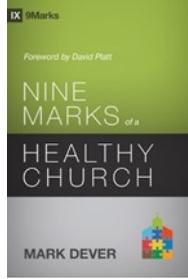


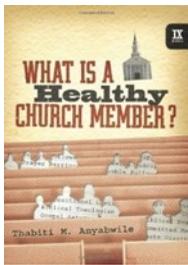
The library will have recently stocked the following titles that I recommend reading:

***Nine Marks of a Healthy Church* by Mark Dever**



What makes for a healthy church? This is not an instruction manual for church growth but is instead some tried and true ways for any church to assess its health from a Biblical perspective. It actually comes out of a series of sermons given by the author, who is pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. Our church believes there are three ‘marks’ of any true church, but Dever gives nine marks for any *healthy* church.

***What is a Healthy Church Member?* By Thabiti Anyabwile**



Anyabwile recounts a confrontation with an angry woman after church who was upset about some things changing in the church that she didn’t like. He responded with the question that he thinks belongs to every Christian: “what are you going to do about the state of the church? How will you become a better member and contribute to the health of God’s family?” This book shows that the health of any church depends on the health of each member and their willingness to look in the mirror.

In addition, growing out of our sermon series on parenting earlier this year, the library will have these four books available: ***Shepherding a Child’s Heart* by Tedd Tripp**, ***Gospel-Powered Parenting* by William P. Farley**, ***Don’t Make Me Count to Three* by Ginger Hubbard**, and ***Bible Reading with Your Kids* by Jon Nielson**. I commend them to anyone involved in or interested in the task of parenting!

Happy reading!
Pastor Drew



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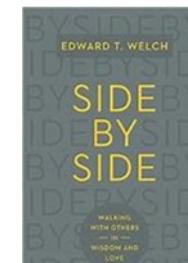
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Fall Reading Recommendations

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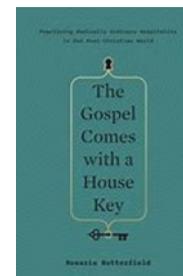
The return of cooler weather might be getting you back in the mood to crack open some good books. The first book I would recommend is one that I recommend you read along with some of your brothers and sisters here at church:

***Side-by-Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love* by Ed Welch**



Welch has written a really practical book on a topic that’s so simple and everyday, it’s almost surprising a book is needed. But as I read it, I realized how it truly does fill a need. Welch puts the basic idea like this: “those who help best are the ones who need help and give help. A healthy community is dependent on all of us being both.” I agree with him, and I hope that as we read and apply this book together, it will help strengthen our church community. Let me know by October 3 whether you’d like to join us each Wednesday evening at 7:15 pm starting October 10.

***The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in our Post-Christian World* by Rosaria Butterfield**



Butterfield is the wife of a Reformed Presbyterian minister in Durham, North Carolina. This denomination believes in singing psalms only during worship, without any instruments (that practice shows up often in this book). That maybe surprises you enough, but what is more surprising is that Butterfield was, at one time, a practicing lesbian feminist as an English Professor at Syracuse University. She writes this book now because it was the hospitality of a nearby pastor that God used to draw her to the faith. As an English professor, the writing style is beautiful but not the simplest.

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FAMILY PRAYER NOTES

GENERAL PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ⇒ As the seasons begin to turn again, praise God that there is no shadow of turning with Him...praise Him for His steadfast love and faithfulness.
- ⇒ Ask God to open your eyes to needs that are right here in Platte and the surrounding area that you might be able to meet, especially people who need the gospel.
- ⇒ Think of one fruit of the Spirit that you'd like to grow in and pray for God to grow that fruit in your life each day this month.
- ⇒ Lift up to God those who struggle with chronic pain, weakness or illness in our church family.
- ⇒ Ask for God to provide weather that would be favorable for harvest and for cattle feeding.
- ⇒ Pray for couples connected to our church who are in their first year of marriage: Casey and Jessica (Weg) Brown, Richard and Molly (Koester) Sternberg, and Pat and Megan (Boltjes) Reiser

Nursing Home Residents, Shut-ins and their Caretakers:

- ◆ Tony & Rozella Baan Hofman, Ted Bultsma, Kevin Burma, Gertie DeJong, Clair & Pearl Dyk, Marie Kok, Clarence Hunsucker, JoAnn Kuipers, Juna Meyerink, Helen Pheifer, Ruth Pranger, Cheryl Reed, Don & Evelyn Severson, Harriet Sprik, Leona Van Dusseldorp, and Muriel Van Vuren, Betty Van Zee

Those Mourning the Loss of:

- ◆ Don Severson, Alfred VanZee, MacKenzie Haack, Esther Hoekman, Cornie & Eleanor Lieuwen, Jennie Bultsma, Darrell Kuipers, and Andrew Sybesma.

Missionaries:

- ⇒ Ben & Amy Meyer (CRWM– Mexico)
- ⇒ Victor & Lori Selemani (YWAM– Africa)
- ⇒ LaVeryl & Max Voss (Wycliffe– Papua New Guinea)
- ⇒ Calvin & Jessica Wunderink (TeachBeyond-Czech Republic)

Monthly Birthdays and Anniversaries

(to see church activities, please refer to our weekly bulletin, or to the online calendar at plattecrc.org for the most up-to-date information)

October Birthdays:

- 2: Ashley Hansum
- 4: Harriett Sybesma
- 7: Jan Van Zee
- 7: Judy Van Genderen
- 7: Merle Meyerink
- 10: Marsha Vanden Bos
- 10: Yvonne Bentz
- 11: Abigail Sybesma
- 11: Briana DeGroot
- 12: Allis Hansum
- 13: Craig Boltjes
- 14: Victor Selemani (Missionary)
- 17: Rylan Dyk
- 24: Kris Kuipers
- 24: Roger Huizenga
- 27: Henry Buitenbos
- 28: Anthony Hansum
- 28: Vicky Buitenbos
- 30: Cleo Bultsma

October Anniversaries:

- 17: Ken & Nancy Van Zee

Please let the church office know if there are any birthdays or anniversaries that we've missed! Call 337-3572, or email: plattecrc@gmail.com