

Sample Church Bulletin Announcements

As dance ministries and liturgical dance groups pop up throughout the world, misunderstandings arise from a lack of biblical knowledge. In *The Guidelines to Starting and Maintaining a Dance Ministry in the Church*, Dr. Denita Hedgeman educates ministries and leaders on the biblical foundations of dance ministry development to enhance worship, and helps established dance ministries find new life and inspiration. Not only addressing the practical application of dance ministries, Dr. Hedgeman gets to the heart of the matter, Is dance ministry fully accepted in the church today? providing readers with a functional, scripturally-based guide to worshipping God through the art of dance.

Edwin H. Hamilton, M.D., D.Min., writes this provocative book introducing and establishing throughout the Black Church a program of Preventive Health Education through a Health and Wellness Ministry. Riggins R. Earl, Jr., Ph.D., noted theologian/philosopher, writes an insightful introduction based on Booker T. Washington's teachings. The prevailing spiritual thought embodies I Corinthians 6:19: "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?" A three-part Model-in-Ministry design comprises the Minister of Health and Wellness? Preventive Health Education and Community Health Outreach. These are explained for Health Ministers and laity alike. The ministry's theological foundation is presented succinctly. The planning of the Ministry and The Community Health Fair is clearly explained. The summary and conclusions give precise points regarding the ministry. Empowering course outlines for the Health and Wellness Ministry give concise pathways for any church to use for Health Ministry establishment. A chapter on Water and two of the author's sermons from the Hampton University Ministers' Conference are included in this new edition.

The Power of Forgiveness, Pope Francis on Reconciliation calls the reader to explore the mercy of God, received in a profound way by turning toward God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This heartfelt collection of the Pope's reflections on the need for repentance, awareness of sin, God's divine mercy, forgiveness of others, and confession and absolution, is a transformative read for Catholics of all vocational states!

Bulletin reads: "Amazing Grace!, How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed!" Featuring two verses from the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace," this bulletin shows a majestic mountain range in front of a spectacular sunset and be used throughout the year. Regular bulletins measure 8.5" x 11", folded to 5.5" x 8.5", and come in packages of 50. Abingdon Press Hymn Bulletin provides a beautiful array of designs to enhance worship services throughout the Christian year. To see a complete selection of Hymn bulletins, search by typing keywords: Abingdon Press Hymn, and click "search."

A guide to children's ministry that serves families with special needs Jesus set a high standard when He said "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." The call is not limited to children who will sit quietly at His feet and listen, who color between the lines, who raise their hands and wait to be called upon, and who work at grade level. Children's ministries are responsible to be ready to bring children with disabilities to Jesus' feet too. *Every Child Welcome* is the guide for leaders and volunteers to assist in purposeful planning and skill development for a ministry inclusive of children with unique needs. Experienced children's ministry leaders, and parents of special-needs children themselves, the authors are superbly equipped to offer a thoughtful, thorough approach to creating a positive environment for children--one where all children will be able to digest the important concepts being taught. For leaders and volunteers, *Every Child Welcome* will provide the knowledge and tools to * create a welcoming environment before kids arrive * help children learn more effectively by connecting new information to what they already know * reinforce the main idea of a lesson, building background knowledge and reviewing important concepts * supplement instruction with hands-on activities to increase attention and participation * reinforce and wrap up an activity effectively

Jesus did everything wrong: Poor judgment picking a team of disciples. Ministering to the wrong people. Angering the wrong people. Having outrageous expectations of his followers. Questionable teaching methods. Allowing others to have unrealistic opinions about his mission. A humiliating end followed by an improbable surprise ending. And then, somehow, inspiring millions to attempt to change the world in his name. *Outlandish: An Unlikely Messiah, a Messy Ministry, and the Call to Mobilize* shows how Jesus's ministry flew in the face of conventional wisdom, a ministry that would be described as misguided, mistaken, and miserable - and succeeded beyond his wildest dreams. Then, fast-forwarding two thousand years, learn how that kind of ministry is sorely needed today and the political, social, and organizational lessons to be learned from Jesus's radically different ministry.

• *Christian theology as seen through the lens of Native American tradition* A unique look at Christian biblical interpretation and theology from the perspective of Native American tradition, this book focuses on four specific experiences of Jesus as portrayed in the synoptic gospels. It examines each story as a "vision quest," a universal spiritual phenomenon, but one of particular importance within North American indigenous communities. Jesus' experience in the wilderness is the first quest. It speaks to a foundational Native American value: the need to enter into the "we" rather than the "I." The Transfiguration is the second quest, describing the Native theology of transcendent spirituality that impacts reality and shapes mission. Gethsemane is the third quest. It embodies the Native tradition of the holy men or women, who find their freedom through discipline and concerns for justice, compassion, and human dignity. Golgotha is the final quest. It represents the Native sacrament of sacrifice (e.g., the Sun Dance). The chapter on Golgotha is a discussion of kinship, balance, and harmony: all primary to Native tradition and integral to Christian thought.

This popular, comprehensive Bible-reading program for individuals and group study offers a sweeping introduction to biblical themes and concepts. Complete with a detailed reading schedule for every day of one year, *The Year of the Bible* leads participants to a better understanding of Scripture and a greater sense of community within the church. Newcomers to Scripture and longtime Bible readers alike will find their Christian faith enhanced and feel a sense of accomplishment from reading the Bible in its entirety. James E. Davison helps congregations put the program together and keep it going when enthusiasm flags.

According to *Fresh Expressions U.S.*, "a Fresh Expression is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of those who are not yet part of any church." *Fresh Expressions* are introducing people to Jesus, expanding the kingdom, and revitalizing churches. Congregations need a practical and theological resource that can help them cultivate Fresh Expressions. As consultants who work nationwide and as innovative pastors, authors Michael Beck and Jorge Acevedo awaken congregational leaders and ministry teams to a distinctive Wesleyan approach for the Fresh Expressions movement. In *Wesleyan*

Fresh Expressions, they show congregations how to cultivate and customize fresh expressions that fit their local context. They motivate ministry teams to take risks, experiment, and when necessary, fail well. On April 2, 1739, John Wesley went to a field just outside what was then the city limits of Bristol, England. There he tried a missional innovation called field preaching. Thousands of people showed up, many of whom had no connection with a church. Today, most Methodists and other Wesleyans don't know their own story. Lost in the milieu of divisive issues that threaten to tear the church apart, Wesleyans have forgotten their DNA as a renewal movement, born not from doctrinal disputes but from a missional imperative. In this sense, the Fresh Expressions movement is the most "Methodist" thing in the denomination today. This iteration of the Spirit is taking it to the fields again. Wesleyan Fresh Expressions will help guide the way.

Vivid original artwork on the cover depicts the four evangelists in full color English texts use the Gregorian formula for the solemn tone

Does your church have a revolving door? Most churches do not have a ministry to establish and maintain authentic personal relationships with inactive members, visitors, or prospective members. Before implementing this ministry, one church failed to stay relationally connected to its members. Is your church suffering from the same dilemma? This new ministry empowered churches toward improving its church health, increasing service opportunities for laypeople, and establishing stronger personal relationships. It is possible in your church, too! This book provides a guide toward implementing this crucial ministry in your church. It is time to stop your church's revolving door!

Bookkeeping for churches can be quite different than for-profit businesses, and the other guides available cover either QuickBooks or church accounting, not both. Lisa London, *The Accountant Beside You*, walks you through QuickBooks for your church from start to finish, always with examples, terminology, and understanding of what a busy church administrator needs to know in a clear, concise style. With her friendly easy-to-understand style and illustrative screenshots, Lisa guides new QuickBooks users every step of the way, while her tips for how to make QuickBooks work better for churches provides new insight and procedures for even the experienced bookkeeper. Not only does she step you through how to set up QuickBooks and utilize it more efficiently for your house of worship, but she also discusses everything you need to know to implement controls and procedures to ensure that your church's money is always protected. *QuickBooks for Churches* covers PC versions of QuickBooks from 2012 forward and even includes what's new in the 2014 version. Lisa offers sound accounting procedures for both large and small houses of worship, for bookkeepers with years of experience as well as those just starting out. Let *The Accountant Beside You* take one more worry off your crowded to-do list.

There are common white noises in leadership and ministry that we use to mask our unpleasant emotions and ignore the desires deep inside us. This book is a guide to help you listen to yourself, to recognize what your emotions, your body, and your spirit are saying to you by turning down the white noise threatening to control your life.

Capturing the attention of media-jaded children ? and adults ? is much easier when the message of our faith is displayed in eye-catching splashes of color and design, rather than in faded construction paper or dry ?memos.? This practical ?how-to? guide shows how you can develop uplifting, thought-provoking theme messages that will educate and entertain your entire congregation. Packed with unique design ideas that will spark your creativity, *Creative Church Bulletin Boards* offers plenty of specific advice on shopping for supplies, keeping expenses within a limited budget, and using a wide variety of non-conventional tools to mount interesting items. You'll learn how to put together attractive displays that reinforce Christian teachings on a variety of subjects, with material for general use and specific seasons. *Mammography Saves Lives* Pink Ribbon Sunday Mammography Awareness Program : a Guide for African American and Hispanic Community Leaders Letter to a Suffering Church A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis How to Lead in a World of Distraction Maximizing Your Influence by Turning Down the Noise

In the current geopolitical climate—in which unaccompanied children cross the border in record numbers, and debates on the topic swing violently from pole to pole—the subject of immigration demands innovative inquiry. In *The Rhetorics of US Immigration*, some of the most prominent and prolific scholars in immigration studies come together to discuss the many facets of immigration rhetoric in the United States. *The Rhetorics of US Immigration* provides readers with an integrated sense of the rhetorical multiplicity circulating among and about immigrants. Whereas extant literature on immigration rhetoric tends to focus on the media, this work extends the conversation to the immigrants themselves, among others. A collection whose own eclecticism highlights the complexity of the issue, *The Rhetorics of US Immigration* is not only a study in the language of immigration but also a frank discussion of who is doing the talking and what it means for the future. From questions of activism, authority, and citizenship to the influence of Hollywood, the LGBTQ community, and the church, *The Rhetorics of US Immigration* considers the myriad venues in which the American immigration question emerges—and the interpretive framework suited to account for it. Along with the editor, the contributors are Claudia Anguiano, Karma R. Chávez, Terence Check, Jay P. Childers, J. David Cisneros, Lisa M. Corrigan, D. Robert DeChaine, Anne Teresa Demo, Dina Gavrilos, Emily Ironside, Christine Jasken, Yazmin Lazcano-Pry, Michael Lechuga, and Alessandra B. Von Burg.

The complete anthology of resources for year-round planning and execution of a successful stewardship campaign comes shrink-wrapped and already hole-punched -- all you need to do is insert it in a binder. It's a wide-ranging compendium that includes all of the following: -- Nineteen outstanding stewardship sermons from preachers of many denominations. -- Eleven lively, captivating children's object lessons examining stewardship through the concepts of Action, Direction, Earth, Home, Inheritance, Portion, Responsibility, Steward, Sacrifice, Treasure, and Willing. (The first letters form an anagram of stewardship.) -- Temple Talks, brief sketches that provide a lighthearted, non-threatening way to subtly remind congregations of the purpose of stewardship. -- Three insightful dramas that are perfect for getting stewardship callers off to an enthusiastic start before they make their contacts. -- A gold mine of quips, quotes, stories, and pithy sayings about stewardship that are great for use in newsletters, on bulletin boards, or as illustrations in sermons and speeches. -- Twelve monthly agendas with detailed plans that will help stewardship committees systematically develop new leadership and increase participation in and financial support for church programs. -- A detailed handbook for leading a successful stewardship campaign through advance planning and eager congregational support. Especially effective for smaller and medium-sized congregations, it's a must-have resource for every stewardship committee member. -- A how-to resource with several approaches for getting young children and teens started early in understanding stewardship and participating in the life of the parish.

Designed as a week-end retreat with follow-up meetings, this book is based on covenant theology, and gives couples an opportunity to work through relationship issues and make good marriages even better. It can be used by couples on their own, or as part of a group experience. Untangling the day-to-day issues in our multifaceted lives can seem daunting. Time to sit quietly and reflect is rare. If we are fortunate, we have good friends or close family members with whom to talk things through and find clarity, but many times we feel isolated and lonely. As people of faith, we add another layer to our reflections when we wonder where God fits into our lives. In a broad sense, theological reflection happens any time that we wonder about God, our faith, our beliefs, and our values. In this book, however, Abigail Johnson offers a structured process for engaging in theological reflection by looking at a situation or event through a series of questions. These questions are designed to

help individuals and small groups think through situations with the eyes of faith. Johnson provides detailed instructions for group facilitators, making this book a valuable resource for any theological reflection leader. She demonstrates how theological reflection will enrich the faith life of the individual and increase group members' sense of belonging to God and to the whole people of God. She also shows how small groups engaging in theological reflection affects the ongoing life of a congregation—particularly in the community's worship and the members' practice of spiritual disciplines.

Are you ready to see your church impact more people than you have ever before? Are you tired of church leadership books that are long on theory but short on practical help? Have you wanted to reach more people in your community but you weren't sure where to start? Are you worried that your church isn't reaching its full potential? "Church Growth Flywheel : 5 Practical Systems To Drive Growth at Your Church" is full of helpful insights to help your church reach more people starting today! Bestselling author, Rich Birch, has pulled together his own hard-fought experience leading within one of the fastest growing churches in the country as well as over 200 interviews with church leaders from prevailing churches. What Church Leaders are Saying About Church Growth Flywheel: "Rich is right again. Momentum is hard to catch, easy to lose, and most important. If Flywheel has any importance, it has loads of importance. Don't miss this book!" - Clay Scroggins, Lead Pastor, North Point Community Church "Rich Birch has knocked it out of the park with Church Growth Flywheel. His new book is full of practical helps for church leaders looking to reach more people in their communities. Rich cuts through the theory and offers solid advice and guidance that you can put into action right away." - Dan Reiland, Executive Pastor, 12Stone Church, Lawrenceville, Georgia "Rich Birch has been reading my mind! After reading the first 15 pages, I made this book mandatory reading for my entire staff." - Hal Seed, Chief Mentor at PastorMentor.com and Founding Pastor of New Song Community Church "What an incredible book! Rich has a unique way of sharing real and relevant practices from his experience and conversations that will no doubt be a game changer for you and your church community. Church Growth Flywheel is a gift to church leaders filled with practical yet challenging steps to help initiate growth and change within your community. And what church leader doesn't want to see more lives changed by Christ!" - Sonja Waltman, Executive Director of Ministries at LCBC Church "Rich brings a wealth of passion, knowledge and experience to the subject of church growth. He presents a treasure trove of best practices and learnings around engaging people in your city with the message of Christ. Church Growth Flywheel is full practical steps that you can actually start doing and growing in your church, today. I'm so grateful for Rich's voice on this subject and I think you will be too." - Carey Nieuwhof, Founding & Teaching Pastor, Connexus Church "I've followed Rich Birch for many years as he has had a front row seat to some of the fastest-growing churches in North America. That's why I got excited when I heard he was releasing a book with some of what he has learned. You will be energized, informed, inspired, and equipped after reading Church Growth Flywheel." - Tim Stevens, Vice President of Consulting, Vanderbloemen Search Group "Insanely practical... super simple... and absolutely essential! Rich Birch has captured the disciplines and behaviors that will allow your church to experience growth that enables you to thrive. Buy one for every member of your team and read it together!" - Jenni Catron, Founder/CEO The 4Sight Group and author of The 4 Dimensions of Extraordinary Leadership "Most pastors I meet are frustrated since they are trying tons of tactics for growth, but not seeing any results. It isn't good enough to just go out and just do 100 things. Rich's system is what they are lacking. For sustained growth, you need an end to end process that's strategic and easy to follow. This book gives you the entire blueprint in one shot." - Kenny Jahng, Founder, Church Butler Social Media LOOK INSIDE for more endorsements!

This useful and practical book provides the college student, seminarian, church study group, and interested lay person with a much-needed introductory guide on the "how" (method) and the "what" (message) of Jesus' teachings. In this revised edition, Robert Stein updates his classic work, adds a new bibliography, and introduces use of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, bringing this important text to a new generation of students.

With nearly a million copies sold, Joanna Weaver's popular book shows women how to blend intimacy with Jesus and service for Him. An invitation for every woman who feels she isn't godly enough... isn't loving enough... isn't doing enough. The life of a woman today isn't really all that different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet... but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve him... yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy. Then comes Jesus, right into the midst of your busy Mary/Martha life-and he extends the same invitation he issued long ago to the two sisters of Bethany. Tenderly he invites you to choose "the better part"-a joyful life of "living-room" intimacy with him that flows naturally into "kitchen service" for him. How can you make that choice? With her fresh approach to the familiar Bible story and its creative, practical strategies, Joanna shows how all of us -Marys and Marthas alike- can draw closer to our Lord, deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy. This book includes a twelve-week Bible study. Also look for the ten-week DVD study pack companion product to this book, which includes three DVDs and a separate, revised and expanded study guide.

Now updated and expanded! Built upon the structure and content of the successful first edition (currently in its eighth printing), this second edition of *The True Cost of Low Prices: The Violence of Globalization* examines the effects of globalization on the earth's poorest and most vulnerable people within the context of scripture and church teaching. The text engages the reader with stories of the women, men, and children living in poverty who have experienced both the promise of the global economy and its troubling outcomes. The nine thematic chapters begin with a story of a person affected by a particular dimension of the violence of globalization. That is followed by a description of the "signs of the times," including the topic's relationship to low prices, and then by "what the church teaches," utilizing the Catechism, the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, papal encyclicals, the documents of Vatican II, and the statements of the U.S. Catholic bishops. Each chapter concludes with "signs of hope," descriptions of groups and strategies that make a difference. Each chapter also includes discussion questions and suggestions for making a difference.

Nail down the facts, tear down the barriers! The Catechism of the Catholic Church is over nine hundred pages long, so it comes as no surprise that many Catholics think of their faith as complex—and certainly too complex to share with others! *A Well-Built Faith*—cleverly developed around a construction theme—makes it easy and flat-out fun for any Catholic to know what they believe and to feel confident in sharing those beliefs with others. The eighteen-chapter book—at times profound, at times humorous, always practical—follows the structure of the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer). Taking otherwise difficult topics about the Catholic faith and making them accessible and relevant to the lives of average Catholics, acclaimed author and teacher Joe Paprocki does so in a way that never compromises the rich depth of Catholic teaching and tradition. From the Trinity to the seven sacraments, from the Ten Commandments to the Lord's Prayer, *A Well-Built Faith* will help Catholics nail down the facts of the faith and tear down the barriers keeping them from sharing their beliefs with others.

Walking into a church for the first time can be scary. Are you making your first-time guests feel welcome? Or are you driving them away—unintentionally—with bad signage, reserved seating, clunky communication and more? In this practical book, Jonathan Malm examines 50 ways churches make first-time visitors feel unwelcome. The transgressions range from insider lingo to awkward transitions, a cold congregation to the over-eager greeter. With all 50 church faux pas, Jonathan suggests ways to not only fix the problem, but also infuse excellence into the situation so churches can put their best foot forward with first-time guests. A few simple changes can help your church roll out the welcome mat for

your guests.

What happens when a parish community chooses the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for its youngest members? What questions should be asked before that decision is made, and after? What does an atrium look like? What do you need? How do you start? And how did this type of Catechesis ever get started in the first place? This newly revised edition of Tina Lillig's practical and enduring resource offers step-by-step information to address the questions of pastors, directors of religious education, parish staff members, parents, catechists, and anyone else interested in the great blessing that young children are to the parish community.

Tony Koszarek got his start in cartooning by drawing cartoons for the Father Judge High School newspaper, "The Crusader", then for the LaSalle College weekly, "The Explorer". He then spent four years in the U. S. Coast Guard in the South Pacific, entertaining shipmates with cartoons and caricatures. Tony married his wife Gerrie in 1972 while living in Philadelphia. Then, in 1979, they moved to Cinnaminson, New Jersey, with their two children, Tony and Michele, where he found an outlet for his talent in the Saint Charles Borromeo Church Bulletin

Not just activities, these bulletins get kids excited about the Bible and God's plan for their lives. And because the children are quietly learning, the church's adult parishioners can give their full attention to the worship service. Each book includes bulletins for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12. 128 pages each, reproducible.

Imagine what ministry in your church would look like if every member was serving in some way. Now imagine how effective your ministry would be if everyone served with a leader's mind-set. In *Building a Church Full of Leaders*, Dr. Jeanne Porter King sets out to help pastors and ministry leaders move from using traditional methods of moving people from the pews to service, to developing strategic and transformative systems for organizing ministry, recruitment, training, and ongoing development that aim to help church members see themselves not just as volunteers but as servants and co-laborers of ministry. Filled with both practical and spiritual tools for developing an effective leadership model, *Building a Church Full of Leaders* will help you transform the way you shape and deliver ministry at your church—as well as the ones who deliver it.

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