



The Librarian

Winter, 2012

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Friday, January 27 to Sunday, January 29, 2012

www.breakforthcanada.com

Arlen and Elsa Salte (founders) look forward to seeing you and your friends at the 2012 Break Forth conference.

The Bethel Library has many items (Books, Cds and DVDs) written or created by this year's Guest Speakers and Artists. We have listed some on the following pages. Be sure to come in and find your favorites. Many of them will be displayed on the counter above the cupboards.



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- Kathy Ansell
- Anke Berner
- Elaine Forsberg
- Jo-Ann Hemingway
- Nicole Mannett
- Ruth Strand
- Deanna Weimer
- Gladys Teske



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BLESS Preschool Families!

The Library is open for your pleasure, every second week, **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**, from 11:30 to 12:30 (noon hour). Please come in and browse...

A Special Apology...



The editor of *The Librarian* wishes to profusely apologize to a lovely lady on the Library Committee! The editor inadvertently left Kathy Ansell's name off the Library Committee's list of members in one of the last

issues of *The Librarian*.

As most of our reader's know, Kathy and her family had been in the Netherlands for about 6 months last year. We did NOT forget her! *Just an editor's slip-up.* Kathy is one of the most needed and appreciated members on the Committee...we couldn't do without her...for very long! Sorry, Kathy, and welcome back.

Editor, Gladys Teske

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Break Forth 2012 Speakers...in the Library!!!

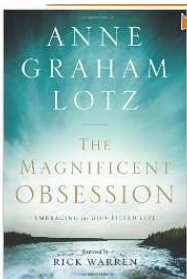


Tony Campolo: *Everybody Wants to Change the World*

Everybody Wants to Change the World is for those who want to make a practical difference in people's lives in their own communities. As Jesus taught on reaching out to the poor, the widowed, the sick and many others, so are we to bring the tangible love of Christ into the world. Tony Campolo and Gordon Aeschilman offer readers a broad range of ideas and resources for serving people and sharing the gospel from people who work to serve others every day.

Other items by Tony Campolo in the Library: *Adventures in Missing the Point; Choose Love, Not Power; Letters to a Young Evangelical, plus a DVD: The Red Letters, and a Video: I Have Decided to Live Like a Believer.*

Anne Graham Lotz: *The Magnificent Obsession*



If you or someone close to you is devoted to their church but still struggles to find meaning and passion in their faith; who loves their family, works hard, contributes to their community, but still feels life is somehow incomplete and hollow at the core; who is restless in spirit, with a nagging sense that there must be something more ... there is *The Magnificent Obsession*. Gifted Bible teacher Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of evangelist Billy Graham, has known these struggles herself. As she studied Scripture, looking for a way out of the emptiness, she found her answer in the amazing story of Abraham, a very ordinary man who became extraordinary for one pivotal reason: he pursued God in a life of obedient faith, not knowing where that decision would take him. Anne followed Abraham's lead and began a lifelong pursuit of knowing God, as he truly is, in an intensely personal relationship. Through personal anecdotes, unforgettable stories, and God-inspired insights, she invites you to draw closer to God, who is as committed to you as he was to Abraham, and longs to call you 'friend.'

Other books by Anne Graham Lotz in the Library: *Just Give Me Jesus; The Vision of His Glory; Why? Trusting God When You Don't Understand*

Josh McDowell: (Books in the Library):

Mistaken Identity; More Than a Carpenter; The New Tolerance; The Witness

Josh McDowell has been reaching the spiritually skeptical for almost five decades. Since beginning ministry in 1961, Josh has delivered more than 24,000 talks to over 10 million young people in 118 countries. He is the author or co-author of 120 books, with over 51 million copies distributed worldwide; including *More Than a Carpenter* (over 15 million copies printed in 85 languages), and *The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, recognized by *World* magazine as one of the twentieth century's top 40 books. Josh continues to travel throughout the United States and countries around the world, helping young people and adults strengthen their faith and understanding of Scripture. Josh will tell you that his family is his ministry. He and his wife, Dottie, have been married for 39 years and have four children and four grandchildren.



Erwin McManus:

Erwin Raphael McManus serves as Lead Pastor of Mosaic, a uniquely innovative and international congregation in Los Angeles, California. A national and international strategist and speaker on culture, change, creativity and leadership, Erwin also serves as Distinguished Lecturer and Futurist for Bethel Theological Seminary.

Items by Erwin McManus in the Library:

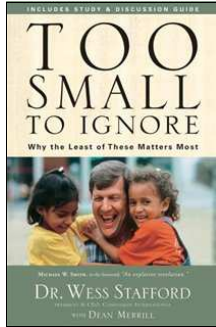
Wide Awake; Soul Cravings; Uprising; A Revolution of the Soul and many DVDs



Dr Wess Stafford:

WESS STAFFORD From the poor of Africa's Ivory Coast to President and Chief Executive Officer of Compassion International, Dr. Wesley K. Stafford - Wess - has maintained one simple belief: God's children are priceless resources. To that end, Wess leads Compassion's efforts to break the cycle of poverty for children everywhere. Wess joined the staff of Compassion International in 1977 and has worked with the ministry, both overseas and at headquarters, for 34 years. He has served as president since 1993. Wess lives on a small ranch near Colorado Springs, Colorado with his wife, Donna, of 32 years who was a Compassion sponsor even before she met Wess! They have two daughters, Jenny and Katie - the two children in the world for whom Wess is the greatest advocate of all.

Books by Break Forth Speakers



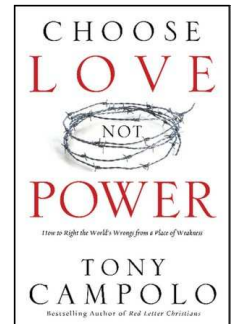
Too Small to Ignore... by *Dr W Stafford*

The time has come, argues **Dr. Wess Stafford**, for a major paradigm shift: Children are too important and too intensely loved by God to be left behind or left to chance. Children belong to all of us and we are compelled to intervene on their behalf. We must invest in children-all across the world. There are strategic, persuasive reasons-beyond love and kindness-to invest in children. Today they may snuggle into your lap, if you let them. But tomorrow you may not have access to them in the corridors of power they might occupy. Now is the time to shape the future.

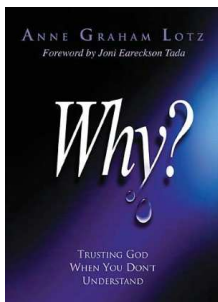
Dr. Stafford issues an urgent call for change. His adventures as a boy raised in a West African village provide an often-humorous and always-captivating backdrop to his profound and inspiring challenges. Wess lived the reality of "it takes a village to raise a child" and calls us to "be that loving village for children everywhere." This book will encourage you to turn your good, loving intentions into strategic actions and empower you to help change the world-and the future-forever: one child at a time.

Choose Love, Not Power... by *Tony Campolo*

All too frequently, Christian activists at both ends of the political spectrum see power as the primary instrument for saving the world. "If we just had the power," they say, "we could set everything right." I want to say to them, "I wonder why Jesus didn't think of that!" The world's most pressing problems-the degradation of God's creation, economic instability, systemic inequality, perpetual war-demand solutions. Shouldn't the urgency of these issues compel us to grab every tool at our disposal...even Power? Or should we reject political, economic and religious might in favor of the "Weakness" of love? Anyone who is passionate about setting right the world's many injustices must wrestle with these questions. In *Choose Love, Not Power*, Scholar and activist **Tony Campolo** examines Jesus' life uncover a "theology of Power" for His followers today. Dr. Campolo writes, "Jesus chose a harder way. He chose the way of the cross. He would save the world not through Power, but through sacrificial love." This is a guidebook for a Church that has struggled for centuries to follow the Savior's example. Are you ready to choose the harder way?



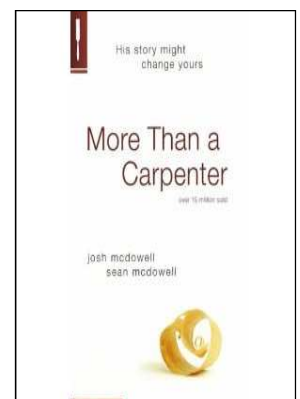
Why? Trusting God When You Don't Understand by [Anne Graham Lotz](#)



Called "the best preacher in the family," by her father, Billy Graham, **Anne Graham Lotz** speaks around the globe with the wisdom and the authority of years spent studying God's Word. In her latest book, Anne shares her heart and God's teachings on the universal problem of suffering. Drawing her characteristically keen insights from the familiar story of Lazarus in the ninth and eleventh chapters of the Gospel of John, Anne offers Jesus' reassuring answers to our heartfelt cries for understanding: Why doesn't God care? Why does He let these things happen? Why me? Why doesn't God answer my prayers? Why didn't He protect me? Why doesn't He perform a miracle? *Why?* helps us understand and deal with suffering while guiding us to the ultimate answer-the Savior who shares our grief and our tears.

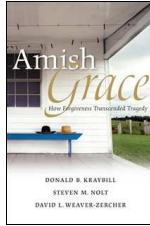
More Than a Carpenter by *Josh McDowell*

Since its release, *More Than a Carpenter* has been challenging readers to ask the question, "Who is Jesus?" Author and renowned speaker **Josh McDowell** acknowledges that while the topic of God is widely accepted, the name of Jesus often causes irritation. "Why don't the names of Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius offend people? The reason is that these others didn't claim to be God, but Jesus did." By addressing questions about scientific and historical evidence, the validity of the Bible, and proofs of the resurrection, McDowell helps the reader come to an informed and intelligent decision about whether Jesus was a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord. This short, 128-page gem does not employ fancy theological words, forsaking the layman, but reads more like an intimate research document laying out the facts with veracious accuracy, from reliable sources ranging from secular scientists to conservative seminarians. A skeptic himself for many years, McDowell always believed that Christians were "out of their minds" but now insists that "never has an individual been called upon to commit intellectual suicide in trusting Christ as Savior and Lord." McDowell adeptly articulates fundamental answers to poignant questions that cause the skeptic to consider whether Jesus was a liar causing countless martyrs to die in his wake, a lunatic deserving death, or actually the Lord of the universe.



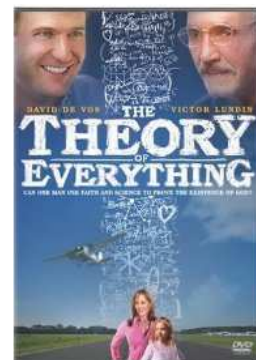
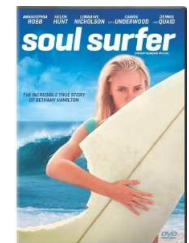
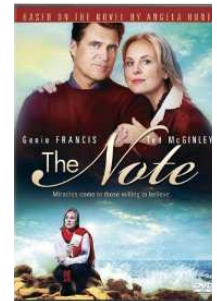
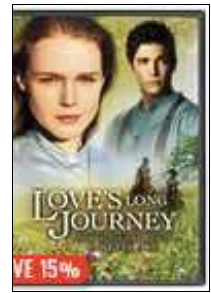
DVDs...

The 5th Quarter
 7 Things I'd Say to Sick People
 A Greater Yes: the true story of Amy...
 Acts: the visual bible
 Amish Grace
 The Apocalypse
 Awaken the Dawn
 Be Still
 Behind the Sun
 The Best of Gordon Mote: Gaither Gospel series
 The Best of Mark Lowry & Bill Gaither: Gaither Gospel series
 I Do Believe: Gaither Gospel series
 Together: Gaither Gospel series
 Beyond the Gates of Sendor
 The Bible: In the beginning...
 Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace
 C S Lewis: Through the Shadowlands
 The Call to Harvest
 A Case for A Creator
 A Case for Christ
 A Case for Faith
 The Climb
 Close to Jesus
 Contagious Joy
 Courage
 End of the Spear
 Evan Almighty
 Facing the Giants
 Faith Like Potatoes
 Final Solutions
 Fireproof
 Gifted Hands: the Ben Carson Story
 God Wants Your Body: Discovering God's Will...
 The Good Test
 The Gospel of John
 Hoot
 The Imposter
 The Inheritance
 Jesus, Fact or Fiction
 The Jesus Film
 Joni
 Joshua
 Life and Miracles: the Jesus series
 The Life of Christ
 The Life of Jesus
 The Life You've Always Wanted
 LOL: Laugh Out Loud (*comedy*)

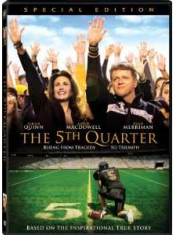


for Winter Family Viewing

Love Comes Softly
 Love's Abiding Joy
 Love's Enduring Promise
 Love's Long Journey
 Love's Unending Legacy
 Luther: One Man's Faith in God
 The Miracle Maker: the Story of Jesus
 Never Ashamed
 No Greater Love
 Not Easily Broken
 The Note
 One Night With the King
 Pace—Is Yours Sustainable?
 The Passion of Christ
 Pastor Greg
 The Perfect Stranger
 Pilgrim's Progress
 The Prodigal
 The Red Letters
 Reluctant Saint: Francis of Assisi
 The Restless Ones
 Sarah's Choice
 Saving Sarah Cain
 The Second Chance
 The Shunning
 Soul Surfer
 Standing Firm
 The Story of the Twelve Apostles
 Sweet Freedom
 The Ten Commandments
 The Theory of Everything: Faith & Inspiration
 THR3E
 Tilly
 To Save A Life
 The Ultimate Gift
 A Vow to Cherish
 The Way Back Home
 What If...
 What's in the Bible?
 Wild About Jesus
 The William Tyndale Story
 The Window
 Women of Faith



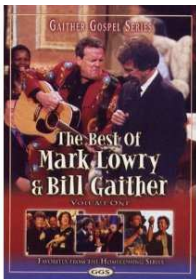
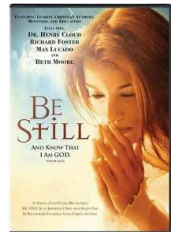
Movies and Entertainment



The 5th Quarter: I have been a Wake Forest fan for years and remember when this tragic yet inspiring story happened. The movie captures everything so well that you can't help but feel for the Abate family. It's such a touching story of how someone so young can affect so many people and the obstacles that the family had to overcome. I remember when the crowd would put up 5 fingers at the start of every 4th quarter and how it felt to be a united community around the family. And how the football team came together and were able to overcome the preseason disappointment of being picked to finish last in the conference. This movie is very inspiring and I highly recommend it to anyone. GO

DEACS!! (written by a 'true fan')

Be Still is an extraordinary film that demonstrates contemplative reflection as a vital part of our everyday lives and as a remedy for the ills of the frenzied, fast-paced modern world. Featuring interviews with some of today's most highly respected authors, educators, and ministers, *Be Still* examines the importance of silent, reflective prayer as a way to truly be open to receiving God's guidance. This remarkable film also features a useful "how to" section that shows how contemplative prayer can be used by anyone at anytime to better one's life and reaffirm that which is truly important.



The Best of Mark Lowry and Bill Gaither:

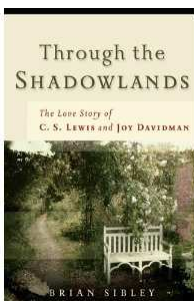
Mark Lowry is a very clever comedian, as well as an excellent singer, and this DVD focuses on his funny routines during the thirteen years he spent with the Gaither Vocal Band. The way it is presented, is that Mark and Bill Gaither are shown in a relaxed setting, as they sit and talk about the clips they show from the many Homecoming Series concerts around the country, as well as one in Ireland, and a short piece in England. It also includes some terrific music with the comedy, and my favorites are the two versions of "I'm Gonna Keep On", with Bill trying to sing the song while he is interrupted by bird calls and Mark's mischief; it's a terrific combination of wonderful music and harmonies, and at the same time totally hilarious.

There is also a clip from the Gospel Singing Jubilee, of Mark when he was a teenager, singing "If it Keeps Getting Better". The final clip shows us Mark's remarkable vocal talent, as well as his songwriting skills, as he sings "Mary, Did You Know?", which he co-wrote with Buddy Greene. It's a perfect song, performed with such feeling it is thrilling and fresh no matter how many times one hears it, and it never fails to bring a tear to my eye.

The DVD "extras" include twenty additional minutes of mostly music, with one song featuring Michael English.

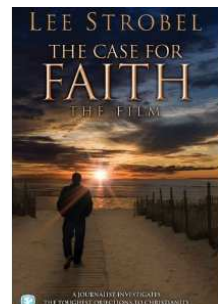
Well edited, this is a fast moving one hour and thirty-five minute show, interesting as well amusing, with often laugh-out-loud humor. Good clean fun is hard to come by, and Mark is one of the best at it.

C S Lewis: Through the Shadowlands



At first glance, they were an unlikely couple: C. S. Lewis, a distinguished author and Oxford scholar, and Joy Davidman, a Jewish-American divorcee, converted Christian, mother of two, and former Communist Party member. But together they walked through life's challenges, persevering despite having their faith tested in the face of suffering and death. This amazing true story reveals the many events that occurred in the lives of two astounding Christians to bring them together and spark their love for each other. Readers will experience both their tender moments and the darkest hours where faith was tested and shaken to its very foundations. More than a biography and more than a love story, this is a moving tribute to a couple whose faith, hope, and love grew through adversity.

The Case for Faith In a world gone mad with spin, slant, subterfuge, and political correctness of all kinds in all fields, *THE CASE FOR FAITH*, breaks all molds, taking on Christianity's biggest questions and thorniest challenges with fearless honesty and sublime humility. It is, I believe, the most honest, most courageous Christian film ever made, bracing in its aspiration and moving in its conclusions. Lee Strobel is obviously a thinker, but he is foremost a seeker of truth, and in this film Lee Strobel, while obviously a proponent of "faith in Christ," dodges nothing. This DVD stirs the mind and touches the heart. If you are not satisfied with cheap answers, superficial dogma, and peripheral paradigms of faith, if you want to get right at the heart of the faith journey, even to places where knotty questions vex and suffering swells, this film takes you there. This film drives straight into the Faith's darkest tunnels and leads the traveler to the other side, bathed in new light and new hope.



MORE MOVIES...

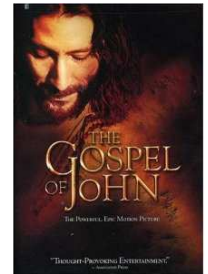


Faith Like Potatoes

I think the best thing about this show is that its based on a true story. It shows how God will come though for those who trust him. The DVD special features are good as you can see the actual people involved in the story. I would highly recommend this DVD *(a reviewer)*

The Gospel of John

If you are looking for an accurate version of the **Gospel of John**, then this is your DVD. It's well acted and enjoyable to watch. It's a little long to see in one sitting--it's some three hours in length--but what's nice about the DVD is that you can shut it off and come back next time. This is the entire gospel, or 21 biblical chapters in total. It beats reading it on your own, and in three hours you have lived through a book of the Bible! Henry Ian Cusick is a bit serious for the part, as I'm not convinced Jesus was as dour as he portrays, but generally he does a fine job. The crucifixion portrayal is nowhere near as graphic as *The Passion of the Christ*, yet the DVD box says that it receives a "PG-13" rating because of "violence involving the crucifixion." However, I had no problem letting my three young girls see this film in the theater. *(a reviewer)*



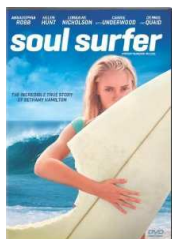
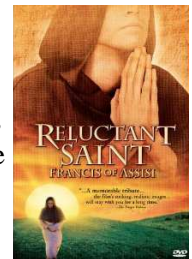
Luther: One Man's Faith in God



Like *The Passion of the Christ*, *Luther* is the story of a spiritual leader, German monk Martin Luther (Joseph Fiennes), in opposition to the religious orthodoxy of the time (in his case, the 1600s). His goal--to bring God to the people and to take money, fear, and shame out of the equation--made him a reformer to some, a heretic to others. Released around the same time as Mel Gibson's blockbuster, it failed to attract the same degree of attention--or controversy. Granted, it's a different film, but not radically so. Directed by Eric Till (*Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace*), *Luther* isn't always easy to follow or as emotionally involving as it could be. That said, it's a fascinating story and Fiennes receives solid support from Alfred Molina (*Frida*), Bruno Ganz (*Wings of Desire*), and the late Sir Peter Ustinov (*Spartacus*), in his final film role, as Frederick the Wise.

Reluctant Saint

In this production, St. Francis comes out of the birdbath. He is seen more human like the rest of us than in many of the previous films about this remarkable saint. We see and hear of his struggles all throughout his life. We are told that even in the end of his life he considered himself to be a failure while at the same time able to demonstrate an amazing faith in God. Insights into his life and times as well as his personality helps to fill in a lot of the blanks that exist in many other works about St. Francis. This is a good resource for those well versed in the life of St. Francis and those who are just discovering him.



Soul Surfer: We watched it with our grandchildren (ages 6 & 9) and I was concerned ahead of time about how the shark attack would be handled and subsequent hospital recovery but I had nothing to worry about. Those scenes were handled with grace and the utmost of care and the movies focus was on Bethany's determination to not let her handicap limit her from achieving her goals in life. Movie has lots of action, adventure, humour, faith focus and would be especially perfect for ages 12-25 who struggle with finding themselves. *(family viewer)*

Courageous (already purchased...soon to be on the library shelves!

Four police officers attempt to put their faith in God after a sudden and unexpected tragedy transforms their lives forever. Produced by Sherwood Pictures, the Christian production company behind such popular films as *Fireproof* and *Facing the Giants*, *Courageous* follows dedicated cops Adam Mitchell and Nathan Hayes as they work with their partners to keep the streets safe. But when these devoted peacekeepers face the challenge of fatherhood, both their faith and devotion to family are put to the ultimate test. In the aftermath of a devastating calamity, they are faced with a difficult choice that will ultimately come to define their lives. Fortunately, a wise mentor appears to help them understand that man's ambition and God's will aren't always in perfect harmony. ~ Jason Buchanan, *All Movie Guide*

