



RESOURCE CENTER SPOTLIGHT

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BOOKS

Already Gone

Youth Ministry/Evangelism

Ken Ham & Britt Beemer

If you look around your church today, 2/3 of the young people who are sitting there have already left in their hearts; soon they will be gone for good. This is the conclusion from a study commissioned from America's Research Group. The results may unnerve you but these results need to be taken seriously. This book reveals:

- Why America's churches have lost an entire generation of believers.
- The views of 1000 twenty-somethings, solidly raised in the church but no longer attending and their reasons.
- Relevant statistical data.

The study found we begin to lose kids in elementary and middle school not college and the "Sunday School syndrome" is contributing rather than helping alleviate it.

The Church Money Manual

Stewardship

J Clif Christopher

This is the most up-to-date and easy-to-use handbook for churches seeking better ways to manage finances. Brief and straightforward chapters each focus on a specific problem or issue. The book covers topics of day-to-day operation and the perennially critical themes related to church money management and stewardship. Some examples include: Planned giving and endowment funds, Strategies to increase end-of-year giving, First steps for the new pastor, Pastors' knowledge of donors and giving in their church, Timing of building projects and capital campaigns, Special offerings, Selecting members for the finance committee, What to do when giving is down and Preaching about tithing.



DVDs

Partners in Peace

Mission

This is a 5 ½ minute video showing the 2013 Partners in peace experience. Hear short interviews with various teens from the different countries who came together. A great promotional video to show your church as we plan for our next Partners in Peace event in 2016.



NOTES



Listen Up! Bible Studies

From UCC Resources. God's word is alive. God will always have something new to say to us. That's why the purpose of the *LISTEN UP! Bible Study* series is not simply learning information about the Bible. It is hearing God speak. In these 13

different Bible studies, you will be encouraged to listen: listen to the Bible, listen to your own questions and responses, and listen to the honest sharing among participants in your study group. In the mix of biblical text, personal engagement, and honest speaking and listening, God's word may be heard, speaking words of challenge and words of comfort. A Leader's Guide is included in each workbook. The studies are:

1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians by Anthony B. Robinson and Patricia de Jong
The Book of Acts - Part 1: Acts 1-6 by Anthony B. Robinson, Part 2: Acts 7-15 by Lillian Daniel and Part 3: Acts 16-26 by Martin B. Copenhaver
The Book of Exodus - Part 1: Exodus 1-19 and Part 2: Exodus 20-40 by Anthony B. Robinson
Ecclesiastes by Molly Baskette
Genesis - Part 1: Chapters 1-11 by Judith Copeland, Part 2: Chapters 12-32 by Kate Layzer and Part 3: Chapters 37-47 by Jed Rardin
Mark - Part 1: Chapters 1-8 and Part 2: Chapters 9-16 by Talitha Arnold

A sample of each one is available at the conference resource center office.

Conference Resource Center Policy

- **Books, periodicals and DVDs may be borrowed for 30 days unless otherwise noted.**
- **Items may be requested by using the online resource catalog, visiting the resource center or contacting the conference office.**
- **All items are available free of charge unless the item needs shipped to you. The charge for shipping is \$2.00 per item.**
- **Curriculum samples are available; however, due to copyright laws these are only for review. If your church likes the curriculum, they must purchase it.**
- **If an item is not returned within the 30 days, you will receive reminder e-mails from our office. If you would like to keep an item longer than 30 days, call the conference office and request a renewal. If the item is not on hold for someone, this can be arranged.**

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