

Christian Nonfiction and Fiction

Easter/Resurrection Sunday is an opportune time to remind you about our collection relating to the Christian faith.

To begin with the library has the Bible in book form, on compact disc, Bible commentaries and concordances, atlases, handbooks and other books to help deepen one's understanding of the most widely read book in the world.

Books by well-known Christian authors such as CS Lewis, Lee Strobel, John MacArthur, Beth Moore, Max Lucado, Joyce Meyer, Anne Graham Lotz, Billie Graham and others dot the shelves in the 200 area of our-nonfiction area. Their books, and others, may be located by using the library's catalog, or by asking the reference staff for assistance.

Non-fiction best-sellers such as *The Purpose Driven Life*, *The Prayer of Jabez*, and *The Five Love Languages* are also in our collection. Beth Moore's latest book *Get Out of That Pit: Straight Talk about God's Deliverance From a Former Pit-Dweller* will arrive soon at the library.

A number of our non-fiction books deal with various aspects Christian conduct from dating: *World Wide Search: The Savvy Christian's Guide to Online Dating* to marriage: *The Complete Book of Christian Wedding Vows* to James Dobson's books on child-rearing.

Gals won't want to miss such books as *I'm Trying to Sit at His Feet, But Who's Going to Cook Dinner* by Cathy Lechner; *Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us From the Inside Out* by Joanna Weaver and Kathy Troccoli's latest *Live Like You Mean It*.

Books specifically for men include *He-Motions: Even Strong Men Struggle* by T.D. Jakes, *No More Christian Nice Guy: Why Being Nice—Instead of Good—Hurts Men, Women and Children* by Paul T. Coughlin and John Eldredge's *Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul*.

The library also carries Stormie Omartian's *The Power of a Praying Husband* and *The Power of a Praying Wife*.

Christian fiction or inspirational fiction has grown in popularity over the years and your library has kept up with this trend. Our shelves are full of books by Karen Kingsbury, Ted Dekker, Francine Rivers, Terri Blackstock, Gilbert Morris, Lori Wick, Mel Odom, Liz Curtis Higgs and Brock Thoene. Christian fiction books range from westerns to mysteries to the ever-popular chick-lit genre. And of course you can find the *Left Behind Series* at your library in book form or audio. Our children's room carries the kid's version of the series.

When you visit your library you will observe that we carry a selection of Christian magazines including *World*, a weekly magazine written with a Christian perspective. Our teen section carries *Brio* for girls and *Breakaway* for guys.

Our mezzanine level contains any number of CD's by such Christian artists as Michael W. Smith, Mary Mary, The Newsboys, Twila Paris, David Crowder Band, Point of Grace, The Crabb Family, Casting Crowns, Cece Winans, Sara Groves, Third Day, the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir and several of the WOW recordings. We also have books with the words and lyrics to hymns and songs.

Enjoy your day with your family and friends today and remember to come and visit your friends at your library soon. We are here for you and may very well have what you are looking for. If we don't, please let us know!

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