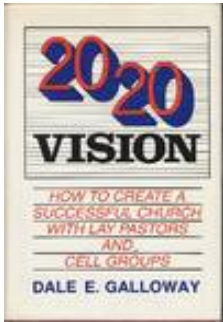
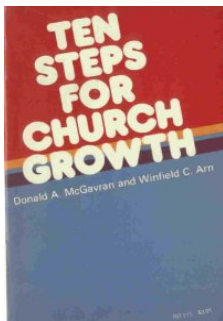


Books Recommended on Healthy Church:

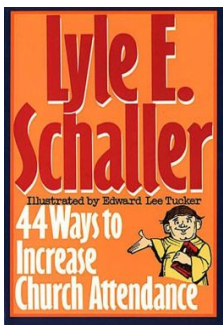


20 20 Vision: How to Create a Successful Church With Lay Pastors and Cell Groups. It was Charles Duell, Director of the United States Patent Office, who said, “Everything that can be invented, has been invented. “What a foolish, limiting concept this man who was in the position of director of the United States Patent Office had. “20/20 Vision” is written for pastors and church leaders who do not want to stop. They want to charge ahead in building God’s church on earth. I believe in the local church and I have written this book for all who have a desire to see their local church experience growth.



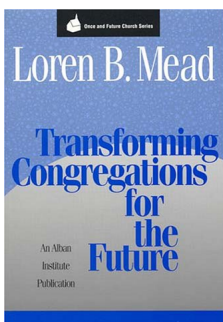
Ten steps for church growth.

At last a book that brings the insights of sound management to the challenge that faces all churches: how to grow and prosper in a secular society. *Ten Steps for Church Growth* shares the techniques of the two leaders of the church growth movement and offers a cornucopia of methods and principles to help each congregation develop its own individual, unique style of outreach.



44 Ways to Increase Church Attendance.

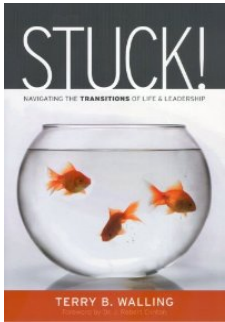
Are you still suffering over the sight of empty pews? Have your efforts been more than exhaustive in expanding your congregation? Have you maximized your brainstorming potential for bringing in new members? If you have reached what appears to be your limit, then no longer fret, *44 Ways To Increase Church Attendance* can open the doors of both your church and mind. With proven techniques for building a body for Christ, church leaders can increase their membership and then free themselves to focus on other important missions for God. Schaller's suggestions will energize leaders and put their churches on the road of abundance.



Transforming Congregations for the Future (Once and Future Church Series)

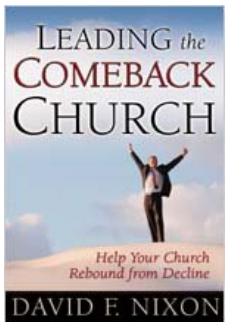
Mead begins by summarizing recent research on American religion in his usual accessible way. The news is bad indeed –what you’ve heard about and things that haven’t even crossed your mind until now. The rest of the book is his call to hope and transformation. It is dotted throughout with gems of practical. A genuinely helpful book.

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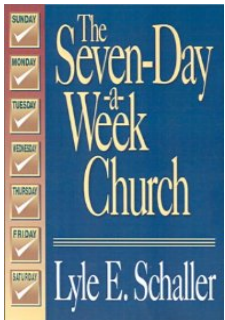
Stuck!

Transitions occur in the lives of all committed Christ followers. They are the moments and days that lie between what is and what is to come. Transitions are in the seam between one development phase and the next. They deepen one's trust and dependency on God and help Christ followers better recognize God's voice and calling in their life. "Stuck!" is about finding God in new ways and discovering his purposes, while at the same time, surviving and navigating through a time of transition.



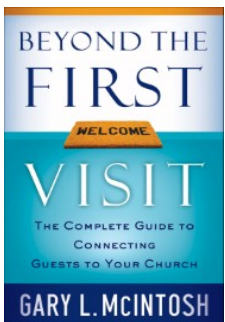
Leading the Comeback Church: Help Your Church Rebound from Decline.

'In this excellent book, Dr. David F. Nixon has captured the heart and story of most local churches. With a real sense of eloquence and yet no holds barred, he has expressed what most pastors deal with in difficult pastoral assignments.' -- Dr. Stan Toler, Author, and Speaker, David F. Nixon led struggling churches to viability after major decline, crisis, or plateau. Six times, he overcame impossibilities in churches where others shook their heads and walked away. In *Leading the Comeback Church*, you'll discover survival skills essential to anticipating, experiencing, leading, and surviving the turnaround church experience. You will learn how to: Lead their church off of a plateau, develop a strategy for growth, overcome financial challenges, break attendance barriers, focus on spiritual growth, and much more.



The Seven-Day-A-Week Church.

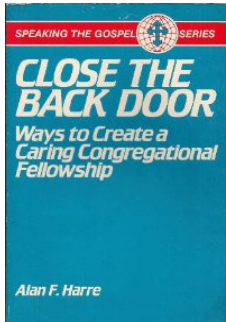
The origins of this volume can be traced back several years to the urgings of friends to write a book on the life and ministry of the very large church. With brilliant insight and engaging description, Schaller reveals key discoveries he has made about the characteristics of megachurches.



Beyond the First Visit: The Complete Guide to Connecting Guests to Your Church.

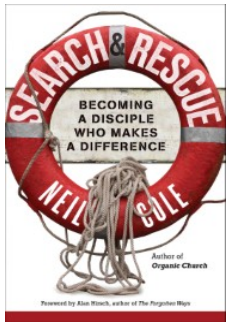
All churches like to think that theirs is the friendliest in town. But do visitors see it that way? Church consultant Gary McIntosh invites readers to take a look at their church through the eyes of visitors and potential visitors. His starting point, grounded in an understanding of God as a "welcomer," is that churches should see those who enter their doors as not merely visitors, but as guests, and themselves as gracious hosts. This practical book offers sound advice on assessing and improving the ways in which churches attract people, welcome them, do follow-up, and bring them into the church family. It also offers suggestions for making a welcoming attitude part of the very fabric of the local church.

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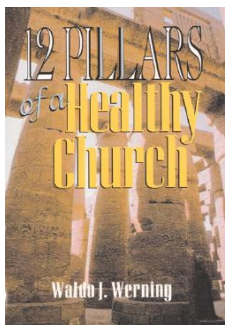
Close the Back Door: Ways to Create a Caring Congregational Fellowship (Speaking the Gospel Series)

Every church has them-inactive members who drop out of church life. Statistics show that more and more individuals every year become "backdoor losses." It's a growing problem. Who are these people? What they really like? Why do they drift away from the Church? How can we reach out to them and bring them back? Dr. Harre uses a great deal of data from a wide variety of sources to help us better understand how a person becomes an inactive member. He provides a "how to" program for training people to call on inactive members. If your congregation is concerned about the loss of precious souls, you'll find the suggestions in Close the Back Door to be well worth your time and attention!



Search & Rescue: Becoming a Disciple Who Makes a Difference.

Christians today are on a rescue mission. Each of us is called to get involved in God's plan to make disciples. A former California lifeguard, Neil Cole weaves together his personal experiences of saving lives with biblical principles for how to make and multiply disciples. Cole shows how to create Life Transformation Groups that can help a Christian grow in a safe and transparent relationship with one or two other spiritual pilgrims. Full of heroic and even humorous stories, Search and Rescue captures readers' imaginations and hearts and doesn't let go until they want to make a difference and know how to go about doing it.

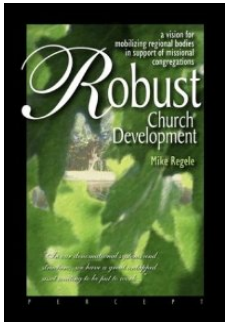


12 Pillars of a Healthy Church

The church world is in transition. Old formulas that were tried and tested over the years do not work any longer. People have put faith in these formulas, and now their faith in church work is shaken. Those who direct the work of the church are looking for answers and direction. Mainline churches and independent churches are having difficulty in ministry. Many people see their church declining in vitality and faith; the vital signs that shake them most are the decline in membership and money.

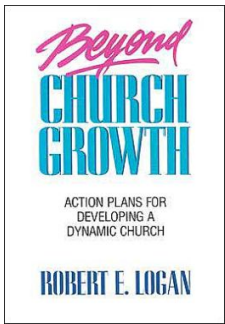
Waldo Werning presents practical ways of addressing these concerns in his book 12 Pillars of a Healthy Church. Taking his cue from the eight quality characteristics of Natural Church Development and the four leading indicators for church health from his earlier book, God Says Move, Werning goes back to the Bible as a practical foundation for these 12 pillars of a healthy church.

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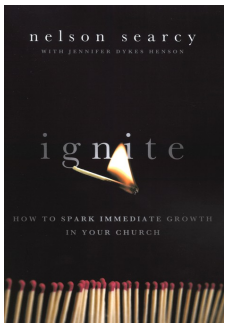
Robust Church Development: A Vision for Mobilizing Regional Bodies in Support of Missional Congregations.

This brief book sets forth the vision, the principles and the practices that, if embraced, will see your regional body on its way to a robust church development effort—one that is effective today and will withstand continuous shifts in the mission environment over time. Percept's 2002 study of church development activity in U.S. denominations found surprisingly little evidence of focused, effective work. Yet, hidden in the research, a path to effectiveness was discovered in what we call the 10 Best Practices—those development activities that most positively correlate to success.



Beyond Church Growth.

What goals has your leadership team set for your church's future? A 20 percent increase in your attendance? To double your present membership? What about planting new churches in neighboring communities and beyond? Robert Logan extends to you this exhortation: "If we take seriously the message of Ephesians 3, here's the exiting news: Our cup can never be too large to contain the blessing that God is able to pour upon us. The promise is that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine."



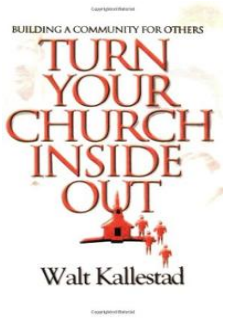
Ignite: How to Spark Immediate Growth in Your Church.

Ignite is the ultimate how-to book for church leaders who want to reach more people for Jesus Christ. Pastor and founder of Church Leader Insights, Nelson Searcy, will provide practical, inventive guidelines for bringing first-time guests through the doors.

This book sets forth a step-by-step, biblically grounded, proven plan for creating immediate church growth by utilizing a "Big Day" to mobilize the church for evangelism. This user-friendly guide will show church leaders what they need to do to reach the unchurched in their communities and break through the debilitating growth barriers that are holding them back.

Through the inspiration of testimonies and stories, combined with the down-to-earth, applicable teaching that Searcy readers have come to expect and appreciate, *Ignite* will give church leaders the tools they desperately need to reach and keep modern-minded, unchurched people to create and sustain growth momentum.

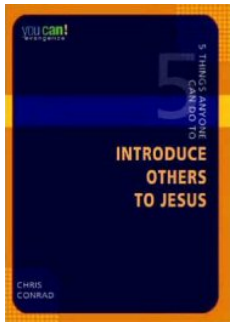
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Turn Your Church Inside Out: Building a Community for Others.

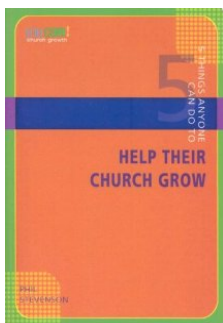
Drawing on his experience as pastor of one of the largest and fastest-growing congregations in America, Walt Kallestad envisions the church as a mission center—committed to reaching out to others through evangelism and service. Kallestad combines timeless biblical principles with the latest leadership and communication skills to show how pastors and lay leaders can: --develop a dynamic congregation open to change --motivate staff and members for innovation and creativity --make a positive difference in their communities.

Pastors and lay leaders alike will discover inspiring ideas and practical tools to enable them to move forward with courage, commitment, and creativity.



5 Things Anyone Can Do To Introduce Others To Jesus (You Can!)

Many people feel intimidated by the prospect of talking about their faith with someone else. With warmth and humor, Chris Conrad demonstrates that everyone can be involved in sharing the good news with others. This simple, easy-to-use resource will equip you to identify those who are outside a relationship with Jesus Christ, intercede for spiritual awareness in other's lives, interest your life with others who need Christ, invite others to consider a relationship with Jesus Christ, and so much more!

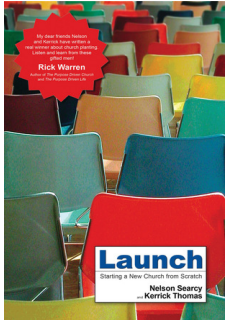


5 Things Anyone Can Do to Help Their Church Grow (You Can!)

Many people feel the work of church growth is orchestrated and completed by the pastoral staff alone. Experienced church grower Phil Stevenson reminds us that anyone can (and should) help their church grow. This simple, easy-to-use resource will equip you to get people in, get people back, get people to stay, get people to grow, and get people to go.

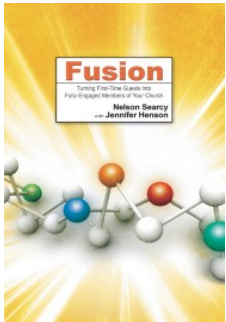
You Can! books encourage and equip believers to fulfill the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment.

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Launch: Starting a New Church from Scratch

Starting a church from scratch? Start here! This is no typical “church planting” or “church growth” book. The authors, both pastors at The Journey Church of the City in Manhattan, offer specific strategies for beginning a church from scratch, based on their own experiences in launching a church with no members, no money and no staff—and watched membership skyrocket to more than a thousand people in three years! They offer clear, practical how-to strategies for quickly raising funds, creating a team, planning services, effective evangelism and rapidly developing a growing membership. Specific advice is included for reaching that often difficult-to-target demographic, the 20- to 40-year-old. You’ll also get an insider’s look at The Journey Church of the City as a model for church planting. The helpful strategies here will help you remove many of the barriers, questions and doubts encountered in starting a church from scratch. If these principles work in NYC, they’ll work for you!



Fusion: Turning First-Time Guests into Fully-Engaged Members of Your Church.

Creating an environment that both embraces our newcomers and excites them enough to return does not happen by chance. We must be prepared to be effective stewards of those God brings us. And why shouldn't the Church be the epitome of service at its best, as modeled by the greatest server of all time? Built on The Journey Church of the City's Assimilation Seminar, *Fusion* embodies a step-by-step, biblically-grounded, tested and proven plan for establishing a relationship with newcomers that ultimately prompts them to become fully developing members of our congregations. This innovative, practical guide is full of how-to information, testimonials from the recently assimilated and from participating church leaders, examples of the assimilation materials used and check points to make sure the reader is on track. Engaging, informative and immediately applicable, here is help for setting newcomers on the path toward true life transformation and spiritual maturity.



Sticky Church (Leadership Network Innovation Series)

In *Sticky Church*, author and pastor Larry Osborne makes the case that closing the back door of your church is even more important than opening the front door wider. He offers a time-tested strategy for doing so: sermon-based small groups that dig deeper into the weekend message and tightly velcro members to the ministry. It's a strategy that enabled Osborne's congregation to grow from a handful of people to one of the larger churches in the nation---without any marketing or special programming. *Sticky Church* tells the inspiring story of North Coast Church's phenomenal growth and offers practical tips for launching your own sermon-based small group ministry.