

CMD Ideas August 2016

Books and Websites

Thanks this time for recommendations from Brian Talbot, Gordy Mackay and Jim Purves

Being Disciples

Rowan Williams (SPCK 2016)

A brilliant theological mind sets out his understanding of what it means to follow Jesus today (in a short and very readable form).

Zeal Without Burnout

Christopher Ash (The Good Book Company 2016)

An experienced pastor writes about burnout and how to avoid it in Christian ministry. Full of insight and pearls of practical wisdom.

Soulfulness

Brian Draper (Hodder and Stoughton 2016)

Looks beyond the popular therapeutic practice of mindfulness to explore how the tradition of contemplative prayer can lead us to 'soulfulness.'

The Mind of the Spirit

Craig S Keener (Baker Academic 2016)

Add to your knowledge of Paul's soteriology, Christology and pneumatology a rich exploration of his view of the mind and how it can be renewed by God's Spirit.

Two Useful Web Resources

www.dailydoseofgreek.com

www.dailydoseofhebrew.com

Great websites for anyone wanting to brush up on Biblical languages and keep your knowledge of them fresh, including:

- Videos reviewing the basics of each language
- Sign up for a daily 2 minute video exploring one verse in Greek or Hebrew
- Resources to assist further study of Biblical languages.

Spiritual Development

Thanks to Amanda Quicke for highlighting these resources

For refreshment in the heart of Edinburgh, try the small but welcoming community at **Emmaus House**, who offer spiritual direction and life coaching as well as retreat facilities.

<http://www.emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk/>

Fasting is often a neglected practice – but might it help us to confront our addictions and our stubborn tendency to depend on anything except God alone?

Sacred Space is an accessible and insightful contemplative resource. Available in paperback and Kindle editions, or online.

<http://sacredspace.ie/>

Spiritual friendships are crucial for our growth. When did you last talk with an old friend, a safe and truthful person who knows you from way back?

A Journal and a College Module

Thanks to Ian Birch for commending these

Ministry Today UK

I want to recommend a small but very helpful publication called Ministry Today UK which has articles and book reviews written by ministers on subjects related to ministry, mission and theology and is connected to the College of Baptist Ministers. In particular I find enormously helpful the extensive range of book reviews, and the articles are also very well written.

Chaplaincy Module at Scottish Baptist College

A new blended learning class beginning this autumn developed in partnership with Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland. Details at

<http://scottishbaptistcollege.org/new-class-sbc-chaplaincy-spiritual-care/>

Training Courses and Conferences

Thanks for ideas from Leslie Edge, David Gooding, Muriel Knox, Chris Holden, Jim Purves

Hurt, Healing and Hope Conference

Run by Leslie Edge (Chaplain, Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice)

Guest speaker Dr Bill Webster, author and founder of The Centre for the Grief Journey in Canada.

For any professionals working with individuals and families with a life-limiting illness.

21 September, Harper Memorial Church, Glasgow

More info from Leslie on 0141 429 5599 or

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Supervision And Mission

The Institute of Pastoral Supervision and Reflective Practice

Introductory Workshop exploring pastoral supervision and its place within ministry and mission. Beginning 30 September.

Also other more advanced courses on pastoral supervision. More info at

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vxopbkzm8l7xysi/Glasgow%20Enriching%20Ministry%20Course%20brief.pdf?dl=0> or from michael@ipsrp.org.uk

Counselling

Vital Connexions

Certificate in Couple Counselling, commencing 15 September in Edinburgh

An Introduction to Counselling, especially suitable for people considering embarking on a diploma in counselling, commencing 3-4 March in Edinburgh

More info at www.vitalconnexions.org

Global Leadership Summit

The Willow Creek Association UK and Ireland

Annual worldwide videocast for church leaders pursuing excellence. It promises 'an infusion of vision, inspiration and practical skills to take your leadership from here to there' The stellar array of speakers includes Bill Hybels and Melinda Gates.

3-4 November, Stirling Baptist Church

<http://willowcreek.org.uk/events/gls/>

Catalyst Live

BMS World Mission

For Christian thought-leaders. Short talks by a global mix of Christian thinkers on science, the arts, apologetics, theology and philosophy
16 Nov (Birmingham) or 17 Nov (Reading)

Info <http://bmscatalystlive.com/>

Deeper In, Further Out

Fresh Streams Annual Conference

Leaders of Baptist Churches from around the UK gather for spiritual refreshment through ministry, prayer, worship and teaching . Guest speakers Kate Coleman, Mike Royal and Andy Glover.

9-11 January

<https://freshstreams.net/conferences/conference-2017/>

Scotland's Mental Health First Aid

SMHFA Instructors

An excellent course run at many locations around the country to introduce people to the basics of recognising and supporting people with mental issues. If you were not able to make the SMHFA course we ran at the June Ministry Training Workshops in Stirling you can find a course in your area by visiting

http://www.smhfa.com/find_course/find-a-course.aspx

ASIST

ASIST Instructors

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is intended as 'suicide first-aid' training. ASIST aims to enable helpers (anyone in a position of trust) to become more willing, ready and able to recognise and intervene effectively to help people at risk of suicide.

Judicious googling should enable you to find a course in your area.

