

Tracts

What are tracts? They are the small pamphlets found in the Narthex, 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

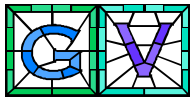
When giving out tracts don't ask, "Would you like one of these?" They will probably just say "No", or "What is it?"

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!





Women's Book Club

Women's Book Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) at the home of Kathy Anderson

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

Jan. 19 - My Life in France, by Julia Child

Feb. 16- The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, by Mary Ann Shaffer

Mar. 16 - Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man who would Cure the World, by Tracy Kidder

April 20 - TBA

May 18 - Movie month - Julie & Julia

“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 handpicked 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

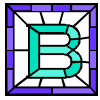
Thursday 9:45am – 12:00pm

The Book Haven Committee

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

Book Reunion!!

Calling all overdue Books, Videos and DVDs!! As we reorganize and weed out our older books we would love to see what books we have been missing. Drop them by the Library and let them be counted. You can then check them out again and continue to enjoy them.



Book Haven News:

Many people have been working very hard to carefully go through the entire collection in the library. As you venture into the library it may look a little unorganized at times, maybe a little messy too. This is all for a greater good. This is a major undertaking but a much needed one. We are committed to ministering to every age in our congregation. One aspect of that has meant keeping up with our younger members and the ever changing media. With the advancement of media; DVD's, CD's, our library has seen growing pains similar to those of a growing teen.

We are here to introduce our youngest of members to GOD, help guide our preteens and teens through their toughest years and as always to give spiritual guidance, healing, or uplift anyone who walks through our doors. All this through the pages of books and the words of others in many forms of media.

This is a time to rejoice for all!! The older books will find new homes and new people to minister to. They have fulfilled their mission here, now is the time for them to move on.

Don't worry though, the couch will never move!!

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



The Book Haven has been buying countless new books, CD's, DVD's and furniture over the past year. Because of we are expanding our collection so much we must now bid farewell to some of our older books. We are in the process going through all the shelves and weeding out theses precious friends. They have served us well and we wish them many more years of service in other libraries.

Please bear with us during this time of reorganization. The library will remain open and no detours to the couch are planned!

Thank you -

The Book Haven committee



Books to "Check Out"

He Loves Me! Learning to Live in the Father's Affection Wayne Jacobsen

Do you find yourself picking through circumstances like children plucking daisy petals attempting to figure out whether or not God loves you? If you find yourself least certain of his love in those critical moments when you most need to trust him, there is hope for you. Where? At the one event in human history that forever secured your place in the Father's heart--the cross where Jesus allowed sin and shame to be consumed in his own body so that you could freely embrace a relationship with his Father. There you will discover that what he always wanted was not the fearful subservience of slaves, but the loving affection of sons and daughters. If your spiritual life feels more like performance than freedom, like an empty ritual rather than a joyful journey, let Wayne help you discover a Father who loves you more than anyone on this planet ever has or ever will and how you can rest in the confidence of his affection for you through whatever circumstances you face.

Facedown

Matt Redman

God wants us to be more than aware of His presence. He implores us to be awestruck by it--literally consumed with passion and adoration! How do we reach this state? By totally surrendering to God through worship. Facedown shows why we need to go deeper into the wonder, awe and mystery of God's presence. Only then will we find ourselves lying prostrate before the Lord--facedown in worship. The premise of Matt Redman's newest book is grounded in three biblical examples--Ezekiel 1, Daniel 10 and Revelation 7--which all reveal that the worship going on before the heavenly throne is facedown. All believers will be exhilarated by this heaven-sent beacon as it lights their way to being undone by God's eternal glory.

Sophie's Heart

Lori Wick

After the tragic death of his wife, Alec Riley struggles to put his life back together. He and his three children are lost in their grief...until

The Story of Jesus for Children

Starring: Brian Deacon, Brandon Gilberstadt

Rating: PG

This is a great movie for families. The story is seen and told through the eyes of children. They tell the story of Jesus with their own words and feelings. See them walk, talk, and live struggling with their new faith and the betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus. Remember this is made for children. It delivers the Christian message without the harsh adult images found in other movies.

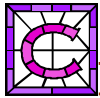
Torchlighters: William Tyndale

Rating: NR (Not Rated)

William Tyndale tops King Henry VIII's "Most Wanted" list in 1535 and is being pursued across Europe by the king's bounty hunters. What is his crime? Murder? Theft? No, none of these. William Tyndale's "crime" is translating the Bible into English for the common people. Is he willing to risk his life for this cause? This episode of The Torchlighters follows William Tyndale's adventures as he works in secret, moving from town to town as a fugitive to avoid capture. Friends and allies help him along, but enemies may be lurking around any corner. Come along and see whether this Torchlighter completes his task before the king's men close in on him.

Golden Books: CD's

- Action Bible Songs
- Silly Songs
- Lullabies
- Preschool songs
- Toddler songs
- Praise Songs
- Sunday School Songs



Children's CDs & DVDs:

G. T. & The Halo Express

- ❖ God's Love - How to express real love
- ❖ God's Plan of Salvation - How to witness
- ❖ Winning the Great Race of Faith -How to overcome adversity
- ❖ Ticket to Christmas -Seeking and finding the Christ child
- ❖ God's Protection by Day & by Night -How to trust God
- ❖ Made to be a V.I.P. -How to see your value through God's eyes.
- ❖ Red & Yellow, Black & White -Accepting One Another

If you're like us, music plays an important part in your everyday experience. It's a powerful communicator, affecting our thoughts and our emotions. Music is also a great aid to memory.

Our family began putting melodies to Bible verses we wanted to learn. The results were remarkable! We had a lot of fun and learned the verses quickly.

As a result, we are living a little closer to the standard of Deuteronomy chapter 6: to have God's Word in our hearts wherever we are.

We hope you will find God's Word for Today's Kids a useful tool in building the power of God's Word into your family as you seek His best for your lives.

Memorably Yours,
The Kingsriter Family

Veggie Tales: Abe and the Amazing Promise

Starring: Delilah, Kurt Heinecke Rating: NR (Not Rated)

While on set filming, Bob the Tomato decides to respond to a fan's letter about "waiting", meanwhile everyone's patience is tested by spitting camels, a confused nurse, an easily distracted film crew, and a host of other laughable filming disasters! Join the comical chaos and calamity in Abe and the Amazing Promise that reminds kids that God always keeps his promises . . . even if we have to wait a while!

Sophie walks unexpectedly into their lives. Having left her native Czechoslovakia, Sophie has discovered the land which seemed so bright with promise is far from her dream. A highly educated woman, Sophie now finds herself keeping house for Alec and his family. How can Sophie find peace in her new job? Will God use her gentle spirit to help heal Alec's broken heart?

Praying for Those You Love

Jack Hayford

Few prayers are more fervent than the longing for loved ones to come into the kingdom. While this place of intercession is a privilege, explains Jack Hayford, it is also a place of challenge. It requires perseverance, boldness, and sometimes getting out of God's way! With biblical insight and personal examples, this beloved author and pastor provides the tools readers need to pray effectively for those they love. Regardless of the crisis--an unbelieving spouse, a wandering child, a friend at a crossroads--here is encouragement to move in rightful authority, press in with intercession and see God's answers come.

Grace Grit and Gumption: Spiritual Revival in Wales

Fielder Geraint

John Pugh, railway worker, Seth Joshua, donkey driver, fighter and Frank Joshua, teacher were all converted in the Welsh valleys. Pugh became a dedicated pastor who planted and grew several large churches before becoming involved in the 'Forward Movement'. The Joshua brothers had independently and with no training, started a venture of their own which saw great growth amongst the English language dominated industrial areas. It became the sort of pilot scheme that Pugh was looking for and they joined forces. The title of the book is taken from Pugh's plan to reach the unchurched industrial wasteland of Splott, next to Cardiff. He advertised the fact that he wanted 'To secure men of GRACE, GRIT AND GUMPTION' for the work

The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People

John Ortberg

The heart of Christianity is transformation—a relationship with God that impacts not just our "spiritual lives," but every aspect of living. John Ortberg calls readers back to the dynamic heartbeat of

Christianity—God’s power to bring change and growth—and reveals both the how and why of transformation.

With a new chapter on prayer and added discussion questions, this expanded edition of *The Life You’ve Always Wanted* offers modern perspectives on the ancient path of the spiritual disciplines. But this is more than just a book about things to do to be a good Christian. It’s a road map toward true transformation that starts not with the individual but with the object of the journey—Jesus Christ.

As with a marathon runner, the secret to winning the race lies not in trying harder, but in training consistently—training with the spiritual disciplines. The disciplines are neither taskmasters nor an end in themselves. Rather they are exercises that build strength and endurance for the road of growth. The fruit of the Spirit—joy, peace, kindness, etc.—are the signposts along the way.

Entertaining for Eternity with Heavenly Hospitality ***

Nan McCullough

We live in a world of people who are starved for connectedness and real caring relationships. Our homes no matter how humble they may be are a place where we can share the love of Christ. It’s my prayer that this book and companion web site will motivate you to prop open your front door, put out the welcome mat and start asking your neighbors, work associates and casual acquaintances in for some real caring over a cup of coffee or tea or maybe even a simple meal. We need to turn our world upside down like the early believers did in the book of Acts.

***This book is also available for purchase at the
Book Haven (Library) \$29.99

Along a rocky, barren coastline, Jesus begins teaching, primarily using parables. He comes to bring a sword, not peace, he says. He moves from place to place near the Sea of Galilee, sometimes attracting a multitude, sometimes being driven away and often attracting the attention of the Pharisees, the chief priests, and elders. They conspire to have him arrested, beaten, tried, and crucified, just as he prophesied. After he dies, he appears to his disciples and gives them final instructions.

How Great Is Our God (2009)

Starring: Louie Giglio Rating: NR (Not Rated)

Louie Giglio treats us to some of God’s creation. The viewer realizes that his/her problems pale in insignificance in the light of God’s character as revealed in His creation.

Giglio provides details about stars and their various sizes. It is sobering to realize how much bigger some stars are than our own sun.

He includes discussion of the DNA molecule and its fascinating functions. There is also a protein called laminin. It literally holds our cells together--and so, by implication, it holds our very selves together. Amazingly, it is shaped like a cross.



DVDs :

Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story (2009)

Starring: Ele Bardha, Loren Bass Rating: NR (Not Rated)

Oscar winner Cuba Gooding Jr. (Actor in a Supporting Role, *Jerry Maguire*, 1996) stars in this true story about a renowned brain surgeon who overcame obstacles to change the course of medicine forever. Young Ben Carson didn't have much of a chance. Growing up in a broken home amongst poverty and prejudice, his grades suffered and his temper flared. And yet, his mother never lost her faith in him. Insisting he follow the opportunities she never had, she helped to grow his imagination, intelligence and, most importantly, his belief in himself. That faith would be his gift - the thing that would drive him to follow his dream of becoming one of the world's leading neurosurgeons.

Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ

Starring: John Piper

Combined with the companion Study Guide, these six, 30-minute DVD sessions taught by John Piper will enable you to teach others to truly recognize Christ for who he is and delight in him and the truth of the gospel. Perfect for groups of any size.

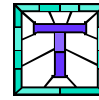
In 2 Corinthians, the apostle Paul described one of the central problems facing humanity in every age: people fail to see Christ for who he is. Even those who have caught a glimpse of him do not see perfectly, says best-selling author John Piper. But it is important that we not only learn to see him but delight in him and the truth of the gospel.

This DVD and its companion study guide explore the meaning and significance of these ideas in a guided group study. Each of Piper's six 30-minute DVD presentations will equip Sunday school teachers, small group leaders, Christian educators, and parents in directing people's understanding of these topics so that viewers will learn to behold and delight in Jesus more than anything this world has to offer.

The Gospel According to St. Matthew

Starring: Enrique Irazoqui, Margherita Caruso

Rating: NR (Not Rated)



Teens/Young Adults :

How to Stay Christian in High School

Steven P Gerali

Following Christ isn't easy--especially in high school. You know full-well the pressures and stress that high schoolers experience today. As if it wasn't hard enough to try to pass A.P. English, make the varsity hockey team, and stay out of trouble, you're constantly hearing about how you need to be a "good Christian." It's not easy. Being Christian might be tough, but it's worth it. How to Stay Christian in High School is all about handling the temptations and pressures you face every day. There are a lot of teenagers in the Bible who also faced huge issues in their life. Their examples will encourage you to make a difference in your world--to be in the world but not of it.

A Young Woman's Walk with God: Growing More Like Jesus

Elizabeth George

Christian teens long to please God, but peer pressure, school activities, and physical changes make godly qualities such as patience, kindness, and self-control hard to develop. The good news is that by focusing on God, girls can live the fruit of the Spirit. Then they'll be able to—

- put on a positive attitude daily
- have peace regardless of circumstances
- experience joy even during difficulties

Faithfulness and gentleness come as teens walk with Jesus and express His love to those around them.

Fear No Evil?: Shining God's Light on the Forces of Darkness

Steve Russo

Whether teens know it or not, they are faced daily with the devil's influences. Author Steve Russo exposes how many seemingly innocent diversions--often seen as just a game, as a way of escape, or as a means of gaining power--can open the door to everything from New Age religions and the occult to Wicca, Satanism, and more. After identifying the sources of peril, Russo equips readers with the biblical tools needed for combating the forces of evil and points them to the true Source of power.

Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations

Alex Harris, Brett Harris

Most people don't expect you to understand what we're going to tell you in this book. And even if you understand, they don't expect you to care. And even if you care, they don't expect you to do anything about it. And even if you do something about it, they don't expect it to last. We do. – Alex and Brett

A growing movement of young people is rebelling against the low expectations of today's culture by choosing to "do hard things" for the glory of God. And Alex and Brett Harris are leading the charge. Do Hard Things is the Harris twins' revolutionary message in its purest and most compelling form, giving readers a tangible glimpse of what is possible for teens who actively resist cultural lies that limit their potential.

Combating the idea of adolescence as a vacation from responsibility, the authors weave together biblical insights, history, and modern examples to redefine the teen years as the launching pad of life. Then they map out five powerful ways teens can respond for personal and social change.

Written by teens for teens, Do Hard Things is packed with humorous personal anecdotes, practical examples, and stories of real-life rebelutionaries in action. This rallying cry from the heart of an already-happening teen revolution challenges a generation to lay claim to a brighter future, starting today.



Children's Books:

God Loves Me Bible

Susan Elizabeth Beck

The God Loves Me Bible is filled with simple, action-filled stories about the lives of more than fifty favorite Bible characters. Each story emphasizes the overriding theme of the Bible: God loves his world, his people, and "me!" Slip your child's photo into the picture frame on the cover for a constant reminder of God's love for them. Ages Preschool- 8

Sugar Creek Gang Series

Paul Hutchens

The Sugar Creek Gang sets out on adventures near and far. In the process, they solve mysteries and teach readers a thing or two. Ages 7-12

Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress

Oliver Hunkin

A beautifully produced, large-format version of Bunyan's classic. Although all aspects of the book are skillfully handled, the illustrations are the real key to its effectiveness. Intricately detailed and constructed in a fluid, energetic, well-balanced style, they sweep across the pages dramatically. Some are small, but most are full- or double-page spreads with the text in a large, elegant typeface arranged in a variety of patterns around them. The good people are handsome, suitably heroic and rather bland, but the villains are sharply and wittily portrayed. They brim with a sly, evil, vulgar vitality. The costume and setting of 17th-Century England are faithfully detailed. Gloomy dungeons, dark forests, black rivers and gray-clouded skies sustain the mood of danger and hardship. Rhythmic and stately, the prose is appropriate to the original without being obscure, and it reads aloud well. This religious allegory makes a rousing adventure story, an interesting historical commentary and an amusing satire on church and society. The multiple levels make it useful for a variety of ages, provided the picture book format is not a barrier. Ages 9-12