

Pastor Appreciation Program Guide Mens Discipleship

Can you imagine Jesus preaching to roughneck fishermen without ever climbing into one of their boats? Jesus' preaching was packed with references to everyday life. His words had immediate appeal and lasting effect. This book is intended to help the people of God, preachers and listeners alike, make vital connections between the altars in our churches and the lunchrooms at work, between the washing of one's car and the cleansing of one's soul. Preacher in a Hard Hat is an invitation for everyone involved in preaching-the speaking, listening, studying, and shaping of God's word-to coordinate their efforts and focus their energies. It explores the unique partnership between a pastor and the parishioners, one in which the parishioners invite the pastor into their daily lives. Preacher in a Hard Hat is a collection of wry observations, personal ruminations and copious notes on the challenge of making the Word of God arresting, current and compelling for today's believers. Each chapter includes a sample homily/sermon that illustrates the insights and strategies discussed.

The Shepherds Guide through the Valley of Debt and Financial Change is the most comprehensive manual for financial management, planning, counseling, and coaching available. This encyclopedic book (419 pages) contains the basic information and techniques with facts, references, illustrations, worksheets, and case studies. Besides the most crucial issues of today, unique features are 15 budgets/plans, addictions, divorce counseling, low-income resources, pre-marital education, adjustments to financial crises/downturns, funding for college, office politics, economic theology, pastoral care, and Scripture references. New concepts of financial freedom are presented. It is a practical resource management book for those who need the education themselves and equips them to assist others.

The Kids in Your Youth Group Are Not Isolated Beings... Ministry to Youth Means Ministry to the Families! Churches are hiring Youth and Family Pastors, finally, in an overdue ministry focus. A critical component of a family-based or family-friendly youth ministry is a conscious strategy for ministry to the parents of adolescents. Expectations and opportunities in the area of parent and family ministry have increased dramatically. Youth Worker's Guide to Parent Ministry develops a model of parent ministry based on the belief that for a youth worker to be truly effective, it is important to lay careful relational groundwork to ensure that the right to be heard has been earned. Dr. Marv Penner, respected adolescent researcher, youth pastor, and family counselor, presents nine evolving levels of parent ministry-each one strengthening the credibility of the youth worker and opening doors to deeper and more meaningful parent support. Each of the nine levels is supported with a number of practical ideas and strategies for implementation. Youth Worker's Guide to Parent Ministry provides both a theoretical framework and the tools for implementation in local-church or para-church settings.

Marv constructs his effective plan in a "Paradigm Pyramid"--rationale and practical hands-on programming ideas at each of the nine evolving levels of parent ministry: Acknowledgement Affirmation Information Encouragement Connecting Equipping Involvement Educating Co-nurturing Bible-based, time-tested, innovative, experiential, adoptable! Youth Worker's Guide to Parent Ministry is a foundational text in this vital area of youth ministry! Featured are sessions, sidebars, Web links, application points, contests and games, sample newsletter ideas, funky cartoons, and many worksheets (all downloadable and adaptable)!

A wealth of information on creative ministries that help women identify their spiritual gifts and use them to fulfill their lives and the ministry of the church.

This book provides practical guidance for coping with progressive memory loss, and includes examples of real people who have faced similar challenges. These stories highlight both good and bad ways to deal with the problems that arise, and are also useful for describing the experiences of memory loss to friends and family.

Dogs are people, too! Just ask 'em! Nokki, a determined mutt, is the best friend and confidante of Marty Payne, a top golfer on the LPGA Tour. Wherever she goes, he goes – and makes his presence known! His number one task in life is keeping her safe, relaxed, and putting steak in his kibble – no small task when your owner's crisscrossing the country playing a different tournament every week! But Marty Payne's life, already hectic, is about to turn upside-down. All it takes is one innocent autograph to catapult her into a world of kidnapping, revenge, intrigue and romance. Even Nokki's devotion and drive can't protect Marty from an unwelcome blast from someone else's past – but it doesn't stop him from trying!

Emphasizing empirical research, this handbook will serve as a reference from the initial idea through the analysis of findings. Provides examples from a wide body of religious research. Describes major research approaches, bibliographic resources, study variables, questionnaire development, relevant tests, and introduces techniques of elementary descriptive statistical analysis.

This pack of two (identical) books will help couples learn more about themselves and their future spouse and address potential problem areas before, rather than after, the wedding. This official United Methodist resource includes worksheets to be completed by each person, Scripture references about marriage, and interactive exercises. Ideal for clergy to present to couples to use during pre-wedding counseling sessions. A separate Pastor's Manual includes guidelines for mentoring couples. For use with couples of all ages, whether they are entering their first marriage or remarrying.

The pastoral care-giver will want this authoritative source for developing a vital part of any church's ministry-the hospital visitation. Informative, concise, and practical.

The AIDS pandemic threatens to kill millions in the next ten years. No one should be silent about speaking to the issue or reading about the complexity of the problem. Dr. Ramesh Deosarran was courageous in his decision to present his readers with both the historical context of the epidemic, as well as the contemporary possibilities of approaches for the Christian community. Churches have the ability to influence the

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values and actions of not only the congregations, but also wider segments of the community. In this important work Ramesh acknowledges the need for a clearer roadmap for developing effective HIV prevention ministries that are sensitive to the church's cultural values and norms. A healthy embrace of the contents of this book will enable Christians to avoid the strident moralism that is often the prevailing attitude. Life for a pastor implies living in a fishbowl which can be tiring and demanding. While pastors are expected to meet the spiritual needs of others, their spiritual needs must be met as well. In *Devotions for Pastors*, Toler uses themed keywords, scripture, quotations from Christian authors, 250-word devotionals, prayer lines, and a call to action that provides the spiritual support pastors need to continue strong in their positions and faith. In his book, Toler offers spiritual wisdom on subjects including: Faith Encouragement Passion Vision Perseverance Integrity Victory *Devotions for Pastors* presents inspiration, affirmation, and encouragement on the front lines of ministry, strengthening the spiritual lives of the care-takers of God's Church.

This giant resource gives an extensive look at the nine annual holidays: Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles, Hanukkah, Purim, and the Sabbath.

A communications specialist discusses communication in the local church--advertising, talking with the media, communicating with members, and utilizing technology. Includes helpful forms, checklists, and examples from cutting-edge churches.

This Program Guide is a planning guide to assist churches in honoring and expressing appreciation to the pastor and his/her family. The Program Guide includes: a detailed description of the planning process for a successful Pastor Appreciation Service; A plan for promotion; an advertising plan; special activities and event ideas; a planning chart; plus lots more.

A campaign plan for leading a congregation through a study program, sermon series, and thoughtful consideration of financial values, contentment, and giving

This is a book that relentlessly pursues defining the goals of Christian education and then offers a plan in keeping with those goals. So many books in the field assume the goals and simply describe the methods. Not so Larry Richards. His biblical and theological analysis conveys an excitement that makes Christian education a mission, not just a responsibility. And still his approach is eminently practical, insightful, and motivational.

Acolytes can be much more than just cute little kids who light and extinguish the candles on Sunday morning -- they have a very important role as congregational worship leaders. But acolytes can only fulfill that responsibility if they understand what worship is, why it is important, and how we do it. *Come, Follow Me* is an excellent teaching tool that helps prepare young people to become effective acolytes. It provides a thorough overview of worship -- its specifics, its history, and its significance. Students will grow in knowledge and faith as they learn about the meaning of worship, the sanctuary, ritual and liturgy, Christian symbols, and the sacraments. The teacher's guide of this completely revised and updated edition includes extensive aids, such as practical suggestions on how to organize an acolyte program, a brief service of consecration, and several quizzes and tests that can be used "as is" or adapted to individual needs. And the material for students is presented in clear, easy-to-understand language appropriate for junior high age youth. Each chapter also includes a brief "How Much Do You Remember?" summary that facilitates review. Ed Womack has written a highly informative and interesting manual to help young people understand the liturgical traditions of the church as they seek to serve in worship as acolytes. The manual will aid both novice and seasoned acolytes in understanding their responsibilities and sharpening their skills. I highly recommend it. Tim Weitkamp Pastor, First United Methodist Church Huntingdon, Pennsylvania At first glance, this book may look like just a training manual for acolytes. In actuality, it is a life-changing

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opportunity for young people. It not only teaches them a comprehensive understanding of worship, it will also deepen their spirituality and appreciation of all that we are when we "gather as God's people." Mary M. Bullis Central West District Superintendent Desert Southwest Conference, United Methodist Church We use acolytes each week; but not until I used Come, Follow Me did I have acolytes that wanted to be carriers of Christ's light in worship. The enthusiasm during the teaching sessions was high, and after our learning sessions the momentum to serve was impressive. I have certainly appreciated this thoughtful, well-organized resource. Constance Sidebottom Pastor, First United Methodist Church Missoula, Montana Edwin B. Womack served as pastor of United Methodist congregations in Arizona, California, and Hawaii for over 40 years. Now retired, he resides in Cottonwood, Arizona.

Program Guide Includes: Positive Planning, Checklist, Ideas for special expressions, Complete details for Pastor Appreciation Sunday, Detailed Sunday morning sermon, Plus lots More!

'Walking Together: A Congregational Reflection on Biblical Church Discipline' is a study of the biblical concept of church discipline. It seeks to show that church discipline, rightly understood, is a ministry of mercy and grace that will bless churches that return to it. 'Walking Together' reveals that church discipline was a ministry that was very important to earlier believers, and that the modern church has abandoned it to her own detriment. It is a clarion call for individuals and churches to come back to this vital but long-neglected aspect of congregational and personal life. By doing so, churches can be healed and interpersonal relationships can be restored.

For many Evangelical Christians, a trip to the Holy Land is an integral part of practicing their faith. Arriving in groups, most of these pilgrims are guided by Jewish Israeli tour guides. For more than three decades, Jackie Feldman—born into an Orthodox Jewish family in New York, now an Israeli citizen, scholar, and licensed guide—has been leading tours, interpreting Biblical landscapes, and fielding questions about religion and current politics. In this book, he draws on pilgrimage and tourism studies, his own experiences, and interviews with other guides, Palestinian drivers and travel agents, and Christian pastors to examine the complex interactions through which guides and tourists "co-produce" the Bible Land. He uncovers the implicit politics of travel brochures and religious souvenirs. Feldman asks what it means when Jewish-Israeli guides get caught up in their own performances or participate in Christian rituals, and reflects on how his interactions with Christian tourists have changed his understanding of himself and his views of religion.

Artful Ministry offers an expansive perspective on the use of the arts in all facets of parish ministry. As a pastor, Naylor brought spiritual vitality and significant membership growth through his imaginative use of the arts. The creative application of the visual, dramatic, theatrical, culinary, musical, and literary arts is addressed. Along with affirming that the arts are the doorway to the Spirit, this book offers numerous practical suggestions for developing an artful ministry.

Examples of the use of the arts in the liturgical, faith development, outreach, pastoral care, evangelism, and administrative ministries are shared. Along with the imaginative artful ministry examples that are woven into the fabric of

the whole book, there are chapters that focus on the theological foundations for the arts in ministry; the importance of considering all of the senses in artful ministry; ways of adapting the secular arts into the life of the parish. Designs for incorporating an arts team into the governing and program structures of the church are offered and insights in identifying the art related gifts of church members and individuals and groups in the wider community are included in Naylor's book. A section on community, national, international online resources introduces the reader to an expansive library of material upon which to draw. Artful Ministry offers busy pastors, lay leaders, and program oriented judicatory officials a concise yet vast study into the inclusion of the arts in a church's programming regardless of its geographic setting or its membership size. It is an excellent resource for small study groups and leadership teams in reflecting upon the power of the Holy Spirit to speak through the arts.

Church Staff Handbook provides a blueprint for developing a spiritually strong and effective team for ministry in the local church.

Can One Great Presentation Make You Rich? The answer is YES. Packed with battle-tested strategies and formulas to craft audience-retaining powerful presentations, this No B.S. guide is designed to turn any ordinary business into an extraordinary sell. Millionaire maker Dan S. Kennedy and public speaking expert Dustin Mathews teach you their blueprint for creating life-changing presentations and prove that your success is not just determined by what you're presenting—but also why you're presenting, how you're presenting it, and who you're presenting to. Kennedy and Mathews cover: The 12-Step Speaker's Formula A Blueprint for Creating Irresistible Offers The 4 Secrets of Mass Persuasion The 7-Minute Rule of Audience Engagement How to Automate Your Webinars and Your Profits How to Double Your Sales with a Multimedia Follow-up System Discover the battle-tested, carefully-crafted, revenue-generating tools to creating, delivering, and marketing presentations that can change everything.

Pastor Appreciation One with Our Pastor in Faith, Unity, and Mission Program Guide

This short book makes the case that deacons are model servants called to meet tangible needs, organize and mobilize service, preserve the unity of the flock, support the ministry of the elders, and further the mission of the church.

Religions come in predetermined packages. They come with an approved name for the creator of existence, the name of their superstar, their all-star team, their approved beliefs, songs, and, in some cases, dress codes and dietary requirements. In A Guide for Spiritual Living, author Rev. George L. McLaird presents a wide variety of alternatives if you are uncomfortable with or frustrated by your present religious experience or spiritual condition, or if you have no idea where to begin searching for your own personal spiritual path. A Guide for Spiritual Living offers a plethora of suggestions for living spiritually living as healthily as possible, every day and in every way. It includes ideas for activities,

contemplation, and self-nourishment, as well as advice for addicts to feed the spirit, mind, and body and exercises to help clarify your path. Advocating a holistic approach, McLaird teaches that spiritual living requires flexibilitygrowing, morphing, and constantly being revised, refreshed and reinvented. He helps you structure a spiritual path that is uniquely yours by showing you how to listen to your own internal dialogue and how to use that information for your growth. George is a spiritual guru of the highest order. People want what hes got and this book provides a roadmap for how to get it - a more spiritual, fulfilling, balanced and happy life. Ill be recommending it to anyone and everyone who will listen! William Morrison, Founder, CEO, Alta Mira Recovery Center, Sausalito, CA. www.altamirarecovery.com Many people are served by religious belief/practice. Others are either indifferent or have felt harmed by religion. Georges workbook transcends either experience, by creating a workbook for spiritual seeking that can deepen ones religious practice or blazes a new trail for spiritual awakening. Sonnee Weedn, PhD, President and Founder of the Sonnee Weedn Institute of Integrated Therapies, www.drsonneeweedn.com/

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN THE SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCH is a comprehensive resource aimed at making religious education more effective all along the line in small churches. From a living ecology of solid theory and proven research, this book develops exciting possibilities and helpful procedures to maximize religious education opportunities in small church settings. Packaged with this volume is a huge wall chart summarizing highly important information on religious education in small membership churches.

ng approach to marriage. Sandra Bender believes that every marriage, like its partners, is in a state of continuous change, yet most fail to take control of that change. "Recreating Marriage with the Same Old Spouse" educates couples in the skills of being married and gives examples, discussion questions, and practice exercises.

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