



The Librarian

Fall, 2009

To inform, encourage, entertain and inspire....



School Days, School Days...

Prayer for Students and Teachers...



Dear Lord, our God,

When you wanted to tell us about Your love and Your truth

You sent us a special teacher...Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus, as a *student*, grew in wisdom.

As a *teacher*, He was patient with slow learners;

He taught by example and he used many diverse methods...particularly stories.

But, above all, His life and His teaching agreed with each other.

Help us as students and teachers to search passionately for truth;

To study for love of learning, not simply to pass exams;

To do our best, not just to please our teachers,

But, because we are serving You, Lord.

We pray, as we dedicate ourselves afresh to You

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Library Book and Gift Sale!



Sunday, October 25th

Books, DVDs, CDs, & gifts

Proceeds from these sales go towards new items purchased for the library shelves.

Also, please help the Librarians choose new items for the library:

Write down your choices on cards provided.

Regular Library Hours...

Beginning on the first Sunday in September, the library will resume regular

hours of operation:

Sunday Mornings: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Inventory

Over the last few weeks, inventory has been taken at the library.



We are still missing some items, and encourage everyone to return ALL library items so that a final report can be made. Thank you for your co-operation.

Blessings Pre-School Library Hours:

Once again, the library will be open for Preschoolers and their parents, twice a week, every second week of the month.

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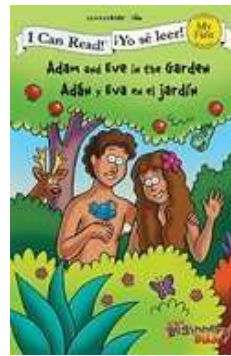
The Librarian is published approximately every 2 months. *Guest articles* are enjoyed by other readers. Please consider sending in a short write-up of an item from the library, that you have recently enjoyed.

Email to: gateske@yahoo.com (Editor)

Break Forth 2010: Authors and Artists
(Items in Bethel Library)

- **Lee Strobel** **6 items**
- **Anne Graham Lotz** **2 items**
- **Frank Peretti** **13 items**
- **Wm Paul Young** **1 item**
- **Joel Rosenberg** **4 items**
- **Robin Mark** **2 items**
- **Neil Anderson** **6 items**
- **Dr Grant Mullen** **1 item**
- **Dr Tim Kimmel** **7 items**
- **Sean McDowell** **1 item**
- **Fred Stoeker** **1 item**
- **Mary Kassian** **2 items**

To find out the names of all these items, go to:
<http://library.bethelchurch.com>

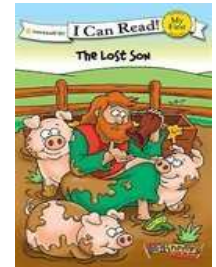


“I Can Read!” by Zonderkidz
 These popular stories are from the best-selling "The Beginners Bible" are ideal for introducing younger children to the joy of reading. Full color.

There are 5 levels of reading abilities:
 “My First”...sharing with emergent readers
 “No 1”...simple sentences for new readers
 “No 2”...high-interest for developing readers
 “No 3”... complex plots for confident readers
 “No 4”...the perfect bridge to chapter books

" The following books are for the emergent readers..."My First":

- Adam and Eve in the Garden
- Jonah and the Big Fish
- Baby Moses and the Princess
- Moses and the King
- Joseph and His Brothers
- Esther and the King
- The Lost Son



Learning About Sex series....CPH publisher

A Recommendation....by Normay Wiebe

When my children were only toddlers, my sister in law asked if we'd like a series of books from Concordia Publishing House on talking to your kids about sex. My first thought was yes (*who turns down free stuff?*) and my second thought was "Oh, we won't need those for a while." I soon discovered that the first book started at age 3 with a very fundamental understanding of how we are uniquely created by God.

When my kids reached the third age level, I suddenly realized that I couldn't find the next book. So - I was so glad when the library at Bethel got these books because we have now read these updated versions of the ones we had.

I have enjoyed reading this series with my children helping them understand the special gift God has given them creating them male and female. It is a beautiful gift given by God when appreciated and enjoyed in the way we were designed to. I'm so glad we started at an early age because it became something natural for them. Last year a speaker at Bethel gave a presentation on protecting your kids on the internet. One of the things he said really stuck with me. One time abstinence education has very little impact on children or teenagers. That is because it needs to be talked about again and again. It must become an issue that is openly communicated between parents and children. We usually read each book a few times – about once a year because everyone has different questions at different stages of life. Having them in the library is a wonderful resource.

The earlier books in the series are made to be read by a parent to a child. The older books can be read by the child alone, but we enjoyed reading them together as well as discussing the questions at the end of each chapter together. It was a special time to just be one parent and one child and celebrated reaching a new maturity in life.

When my kids were younger I expected that talking to my children about sex would be an uncomfortable, awkward issue, but we haven't found that at all. My children are full of questions and insight and wisdom and I love helping them to discover every dimension of their being – soul, mind, body and spirit.

(See samples on next page....)

'Learning About Sex' series....Concordia Publishing House

"Er...uh...go ask your mother." "Oh, I think I hear the telephone." "Once there was a big white bird..."

These are some of the typical answers parents come up with, in response to a toddler's first question about sex. These books will not only give the parent confidence in answering the questions, but confidence that it is being done from a Christian point of view..in the context of our relationship to the God who created us and redeemed us in Jesus Christ.

Praised by teachers, parents, pastors, and doctors, this series has stood as a leader in Bible-based sex education for more than 30 years. Each book in the series helps children see sex as a good gift from God to be used responsibly.

In a positive, Christ-centered manner, The **New Learning About Sex** series helps you cultivate open and honest communication about sex, present accurate, age-appropriate information, and explain physiological and socio-psychological aspects of sex. The series includes a parent's handbook to help you deal sensitively with your children through all their stages of development. *Titles in the series:*

Book 1...Why Boys and Girls are Different (Ages 3-5)

Book 2...Where Do Babies Come From? (Ages 6 to 8)

Book 3...How You are Changing (Ages 9 to 10)

Book 4...Sex and the New You (Ages 11 to 14)

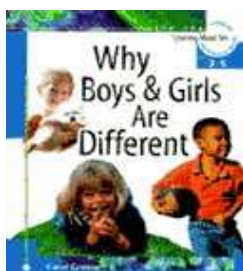
Book 5...Love, Sex and God (Ages 14 to Young Adult)

Book 6...How to Talk Confidently With Your Child About Sex

Book 7...Human Sexuality: A Christian Perspective

Note:

See Normay Wiebe's recommendation for this series of books. Herman and Normay donated them to the library.



Why Boys and Girls are Different...by Carol Greene (Book 1)

This book is written especially for children at **pre-school age**, and, of course, for the parents or other concerned grown-ups who will read the book to the child. Simple and accurate terminology and age-appropriate pictures help preschoolers understand the similarities and differences between boys and girls. Because children vary widely in their growth rates and interest levels, parents will want to preview each book in the series, using the next graded book when the child is ready for it. *See the "Note to Grown-ups" at the end of this book for suggestions on using the book, and ways to communicate Christian values in sex education in the home.*

Where Do Babies Come From?....by Ruth Hummel (Book 2)

This book will help children **ages 6 to 8** better understand how a new baby develops using simple and accurate language. In story form, this book answers most of the questions about sexuality that 6 to 8 year-olds typically ask, or wonder about. Most children will have difficulty reading the book on their own. So, do plan to enjoy reading it with your child. Read it all the way through or one chapter at a time. Take your time as you read it, and use the occasion to wonder at the beauty and design of God's gift of sexuality. *See the "Note to Grown-ups" at the beginning of the book.*



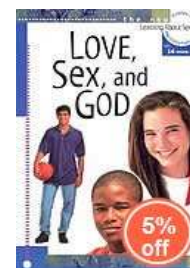
Sex and the New You...by Rich Bimler (Book 4)

This book helps kids **ages 11 to 14** build confidence as they begin to mature both physically and psychologically. It is written also for parents and other concerned adults who may want to discuss the book with them. It encourages young people to feel good about becoming men and women. It presents a matter-of-fact explanation of sexual maturation, intercourse, conception and birth. A discussion of premarital sex and sexually transmitted diseases is introduced. You can also use these books as a starting point for casual conversation and when answering other questions a child may have. The series includes a parent's handbook to help you deal sensitively with your children through all their stages of development.

Love, Sex, and God....by Bill Ameiss and Jane Graver (Book 5)

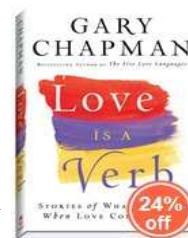
Written for youth **14 to young adult**, (*and their parents*), this book encourages confidence and restraint while addressing issues such as dating and premarital sex. Older teens need to learn to respect their sexuality and its proper place in their lives. Teens need encouragement to respect their bodies and the place that God has created for sex in their lives. This book addresses family roles and what to look for in a marriage partner. It presents straight facts on sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS. *Questions like:*

How can I tell if I'm really in love? What if I'm in trouble? Where should I go for help? Am I normal? How can I get to know her better? How can I let him know I like him a lot? ...are not unusual questions. The purpose of this book is to explore these and a whole range of related questions and subjects. **It also includes a full glossary to help teens not only to pronounce words correctly when talking about things of a sexual nature, but also to know their correct meanings.**



Newest Arrivals....Non-fiction

Love Is A Verb:by Gary Chapman (His latest book, 2009)



From the Publisher:

Dr. Gary Chapman has spent his life helping people communicate love more effectively and in turn build more satisfying and lasting relationships. His book **The Five Love Languages** is a regular on the New York Times Best Sellers list--even after being in print for fifteen years--and has made the term "*love language*" a part of everyday speech. **Love Is a Verb** takes his teaching to the next level. Rather than a typical marriage self-help book filled with lengthy explanations of principles and techniques, it is a compilation of *true stories* displaying love in action. These stories--written by everyday people--go straight to the hearts of readers, who often say that illustrations are the most effective parts of a book. Gary Chapman adds a "*Love Lesson*" to each story, showing readers how they can apply the same principles to their own relationships.

About the Author:

Relationship counselor, pastor, and author Gary Chapman graduated from Moody Bible Institute, received a B.A. and M.A. in Anthropology from Wheaton College and Wake Forest University respectively, completed graduate work in education at Duke University and the University of North Carolina, and earned his Ph.D. in Adult Education and Master's of Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Chapman has discussed his *five love language theory* in numerous books and video programs, and he has also written many works of guidance on the topics of marriage, parenting, and in-law relationships. The director of Marriage and Family Life Consultants, Inc., Chapman has also been the senior associate pastor at Winston-Salem, North Carolina's Calvary Baptist Church since 1971. He has spoken internationally and domestically on relationships and received the Platinum Book Award from the Evangelical Publishers Association for **The Five Love Languages**.

Crazy Loveby Francis Chan (www.CrazyLoveBook.com)

From the Publisher:

Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe--the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor--loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it yet or not, we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts--it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything!



About the Author:

Francis Chan is pastor of Cornerstone Church in Simi Valley, California. He is also the founder of Eternity Bible College and sits on the board of directors of Children's Hunger Fund and World Impact. Francis spends much of his time speaking to students across the country, committed to teaching directly from the Bible. His passion is to see the church display a much deeper love for Jesus. Francis lives in California with his wife, Lisa, and their four children.

Foreword: by Chris Tomlin

(Only parts of the Foreword...) "It is with great excitement and honor that I get the opportunity to introduce you to my friend Francis Chan. Francis is one of those rare people you come across in life who leave you wanting to be better. You know, a better friend, a better neighbor, a better athlete (well, maybe not athlete...) But, most important, Francis leaves you wanting more of Jesus."

"As Francis so brilliantly illustrates, the life that Jesus calls us to is absolute craziness to the world. Sure, it's fine and politically correct to **believe in God**, but to **really love Him** is a whole different story."

Newest Arrivals....2 Fiction, and 2 different Gospels!

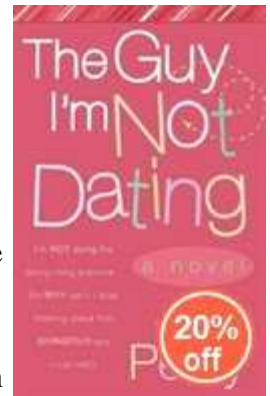
The Guy I'm Not Dating.....by Trish Perry

From the Publisher:

"Yowza!" exclaims Kara Richardson when she sees the handsome proprietor of the new delicatessen in town, Gabe Paolino, who soon expresses mutual interest. This would be the start of a perfect love story, except for one thing...Kara has vowed to stop dating until she feels God's leading.

But when humorous circumstances send Kara and Gabe on a road trip to Florida, hope springs anew. Even with Kara's flirtatious coworker Tiffany "a hyena in heels" along for the ride, the couple begins a lively journey that could change their paths forever.

This memorable, charming story of love's persistence captures the honor of waiting on God's timing, and the adventure of finding the perfect guy to *not* date.



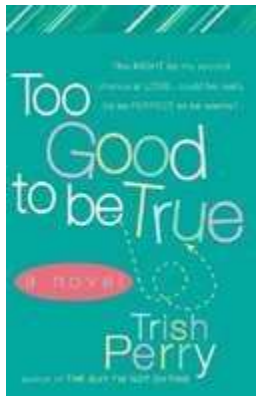
(Comments from a reader...) "I couldn't put this book down. I laughed almost the entire time I was reading it. It made me think about my own life. This is definitely a book I'll read again and again."

Too Good to be True....by Trish Perry

From the Publisher:

Trish Perry, author of the charming novel *The Guy I'm Not Dating*, follows up with a contemporary, humorous tale of how love and life unfold in surprising ways. Rennie Young, heroine of *Too Good to Be True*, meets the gallant Truman Sayers after she faints in the boys' department of the local super store. Despite this unromantic introduction, Tru Sayers, a handsome young labor-and-delivery nurse, seems like a gift from God. But a recent divorce and other life disappointments cause Ren to question whether she can trust her heart and God.

This clever novel encourages readers to lean on God's leading and to be open to life after the hurt, even when it seems too good to be true.



Two 'Gospels of John' ...both unique in their presentations!

1. The Gospel of John...by Chris Seay

(The Voice Revealed...the true story of the last witness.)

From the Publisher:

The Voice of God is heard as clearly as when He first revealed His truth. This retelling of John is designed for postmodern Christians to reach their friends with the gospel message.

(This is in the form of 'dialogue' in screenplay format. Great to read aloud in a group or class setting.)

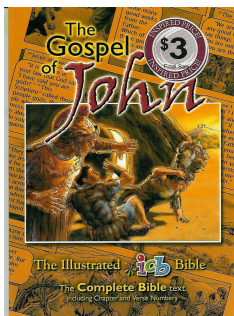


2. The Gospel of John.....the illustrated ICB Bible (created especially for children!)

Synopsis:

Unique storyboard frame-by-frame illustrations of the entire Gospel of John, using the full ICB text. Not a paraphrase, but actual ICB verses presented in an inviting, illustrative style for children that encourages reading and learning.

*I am a Sunday School Teacher and helped found the children's ministry at my church. This is a tool we use in our church. The children love to read it and it is actual scripture. The book introduces families to God's word in a way that interests children. I own a copy of each **The Illustrated ICB Bible** and find them all wonderful but the book of John is a wonderful outreach tool. (Taken from B&N site)*



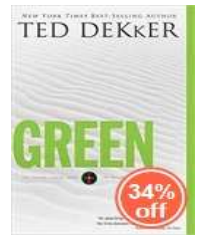
New Items in the Library

Green (F).....by *Ted Dekker*

At Last . . . The Circle Reborn

The story of how Thomas Hunter first entered the Black Forest and forever changed our history began at a time when armies were gathered for a final battle in the valley of Migdon. *Green* is a story of love, betrayal, and sweeping reversals set within the apocalypse. It is the beginning: the truth behind a saga that has captured the imagination of more than a million readers with the Books of History Chronicles.

But even more, *Green* brings full meaning to the Circle Series as a whole, reading as both prequel to *Black* and sequel to *White*, completing a full circle. This is Book Zero, the Circle Reborn, both the beginning and the end. The preferred starting point for new readers . . . and the perfect climax for the countless fans who've experienced *Black*, *Red*, and *White*.



Fearless (NF).....by *Max Lucado*

Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear.

They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, turnovers at headquarters, downturns in the housing market, upswings in global warming. The plague of our day, terrorism, begins with the word *terror*. Fear, it seems, has taken up a hundred-year lease on the building next door and set up shop. Oversized and rude, fear herds us into a prison of unlocked doors. Wouldn't it be great to walk out?

Imagine your life, wholly untouched by angst. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, or doubt, what would remain? Envision a day, just one day, where you could trust more and fear less.

Can you imagine your life without fear?



The Magnificent Obsession (NF).....by *Anne Graham Lotz*

Publisher:

What is missing from lives that seem full, but are actually hollow at the core? Anne Graham Lotz says the answer is knowing God intimately as Abraham did, and being known by Him as His friend.

Author:

Anne Graham Lotz, founder of AnGeL Ministries, and award-winning author of ten books, has carried the gospel message to more than twenty foreign countries. In her "Just Give Me Jesus" revivals held in major cities throughout the world, she urges listeners to share "the cry of my heart for a fresh vision of Jesus" - an encounter with God that will bring heaven down into your everyday life.



New DVDs:

Faith Like Potatoes

The Animated Passion

Close to Jesus

The Gospel

Grace Based Parenting

Tim Kimmel

The Best of Gordon Mote

Gordon Mote

Breaking Free (*CNN Broadcast*) Tesh/Clinton/Wilkinson

The Case for a Creator (*CNN*) Strobel/Mittelberg/Meyer

When the Enemy Strikes (*CNN*) Charles Stanley

