually. He hears beautiful music and feels true peace. Back on earth, a passing minister who had also been at the conference is led to pray for Don even though he knows the man is dead. Piper miraculously comes back to life and the bliss of heaven is replaced by a long and painful recovery.



**D**vids:

**End of the Spear**

**Starring: Louie Leonardo, Chad Allen Director: Jim Hanon Rating: **PG-13****

"End of the Spear" is the remarkable journey of a savage Amazon tribesman who becomes family to the son of a North American man he kills

**Facing the Giants**

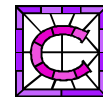
**Starring: Alex Kendrick, Shannen Fields Rating: **PG****

In his six years of coaching, Grant Taylor has never had a winning season. Even the hope of a new season is squelched when the best player on his Shiloh Eagles decides to transfer schools. Daring to trust God to do the impossible, Coach Taylor and the Eagles discover how faith plays out on the field--and off. With God, all things are possible.

**The Perfect Stranger**

**Starring: Pamela Brumley Director: Shane Sooter; Jefferson Moore Rating: **UNRATED****

The movie version of the bestselling novel, "Dinner With a Perfect Stranger" by David Gregory. Capturing the book's wit, intimacy and desire to enlighten almost line for line, "THE PERFECT STRANGER" is a thought-provoking tale of one woman's journey through the realms of doubt and disbelief - with the most unforgettable man she would ever meet.



**C**hildren's DVDs:

We are now carrying **Veggie Tales** and **The Sugar Creek Gang** on DVD. Many of your other favorite videos are also being offered on DVD as well as we update our DVD collection. Stop in and ask where to find the Children DVDs.



## Childrens Books:

### The Upside-Downer Day (Topsy-Turvy Tracy)

Susie Taylor

A charming little girl decides to view her world upside down and learns that God had a perfect plan for the world he created and that his way is best. Ages 4-8

### God is Bigger than the Boogie Man

Cindy Kenney

Filled with fun, colorful, engaging art that all children will love, God is Bigger Than the Boogie Man teaches kids about trust, thankfulness, truth, courage, selflessness, and more. Ages 4-8

### Rise and Shine!

Tim Warnes

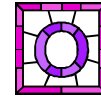
The same cheery bear family from Warnes's picture-book version of Jesus Loves Me! makes a return engagement in this version of a joyous and child-friendly hymn. Little Bear begins his day with a bath, then sets about designing and constructing a model of the ark, just as "The Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky." Little Bear and his parents then use a menagerie of toy and real critters, and the gentle rain of a watering can to recreate the well-known Bible story of Noah's journey. In sweet and sunny watercolor scenes—often with wildflowers and sunflowers nearby—these happy ursine characters serve as inviting hosts to the hymn and its biblical inspiration. A musical score appears on the final spread. All ages.

### The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Kate DiCamillo

Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. Along the way, we are shown a miracle - that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.

Grades 2 - 6



## Oldies but Goodies Corner:

### Healing for Damaged Emotions

David Seamands

This is a realistic, Bible-based approach to dealing with the painful past. Whether through our own fallen temperament, willful disobedience, or as victims of the hurtful actions of others, many of us struggle with crippling emotions, among them perfectionism, depression, and a low self worth. The pain is often present with us even though the incidents and relationships that caused it may be long past.

Healing for Damaged Emotions has helped hundreds of thousands of reader's worldwide deal honestly and successfully with their inner hurts.

### Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer

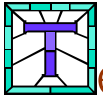
C.S. Lewis

In the form of warm, relaxed letters to a close friend, Lewis meditates on many puzzling questions concerning the intimate dialogue between man and God. Lewis also considers practical and metaphysical aspects of private prayer, petitionary prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and other forms of prayer.

### James Herriot's Treasury for Children: Warm and Joyful Tales by the author of All Creatures Great and Small

James Herriot

*James Herriot's Treasury for Children* collects all of the beloved veterinarian's delightful tales for young readers. From the springtime frolic of *Oscar, Cat-About-Town* to the yuletide warmth of *The Christmas Day Kitten*, these stories—radiantly illustrated by Peter Barrett and Ruth Brown—are perennial favorites, and this new complete edition makes a wonderful experience to be shared by parent and child.



## Teens/Young Adults:

### Mean Girls: Facing Your Beauty Turned Beast

Hayley DiMarco

Sugar and spice and all that's nice? Not quite. It's tough to be a girl. Girls are mean to each other. Most girls will admit that they have been a victim of a mean girl. In fact, many will say that all girls are basically mean. Whether they're arguing about a boy, teasing a girl because of how she looks, or making up rumors to torment others, girls can be just plain ruthless. This one-of-a-kind book can help end the cycle of meanness. Mean Girls is a call to spiritual strength. A call to stand firm. It calls girls to face the beasts in their lives head on. In short, it's the answer girls need for the problem they never thought could go away.

### Watch This: A Getting-There Guide to Manhood for Teen Guys

Jeffrey Dean

Heard you were looking for cheat codes & walk throughs for getting it right. (Here ya go.)

Okay, so it's *possible* you're the first human being ever created just so you can muddle through life, add up to nothing, or crash and burn.

But probably not.

Probably—in fact, definitely—you're here for a very big, very good reason. And God wants you to live it *huge*.

That's the motivating message of *Watch This*, Jeffrey Dean's new book for teen guys. Jeffrey has spoken—and listened—to thousands of students just like you. He understands the pressures and fears you face. And now he's written a book that offers practical "getting there" advice for teens who want to experience everything God intends for their future. First, he helps you figure out who you are. Then he shows you from the Bible how to get where you want to go.

Oh, and not just get there. But have fun, bring glory to God.

Because you're not here for nothing. You're here for something spectacular!

### This Is Me: A Teen Girl's Guide to Becoming the Real You

Jeffery Dean

You want to show the world the real you. But sometimes you're not sure who the real you really is. (Here's help.)

Being a teen girl isn't easy, the pressures, the frustrations, the fears, some days you just want to disappear, but a voice inside keeps whispering that you were created for an amazing life.

And you want it. You long to become the kind of beautiful young woman who can confidently tell the world...

"This is me!"

So where do you start? Maybe with a helpful handbook to the truth about you.

*This Is Me: A Teen Girl's Guide to Becoming the Real You* offers practical "getting there" advice for teens who want to experience everything God has for their future. Teen authority and counselor Jeffrey Dean has spoken—and listened—to thousands of students just like you. In his new book, he helps you figure out where you are now, then shows you from the Bible how to get where you want to go. *This Is Me* is packed with street-level reality, surprising humor, hard questions and life-tested answers.

For your personal journey from here to extraordinary, *This Is Me* is the travel companion every girl needs.

### The Dangerous Book for Boys

Hal Iggulden

Equal parts droll and gorgeous nostalgia book and heartfelt plea for a renewed sense of adventure in the lives of boys and men, *The Dangerous Book* is a guide book for dads as well as their sons, as a reminder of lore and technique that have not yet been completely lost to the digital age. Recall the adventures of Scott of the Antarctic and the Battle of the Somme, relearn how to palm a coin, tan a skin, and, most charmingly, wrap a package in brown paper and string. The book's ambitions are both modest and winningly optimistic: you get the sense that by learning how to place a splint or write in invisible ink, a boy might be prepared for anything, even girls (which warrant a small but wise chapter of their own).