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Context Putting Scripture in Its Place

Description

Exploring the Chapter Behind the Verse

Context looks at verses we know by heart but may not know the people, places, and times that give them meaning. Josh Scott delves into well-known scripture verses, exploring their true meanings by examining them in their original biblical context. Through this process, he unveils fresh and enlightening interpretations that are often missed when these scriptures are taken out of context.

The book can be read alone or used by small groups anytime throughout the year. Components include video teaching sessions featuring Josh Scott and a comprehensive Leader Guide, making this perfect as a six-week group study.

Sales Points

- Develop a new understanding of these familiar Scriptures alone or as part of a group
- Josh's enthusiasm for putting this group of Scriptures into the context of the bigger picture helps readers explore them in a new way
- Six often-quoted Scriptures (1 Corinthians 13, Ruth 1:16-17, Mark 14:7, Jeremiah 29:11, Philippians 4:13, and Genesis 19)
- Enjoy meaningful conversations that bring clarity and deepen understanding of the featured Scriptures
- This contextualized approach to studying commonly used passages from the Bible encourages proper understanding

Author Biography

Josh Scott has been a pastor for the last two decades, spending 14 years leading a progressive church in rural Kentucky before moving to Nashville and serving as the Lead Pastor at GracePointe Church in April 2019. Josh is an active voice in the conversation of imagining the future of progressive Christianity, with the focus of his work on reimagining, reframing, and reclaiming faith through a progressive Christian lens, while making those concepts and ideas practically accessible. Josh is the author of the upcoming *Context: Putting Scripture in Its Place*, releasing in April 2024. He lives near Nashville, TN with his wife, Carla, and five kids.

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Context Leader Guide Putting Scripture in Its Place

Description

Exploring the Chapter Behind the Verse

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Context DVD Putting Scripture in Its Place

Description

Exploring the Chapter Behind the Verse

The six-session DVD features teaching sessions featuring Josh Scott. The video sessions are approximately 10-12 minutes long, and are closed-captioned. Components include the book, *Context: Putting Scripture in Its Place*, and a comprehensive Leader Guide making this perfect as a six-week group study throughout the year.

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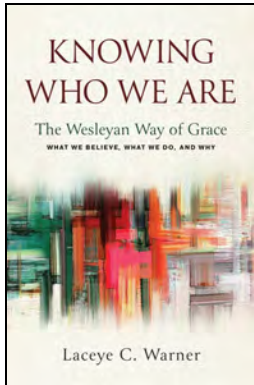
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Audio **Refer to Publisher**

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Knowing Who We Are The Wesleyan Way of Grace

Description

Discover what sets United Methodism apart.

In this book, Lacey C. Warner invites you to a richer understanding of Wesleyan Christianity so you can have a clear sense of identity, better express your own beliefs, and deepen your connection with the United Methodist Church. She introduces you to important values and characteristics that make the Wesleyan way distinctive, including emphasizing God’s grace for all and sanctification as tangible transformation in your life, your community, and all creation. You’ll see how the United Methodist Church today is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition and a legacy of care, compassion, and active response to injustice in the world. And you’ll find that Christian faith in the Wesleyan tradition holds together personal faith and community life, along with a commitment to justice through ministry and service. Pick up this book and study it with your small group, and discover a way of being Christian that fills you with joy, moves you to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, and spurs you to live with compassion and grace.

The book can be read alone or used by small groups anytime throughout the year. Components include video teaching sessions featuring Lacey C. Warner and a comprehensive Leader Guide, making this perfect as a six-week group study. A companion book, *Who We Are and What We Believe: 50 Questions about The UMC*, is also available.

Sales Points

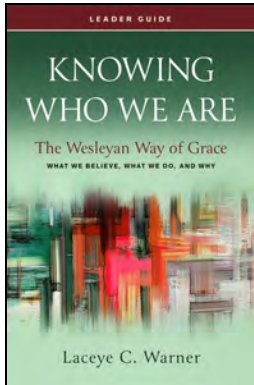
- Lacey will help participants understand the United Methodist Legacy and how it grows their understanding of how the UMC looks to the future By taking part in a small group studying
- Knowing Who We Are, participants Experience a greater sense of belonging in their faith community
- Readers can discover what’s compelling about the United Methodist Church’s beliefs, values, and practices alone or with a small group
- Focuses on what makes Wesleyan/United Methodist Christianity different
- Learn how to better incorporate Wesleyan/United Methodist values into your life

Author Biography

Rev. Lacey C. Warner, PhD is Royce and Jane Reynolds Associate Professor of the Practice of Evangelism and Methodist Studies and Associate Dean for Wesleyan Engagement at Duke University Divinity School. An elder in the Texas Conference, Dr. Warner was appointed to the faculty at Duke Divinity School in 2001. She is the author of several books including *The Method of Our Mission: United Methodist Polity and Organization* (Abingdon Press, 2014) and a contributing editor to the *Wesley Study Bible*. Dr. Warner enjoys living on a flower farm with her family and many of God’s creatures.

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Knowing Who We Are Leader Guide The Wesleyan Way of Grace

Description

Discover what sets United Methodism apart.

The study explores the missional roots of the Methodist movement, the central role of grace, connection, and care in Methodist belief and practice, and our active participation in God's justice in the world.

The Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the six-week study, including session plans, activities, discussion questions, and multiple format options. Components include a book, *Knowing Who We Are*, and video teaching sessions featuring Lacey Warner making this perfect as a group study throughout the year. A companion book, *Who We Are and What We Believe: 50 Questions about The UMC*, is also available.

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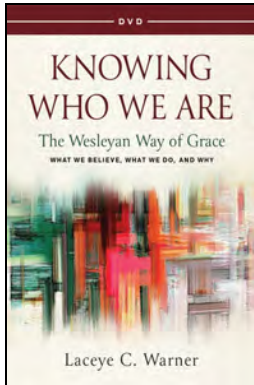
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Knowing Who We Are DVD The Wesleyan Way of Grace

Description

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The six-session DVD features teaching sessions featuring Lacey Warner. The video sessions are approximately 10-12 minutes long, and are closed-captioned. Components include the book, *Knowing Who We Are*, and a comprehensive Leader Guide making this perfect as a six-week group study throughout the year. A companion book, *Who We Are and What We Believe: 50 Questions about The UMC*, is also available.

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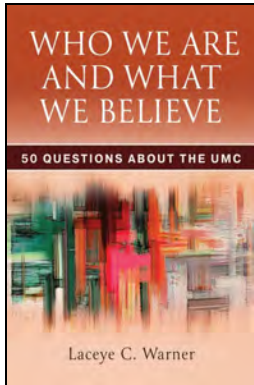
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Who We Are and What We Believe Companion Reader 50 Questions about the UMC

Description

Clear answers to common questions.

This simple, shareable small book about The United Methodist Church is a helpful reference guide to everything that makes The UMC distinctive. Written in a clear, accessible style by Lacey Warner, *Who We Are and What We Believe* contains answers to fifty common questions about who United Methodists are, what we believe and practice, and what sets us apart. Use it alone or as a companion to *Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace*. The book also contains useful references for those who want to learn more about a given set of questions.

Sales Points

- All-in-one reference guide the reader will use for years to come
- Understand what makes it different from other Christian denominations
- Associate Dean for Wesleyan Engagement at Duke University Divinity School, Lacey Warner's expertise of the subject
- Contains answers to 50 common questions about the UMC
- An easy-to-read and understand introduction to the UMC

Author Biography

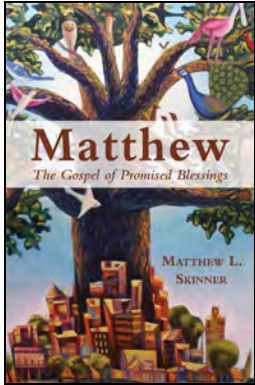
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Territorial Rights	World
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Matthew The Gospel of Promised Blessings

Description

Explore the tenderness and the tensions in the teachings of Jesus.

The Gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus and his message as full of tender compassion and urgent warning. This six-part exploration of an enigmatic Gospel takes readers into the themes, topics, and tensions at the heart of Matthew's story about the life and work of Jesus. Chapters focus on blessing and comfort, judgment and retribution, the meaning of discipleship, Jesus's vision for the church and world, conflicts and complaints, and how the Gospel of Matthew speaks to believers today.

The book can be read alone or used by small groups anytime throughout the year. Components include video teaching sessions featuring Matthew Skinner and a comprehensive Leader Guide.

Sales Points

- Matthew Skinner's approach to the Gospel of Matthew broadens the reader's/small group's imagination about what it means for the individual to play a part in the mercy and restoration that Jesus promises to bring to the world
- Small groups come together to learn from and share with others in a focused way, and Matthew is a great resource for fostering discussion how this Gospel can be a delight or challenge to read, and even can be both at the same time
- Understand the complexities and paradoxes of Matthew's Gospel
- Learn how this gospel can be applied to modern life
- Matthew's unique portrayal of Jesus

Author Biography

Matthew L. Skinner is the Asher O. and Carrie Nasby Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul and the Scholar for Adult Education at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. His published works include resources for church leaders and laypeople who are interested in the Bible's connections to faith and life. He is the author of *Matthew: The Gospel of Promised Blessings* and *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit* and is a longtime cohost of *Sermon Brainwave*, a weekly podcast that accompanies preachers as they interpret biblical texts to prepare their sermons.

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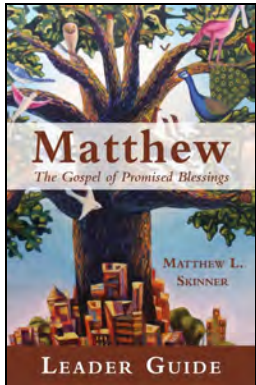
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Matthew Leader Guide The Gospel of Promised Blessings

Description

Explore the tenderness and the tensions in the teachings of Jesus.

The Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the six-week study, including session plans, activities, discussion questions, and multiple format options. Components include the book, *Matthew*, and video teaching sessions featuring Matthew Skinner.

The Gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus and his message as full of tender compassion and urgent warning. This six-part exploration of an enigmatic Gospel takes readers into the themes, topics, and tensions at the heart of Matthew's story about the life and work of Jesus. Chapters focus on blessing and comfort, judgment and retribution, the meaning of discipleship, Jesus's vision for the church and world, conflicts and complaints, and how the Gospel of Matthew speaks to believers today.

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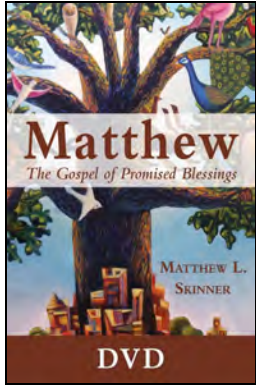
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Extent	64 pages
Word Count	
Territorial Rights	World
Audio	Refer to Publisher

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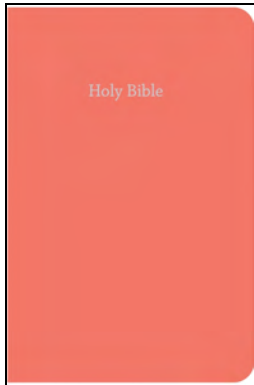
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ABINGDON PRESS
TITLE INFORMATION
COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE



CEB Common English Bible Gift & Award Persimmon Red Letter Edition

Description

A distinctive and fresh way to give the gift of scripture.

Common English Bibles are ideal for any gift-giving occasion and church event including confirmations, promotions, graduations, and more. Gift Bibles feature translation footnotes, in-text subject headings, and color maps from National Geographic.

The Persimmon Gift & Award is a Limited Edition which comes alongside our traditional Black and Burgundy Gift & Award CEBs. As with these, the Persimmon edition features a spacious typesetting, stronger spine, and flexible imitation-leather binding.

Sales Points

- Easy to read text that helps strengthen their relationship with God
- Great gift to give for confirmation, birthdays, promotions, and other special occasions within the life of your church
- The words of Jesus in red type
- Limited edition with 7-point type

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Word Count
Territorial Rights **World**

Audio **Refer to Publisher**

Abingdon Press.



ABINGDON PRESS
TITLE INFORMATION
COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE



CEB Deep Blue Kids Bible Ocean Surf Hardcover

Description

Kids will dive deeper into God's Word with this unique and award-winning CEB children's Bible.

This engaging, interactive Bible offers four-color icons and illustrations throughout with a wealth of notes, historical facts, book introductions, devotionals, and other interactive elements to capture inquisitive young minds. The Deep Blue Kids Bible encourages a thirst for God's timeless message as young readers join three life-like kids in discovering the Bible and what it means to their lives. For children 7 to 12.

This new hardback cover in a pleasing Ocean Surf blue will be an excellent addition to any home or church classroom.

Key Features:

- Four-color throughout
- Presentation page
- In-text subject headings
- Bible dictionary
- Eight full-color maps exclusively from National Geographic

Sales Points

- This Bible will nurture the wonder and curiosity of children as they grow to know God's love for them
- The translation helps parents, teachers and children feel comfortable when reading the Bible together
- Four-color throughout to help engage the minds of children 7 to 12
- Great for use in the classroom, sanctuary, and church library.
- 9-point type

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Extent **1472 pages**

Word Count

Territorial Rights **World**

Audio **Refer to Publisher**

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TITLE INFORMATION
COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE



CEB Deep Blue Kids Bible Lighthouse Green

Description

Kids will dive deeper into God's Word with this unique and award-winning CEB children's Bible.

This engaging, interactive, limited edition Bible offers four-color icons and illustrations throughout with a wealth of notes, devotionals, Bible trivia, and other interactive elements to capture inquisitive young minds. The Deep Blue Kids Bible encourages a thirst for God's timeless message as young readers join three life-like kids in discovering the Bible and what it means to their lives.

Other features:

- 4-color throughout
- Presentation page
- In-text subject headings
- Bible dictionary
- Eight full-color maps exclusively from *National Geographic*

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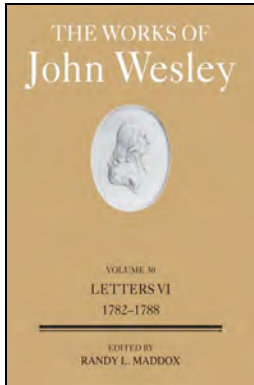
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The Works of John Wesley Volume 30 Letters VI (1782-1788)

Description

Part of the most comprehensive collection of Wesley's writings.

The correspondence presented in this sixth volume of Wesley's letters covers the period when Methodists in North America, by a "strange providence," were severed from their relationship with the Church of England. Wesley made heroic efforts to provide them with ordained clergy and other materials they would need in their life as a "church." It also illuminates the tensions that John's decision to ordain clergy for Methodists outside of England created within his connexion in England—particularly with his brother Charles. The volume includes over 200 items not found in previous editions of Wesley's letters.

All *Works of John Wesley* volumes are designed to keep the pages clean and in place for years to come., with casebound non-cloth hardcover, dust jacket, and secure adhesive binding.

Sales Points

- Gives annotated John Wesley text by renowned Wesley scholars
- The most comprehensive collection of Wesley's writings
- Readers will have access to the best Wesley Text

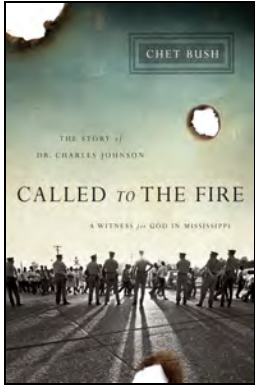
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Called to the Fire A Witness for God in Mississippi; The Story of Dr. Charles Johnson

Description

The last place on earth young Charles Johnson wanted to go was Mississippi during the heat of the civil rights movement.

As the key African American witness to take the stand in the trial famously dubbed the "Mississippi Burning" case by the FBI, Dr. Charles Johnson, a young preacher fresh out of Bible College, became a voice for justice and equality in the segregated south.

Unwittingly thrust into the heart of a national tragedy - the murder of three civil rights activists - Dr. Johnson overcame fear and adversity to become a leader in the civil rights movement. He played a vital role for the Federal Justice Department, offering clarity to the event that led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. And, in a shocking turn of events, Johnson offered a path of reconciliation for one of the convicted killers. A story of love, conviction, adversity, and redemption, *Called to the Fire* is a riveting account of a life in pursuit of the call of God and the fight for justice and equality.

Sales Points

- **Readability:** While this project is a biography in subject matter the tone is conversational, a character trait of African American preaching. Deftly written, literary, and well-paced narrative with wide appeal and writerly grace. At times humorous, the story also calls for moments of solemnity and introspection. The reader will be engaged, entertained, and stirred. A book about a lifestyle of community involvement, a vision for caring for the oppressed.
- *Called to the Fire* will call people to rightly remember a period of our nation's not-too-distant history and demand we take serious the sinister nature of human prejudice and bias against other races and people groups. There continues to be an interest for all things Civil Rights. Each year a new passage of time evokes Americans to remember the struggle in our nation's history.

Author Biography

Chet Bush is a pastor/writer in Oxford, Mississippi. He received a bachelor's degree in Religion from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, TN. He earned the Master of Divinity degree at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, MO. Bush was ordained an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in Houston, Texas, in 2002.

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Doing Justice Together Fresh Expressions Pathways for Healing in Your Church

Description

Transform your church with grace.

Doing Justice Together introduces a process using Scripture as a source of inspiration and instruction for pastors and church people to move through together, to re-envision and reorient themselves away from old, harmful habits. Beck and Hand show pastors how they can, over time, lead the congregation to become a place where racial harmony, justice, and liberation are intrinsic to the structure and life of the church. The authors lay out four pathways for discerning and correcting the unjust patterns that often sneak into church life unnoticed. They also share other leaders' stories from a variety of settings where this process has led to healing, revival, and hope.

Following the pathways, pastors and congregants will be equipped to thoughtfully transform their church. They'll make changes with grace and care, honoring and including longtime members. And they'll begin new ministries—perhaps reaching people they could never have imagined reaching before—becoming a fresh expression of church in their community.

Sales Points

- Provides a model for pastors to use in leading their congregations to become communities where racial equity is a key value and is intrinsic to the structure and life of the church
- Shares, at the end of each chapter, an example written by a pastor or layperson who has used this model in some way; the examples demonstrate that this work is doable and makes a real difference
- Helps conferences to meet an ongoing and deep need, to equip their leaders with a practical tool for change
- Offers very practical, step-by-step instructions and ideas for leaders to use in their congregations as part of their journey along each of the four pathways
- Is not prescriptive or narrow-minded; instead, it guides leaders through the material, helping them to understand more deeply and to adapt the ideas for their own setting

Author Biography

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Michael Adam Beck is senior pastor at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Ocala, FL. He led the process introduced in this book at Wildwood United Methodist Church in Wildwood, Florida. He directs Fresh Expressions Initiatives for Discipleship Ministries, speaks and teaches at seminaries, churches, and conferences, and is the author of several books from Abingdon Press.

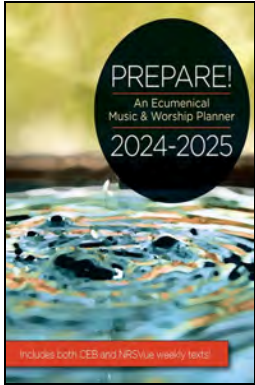
Stephanie Moore Hand (Author)

Stephanie Moore Hand is a dynamic advocate for justice. She draws from experiences as a Fortune 500 executive non-profit leader, in politics, as a Methodist clergy and consultant. Her global speaking engagements equip people to discover God-sized kingdom solutions for a more just and equitable world, "On earth as it is in heaven." She serves as a Vitality Strategist and Emerging Community Pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference.

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Prepare! 2024-2025 CEB/NRSVue Edition An Ecumenical Music & Worship Planner

Description

A weekly worship planning book for pastors and musicians – Refreshed!

New with the 2024-2025 edition! The *Music & Worship Planner* includes both the CEB and NRSVue translations in one planner and added space for notes.

An all-in-one resource that helps both the music director and pastor plan the worship services for each Sunday and holy day of the church year, the 2024-2025 edition of *Prepare!* is lectionary-based and places everything at your fingertips:

- Theme index! Includes themes like assurance, doubt, family, justice, prayer, temptation, and many more
- Scripture Index
- Calendar format that helps you plan the entire choir year, from September through August
- Eight or more suggested hymns for each service keyed to 16 hymnals from at least seven different denominations, including *Africana Hymnal*, *The Baptist Hymnal*, *Chalice Hymnal* (Disciples of Christ), *The Faith We Sing*, *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*, *The Hymnal 1982* (Episcopal), *Hymns for the Family of God*, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, *The New Century Hymnal* (United Church of Christ), *Renew! Songs & Hymns for Blended Worship*, *Songs for Praise and Worship Singalong Edition*, *The United Methodist Hymnal*, *Voices United*, *Worship & Song*, and *Worship III* (Roman Catholic)
- Complete lectionary text of the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings, using the Common English Bible translation
- Reproducible worship planning forms
- Resources for holidays and special days
- Suggestions for prayers, solos, anthems, visuals, and much more

In addition, you will find more:

- Consistent Worship elements
- Content for contemporary worship services
- More innovative worship elements

Sales Points

- New! Space included for user’s notes, along with both Common English Bible and NRSVue translations included
- All-in-one resource for a full year of worship planning, including full lectionary texts for each week
- Customizing the service to meet the needs of a congregation
- Feel empowered in leading meaningful worship services that speaks to your community’s needs
- All-in-one resource for a full year of worship planning, including full lectionary texts for each week (Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel)

Author Biography

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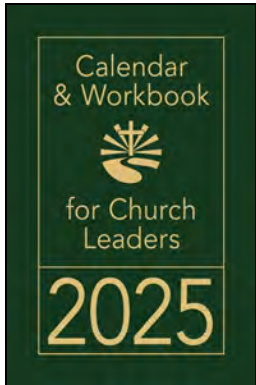
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Calendar & Workbook for Church Leaders 2025

Description

Keep track of appointments and worship plans in one convenient calendar.

The Workbook & Calendar is an enhanced appointment calendar for all church leaders. View appointments for the entire week in one spread with a convenient, stay-flat, spiral binding.

Helpful features—all the information one expects to find in an outstanding calendar:

- Extra space on Sunday to record special details related to worship services, including attendance and offerings.
- A chart of the lectionary readings from the Revised Common Lectionary.
- Liturgical days and colors.
- National days for the United States and Canada.
- Dates for Orthodox Good Friday, Easter, and Pentecost, major Jewish feasts and festivals.
- Beginning and ending dates for Daylight Savings Time.

It also includes a month-at-a-glance section and pages for recording contact information for the current worship team, church leaders, or other groups.

Sales Points

- They will have more time to do the business of living
- By combining a day planner and ministry/worship planner into one resource eliminates the need for several planning/tracking tools
- Helps make informed decisions about church responsibilities no matter experience level
- Having this planner will allow the user to efficiently combine their person and church responsibilities
- Keeps the user organized and efficient

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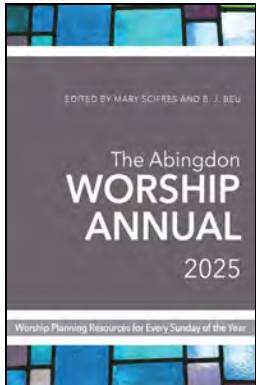
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The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025 Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year

Description

The go-to worship planning resource for all who plan weekly worship.

The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025 is a practical, lectionary-based resource for leaders responsible for planning worship. This thoughtful sourcebook offers a weekly theme with meaningful prayers and fresh litanies following a traditional order of Christian worship: Invitation and Gathering Proclamation and Response Thanksgiving and Communion Sending Forth. Liturgies and prayers are also included for special days, including New Year's Day, Ascension Day, All Saints Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Eve.

The Annual includes helpful reminders for Christian-year planning—including liturgical colors—and a scripture index. The authors also provide in-depth guidance and practical ideas for this new age of worship, helping readers understand and weigh their options for worshipping in digital spaces and unconventional places.

The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025 is a must-have sourcebook offering countless opportunities for planning meaningful and insightful worship.

Sales Points

- NEW! Includes space for the worship planner's own notes
- Pastors and worship planners can use this foundation, adding musical selections and a sermon, to create cohesive and meaningful worship each week
- Time saving
- A variety of worship themes, calls to worship, invocations, prayers, and benedictions
- The worship elements are consistent from week to week

Author Biography

B.J. Beu (Author)

B. J. Beu has served churches in the United Church of Christ for the past twenty years. Beyond his work on this resource, he has contributed sermons to *The Abingdon Preaching Annual*, developed and led worship services for his conference's Annual Gathering, and served on the worship team for the UCC's General Synod in 2013. A graduate of Boston University and Pacific Lutheran University, he is passionate about creative worship, preaching, and advocating for peace and justice. B. J. lives in Laguna Beach, California.

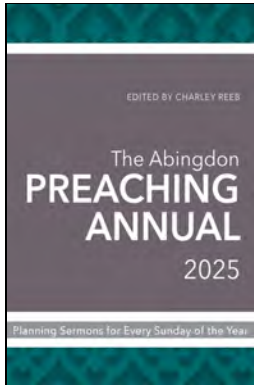
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The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2025 Planning Sermons for Every Sunday of the Year

Description

The local pastor's go-to resource for weekly sermon planning.

The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2025 is Lectionary-based and follows the calendar year (January - December). It includes special days like Maundy Thursday and Ash Wednesday, and indexes for Scriptures and themes, to assist preachers with non-Lectionary sermons.

Each entry begins with a preacher-to-preacher prayer for preparation, then moves to the key feature: a commentary on one or more texts for the week, exploring themes and storylines, theological reflections, and thoughts about how the text and topic relate to our lives today. Also included are ideas for bringing the text to life--stories, illustrations, ideas for further reading, questions the preacher might pose to the congregation, and suggestions for a 'call to action' in response to the message.

Finally, for the preacher's ongoing enrichment, the *Annual* includes excerpts from new books on preaching and homiletics. This helpful resource is written by every-week preachers who aim to come alongside you, offering a reliable starting point for your sermonic planning, writing, and delivery.

Sales Points

- New this year: Space within resources to make notes
- Preachers will deliver sermons with more confidence and enthusiasm
- Written by working preachers
- Designed to spur the preacher's imagination and sermon development
- Additional space allows preachers to make their own notes in the book, to capture their ideas, aiding in the sermon planning process

Author Biography

Charley Reeb is the senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, Florida. He has a passion for preaching and loves helping other preachers hone their craft. He teaches preaching for the Course of Study at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in Atlanta, Georgia, and the License to Preach School for the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church. Charley is the author of *That'll Preach and Say Something*, a contributing writer for *Feasting on the Word*. He has written for *Ministry Matters*, *Preaching Magazine*, and *Leading Ideas*. He is a frequent preacher on the national radio program, *Day1*, and is a popular speaker and presenter at conferences and events.

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