



2010 Events

- 50+ Retreat — June 11-13
- YB 1 — June 28-July 2
YB 2 — August 23 - 27
- Family Camp—July 11-18
- Kids Rock Camp
Eastern Region July 26-28
Western Region Aug. 29 - 31
- Women's Ministries
Conference — Sept. 17 - 19
- YC2010—October 8-10
- Men's Ministries Provincial
Retreat—Nov 5-7

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The Resource Issue!

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THE RESOURCE ISSUE

Welcome to the resource issue of the Church Ministries Newsletter. One of the goals and mandates of our Church Ministries Department is to be a resource to our churches, pastors, and ministry leaders. We felt that it would be a great idea to dedicate a whole issue of the newsletter to highlight some new resources that are available to us in a variety of ministry areas. We have partnered with our friends at Religious Book and Bible House and our Provincial Directors to bring you not just a list, but reviews of these resources so you as

leaders can be equipped with all the information you need to be able to connect with resources that are relevant for your context. We have a very special and dedicated resource team at RBBH that are not only knowledgeable in Christian books, curriculum, and other resources but are also very committed and interested in assisting you as ministry leaders to find the tools necessary for you to be effective in your ministry. Please say hello to Darryl Drover, Cheryl Saunders and their staffs in Grand Falls-Windsor and St. John's and I know they will be happy to

help you. Online and phone ordering are also possible if you are unable to visit the stores in person. Thanks again to our Provincial Directors who have helped put the resource reviews for this newsletter together. We hope this will be a help and a blessing!

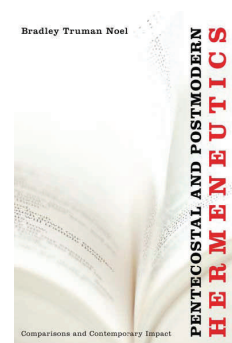


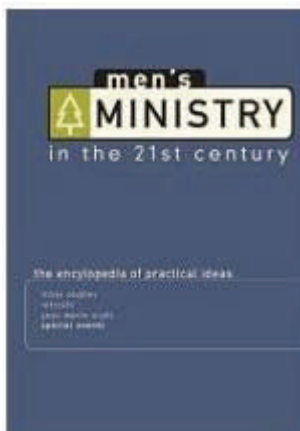
Pentecostal and Postmodern Hermeneutics

It is a great delight to highlight this first resource as it is from our own Dr. Brad Noel. Pentecostal and Postmodern Hermeneutics seeks to explore the relationship between Pentecostal hermeneutics and Pentecostalism's ability to connect with and evangelize North American youth. As a Postmodern ethos makes its presence increasingly felt in the Western world, no Christian movement should be better positioned to bring the mes-

sage of Christ to youth and young adults eager to experience the God of miracles and wonders. Recent trends in Pentecostal hermeneutics, however, may actually make the task more difficult. No historical movement has thrived in the long term that has not carefully considered the place of youth and young adults in the vision for the future. Brad's book, Pentecostal and Postmodern Hermeneutics is the completion of a number of years of

study and research and is a must-read for anyone concerned about how to effectively communicate Biblical truth to the next generation.





Men's Ministries—Director: William Cole

Men's Ministry in the 21st Century (Group)

As the title states, it is a book of practical ideas for successful ministry to men. It is written by a variety of writers all of whom operate very successful ministries to men. It outlines a step by step strategy for beginning a ministry to men, but also provides many practical ideas to revitalize and improve an existing Men's Ministry. It is written for both Pastors and lay people who want to positively impact men in their church and community.

I recommend this book without hesitation. At first glance I was unsure but as I read it through, it provides a wealth of insight into effective ministry to men. It's discussion on the attitudes and characteristics of men provided a greater understanding of why men behave the way they do; information that will prove beneficial in planning events for men. The book

provides a host of ideas for both introducing men into your ministries and to leading them to become fully committed followers of Christ. Creating passion for God and our fellow man in the lives of men is a passion we all share and this book is an effective tool to assist us in this task. Check it out!

RATING: 4.5/5

Why Men Hate Going to Church (David Morrow)

Look around your church and see what percentage are men? Chances are there will be far more women there than men and this book seeks to answer the question why that is so. Why Men hate going to Church seeks to bring understanding of men and masculinity; what makes a man tick! It demonstrates that much of what happens in the present day church is not geared to the masculine

spirit and it provides ideas and insights into how to adjust the thermostat in our churches so it will be more attractive to men. This book is written to pastors and leaders but also to women and/or wives as it is information that is applicable to every church go-er.

This book is a great read and I would suggest it be mandatory reading for every pastor and every woman in our churches. It strikes at the heart of the matter as to why men are often disconnected from our churches. The author's unique explanation of this subject will challenge one's thinking and also provide some practical ideas to enhance the church's ability to effectively minister to men. We need men to take their God-given place in our churches and this book will offer insight and encouragement in making this a reality.

RATING: 5/5

WHY MEN HATE GOING TO CHURCH



Family Ministries—Director: Gail Noel

Top Secret: A family event for your church (Standard Publishing)

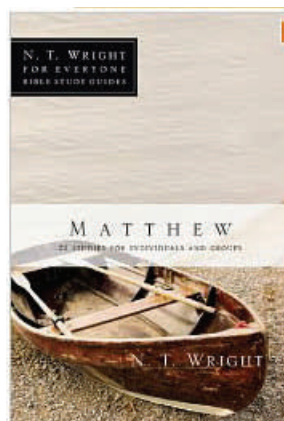
"Nothing brings a family together like covert operations and spintingling espionage! And, amidst the fun, families will discover and explore the secrets to encouragement." This kit is one of the F3 series - Faith, Fun and Family. Everything that is needed to get started is included in the kit -

Planning Guide, Resource CD, Worship CD, and Family Cards and even includes an event overview. The resource CD provides event-specific items to help you with publicity, decorations, and activities. It includes handout sheets, publicity files and graphics as well as an order form for extra supplies. There are two other kits in the series - Huddle Up and Outback Adventure.

I highly recommend this kit. It is

built around the idea of getting families to recognize the impact of the spoken word - negative and positive. It is easy to use since all of the planning has been done starting with two months before the event and includes promotional materials and suggested activities. If you are looking for a one night family event based on faith and fun, then this series is for you.

RATING: 4.5/5



50+ Ministries—Director: Barry Pelley (Interim)

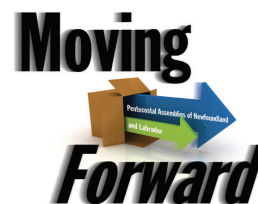
Matthew: 25 Studies for Individuals and Groups (N. T. Wright)

The writer of this study (N. T. Wright) through Matthew's Gospel, introduces Jesus as fulfillment of Scripture for His people Israel and for all believers everywhere for all time. Jesus would become the king to the people of Israel as well to the entire believing world. Right-

eousness and justice would rule as His kingdom was established in the hearts of people.

N. T. Wright has provided a great Bible Study tool here for individual and/or group settings. I would recommend this study as well as other writings by this author.

RATING: 4/5



Women’s Ministries—Director: Catherine Snow

Gifted to Lead: The Art of Leading As A Woman In The Church (Nancy Beach)

This book teaches women how to navigate as a leader among a male-dominated profession. Women populate the pews and volunteer roles in high numbers but few are positioned in higher leadership positions. For these women who are in such a place, this book gives practical and wise advice in diplomacy, personal presentation, and working relationships. The book is for women and men, with a very specific chapter written to male leaders.

This book will encourage women in leadership positions to continue in the work God has called them to do. It will reassure women of their Biblical/Scriptural

place and help them seek and work from the deeper purposes of the calling and exercise their confidence that the Lord enables them to bless the church and community with the gifting that God has given them. I would recommend every ordained woman, female church board member, or church ministry leader have it in their library.

Rating: 5/5

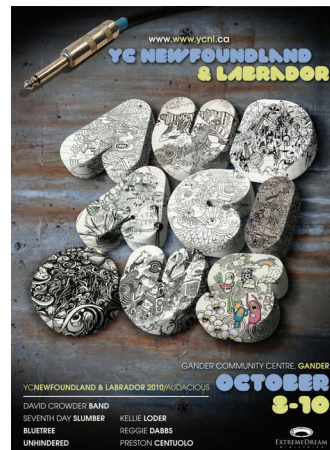
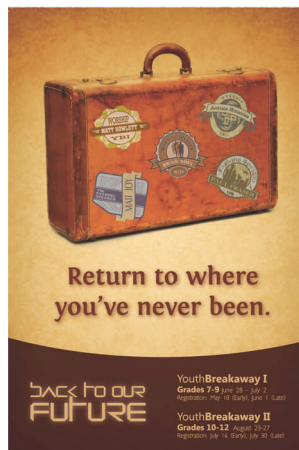
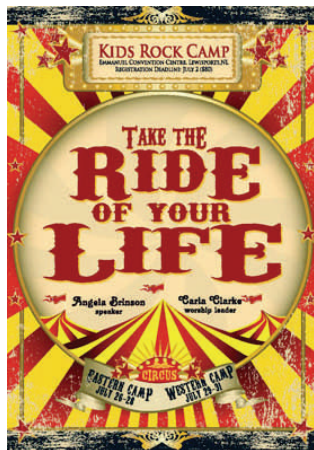
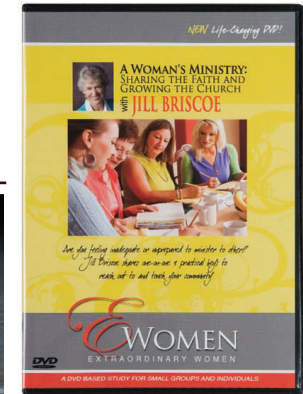
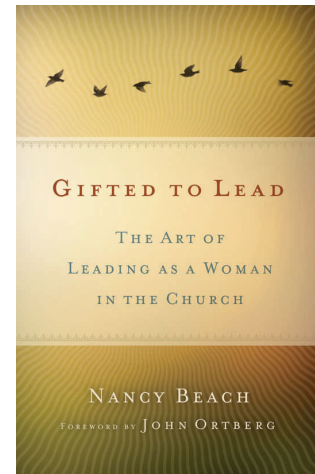
E-Women DVD – A Woman’s Ministry: Sharing the Faith and Growing the Church (Jill Briscoe)

This resource is very helpful in teaching women to understand that Jesus is a champion of their value and their roles in life. The purpose of this teaching is to encourage all who listen to accept the truth that a

woman who follows the Lord has a mission to do and others should support her and validate the work she should do. This resource would be useful to both men and women because of the topic.

Initially, I thought the presenter and background setting lent itself to an outdated presentation but the speaker, Jill Briscoe, did an excellent teaching and captured my interest by her knowledge of the Word, life applications, and personal experiences that enabled the viewer to relate to this topic that endorsed the role of women in the church. This particular resource is very good because of the speaker’s ability to address a sensitive matter with grace and strong Biblical references and teachings.

Rating: 4/5



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Youth Ministries—Director: Bruce Newman

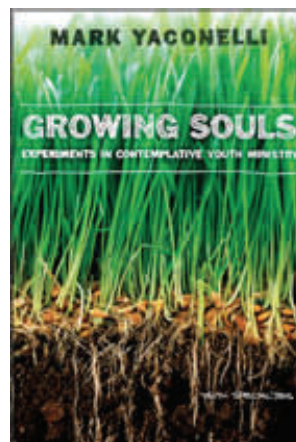
Growing Souls (Mark Yaconelli)

This book was written in acknowledgment that youth ministry culture has many times become increasingly consumerist, frantic, mechanical. Although the book is written for youth ministry leaders, other church leaders would enjoy it as well. The book is a great reminder that youth ministry is not only about fun but mainly about building souls.

Like any resource it has to be viewed through the readers con-

text. In saying that, Growing Souls is a must read for any youth leader if they are to do youth ministry with any lasting results. In the midst of this growing temptation to do youth ministry “cool” The emphasis on prayer throughout this book can not be over stated.

RATING: 4/5

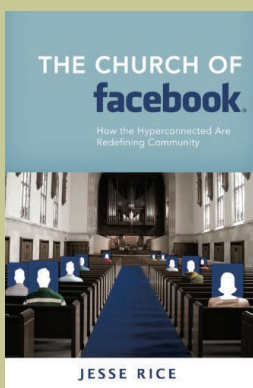
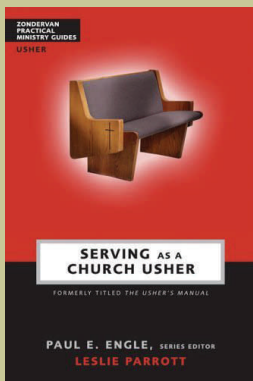
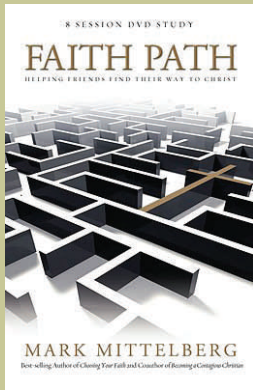


*“...equip the saints for the work of ministry...”
Eph. 4:12*

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Additional Resource Reviews

DVD Faith Path: Helping Friends Find Their Way to Christ (Mark Mittelberg)

This DVD study and Workbook is intended as a small group or teaching tool focused on understanding and appreciating the faith journey that everybody finds themselves in. It is developed to be an 8 session series built around both discussion and DVD teaching material. It is designed as a help for those who want to more effectively talk about their faith in Christ to non-Christian friends.

This resource contains a good outline for discussions about various faith paths and creates a good environment for discussing the topic of evangelism. The DVD component is a good mix of teaching and personal story while the workbook component presents good discussion guiding questions as well as practical advice for group leaders. I would recommend this ministry resource, especially for small groups wishing to deal with the topic of evangelism.

RATING: 4/5

Serving as a Church Usher: Zondervan Practical Ministry Guides (Leslie Parrott)

Zondervan provides churches a series of ministry training manuals written by experienced church leaders and provides both invaluable Biblical and practical training. This new edition of The Usher's Manual presents the how's and whys of the important role of ushering in churches of all kinds and is revised and up to date. This resource suits both individuals and group training. The importance of church ushers can't be

overstated. Their ministry is vital in caring for the needs of people in the church and also in keeping the church running smoothly and efficiently.

This manual includes training areas such as an usher's checklist, offering resources, the ministry, authority, responsibility, functions, and the standard of excellence for ushers. We highly recommend these manuals for any church leaders looking to take the training of their ministry teams deeper.

RATING: 4.5/5

The Church of Facebook: How the Hyperconnected Are Redefining Community (Jesse Rice)

The Church of Facebook is not just an exploration of the Facebook phenomenon nor is it a bashing of the use of technology. Jesse Rice takes an in-depth look at the powerful world of online community and how it is shaping us as individual's and also the people we are endeavouring to minister to. Rice book states, "A revolution is taking place, one profile at a time. Online social networks are connecting people like never before. And with millions of users, they're creating a virtual world that erases all boundaries. It's a movement that's changing how we form relationships, perceive others, and shape our identity. Yet at their core, these sites reflect our need for community. Our need for intimacy, connection,

and a place to simply belong." This book is filled with great information and insight for pastors, leaders, and communicators. This is a must-read for all who want to more effectively engage and encourage their generation in the pursuit of an authentic relationship with God and authentic relationships with each other.

RATING: 4/5

Essential Worship Band DVD: Keyboard (Integrity Music)

Essential Worship Band is a great tool for worship team training and provides us with a wonderful resource for helping your church musicians learn today's top worship songs. This series provides well rounded training covering Guitar, Bass, Keyboard and Drums. The 15 song DVD includes on-screen instruction that demonstrate chord by chord, measure by measure examples for every song.

This resource would be excellent for new musicians in teaching the fundamentals, but also for seasoned musicians who want to stay on top of new songs and techniques. This video teaching resource also includes custom solo-trax, chord charts, lead sheets and lyrics for each song. This is a great tool in your worship team training toolkit.

RATING: 4/5

Church Ministries Mission Statement:
"Reaching the children, youth, adults and families in this province by strengthening the ministries of the local assembly by providing coordinated ministry resources, personnel, leadership initiatives, missions awareness and other related services."

