

Outreach & Evangelism Resources

We've assembled a list of some great resources on outreach and evangelism to encourage and guide you. Keep in mind, no one resource has all the answers, and every relationship and situation may be different. With humility, grace, and patience, keep learning, praying, and living each day looking for opportunities the Spirit presents...

Websites

- **apologetics.com** (www.apologetics.com) – a site that provides resources and answers to common questions that skeptics raise about Christianity.
- **Josh McDowell's Answers to Skeptics** (www.josh.org/resources/apologetics) – this site provides resources and articles that equip you to understand how your faith is both relevant and credible.
- **Veritas** (www.veritas.org) – a site focused on digging deeper into life's questions, placing the historic Christian faith in dialogue related to multiple topics and inviting people to pursue truth together.
- **Relevant Magazine** (www.relevantmagazine.com) – a multimedia resource targeted toward twenty and thirty somethings culture, helping them understand how a relationship with God is relevant to every aspect of our lives.
- **Christian Research Institute** (www.equip.org) – a site that provides Christians with carefully researched information and well-reasoned answers to encourage intelligent representation of faith.
- **LHN Learning Library** (www.lhm.org/learn/outreach-essentials) – a site from Lutheran Hour Ministries that provides free resources and online courses related to sharing your faith and understanding outreach best practices for your community.
- **Spiritual First Aid** (www.spiritualfirstaidhub.com) – a resource of Wheaton College's Humanitarian Institute providing a biblically based approach to spiritual and emotional care for people impacted through crisis.

Books

- ***How Good is Good Enough*** (Andy Stanley, 2004) – in this classic, quick reading book we find out why Jesus didn't teach goodness as a requirement for heaven leading believers and skeptics alike to a grateful awareness of God's enormous grace and mercy.
- ***Letters from a Skeptic*** (Greg Boyd, 2008) – this book was developed from a series of letters between the author and his father, who was a skeptic. It tackles the big questions asked by skeptics, such as "Couldn't it all be by chance?" and "Why trust the gospel accounts?"
- ***The Art of Neighboring*** (Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon, 2012) – this book explores the question of how we begin to intentionally and authentically reach out to the people in our lives with the hope of the Gospel.

- ***The Case for Christ*** (Lee Strobel, 2013) – part of the *Case For* series books for anyone who wants to learn how to thoughtfully engage people with “roadblocks” keeping them from faith in Christ.
- ***Good Faith*** (David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons, 2016) – this book based on groundbreaking Barna research explores timely topics like politics, sexuality, race, gender, and religious freedom helping Christians understand what they believe and how to start having meaningful conversations about tough issues, while responding with compassion and clarity.
- ***Slow Kingdom Coming*** (Kent Annan, 2016) – all Christians are called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly in the world – even when we’re worn out, discouraged, and fearful. This book shares practices that will guide you and strengthen you on this journey of perseverance until God’s kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.
- ***The Nine Arts of Spiritual Conversations*** (Mary Schaller and John Crilly, 2016) – drawing from recent research and close study of the life and ministry of Jesus, this book offers simple practices to help build relationships with people who believe differently and safe spaces to have spiritual dialogue.
- ***The Ministry of Ordinary Places*** (Shannan Martin, 2018) – for Christ-followers in a complicated world, it can be overwhelming to live a life of intention and meaning. This book teaches us to pay attention, show up, and commit for the long haul as we learn what it is to be with people as Jesus was, which in turn helps us find our life adventures in the quiet and ordinary.
- ***Confronting Christianity*** (Rebecca Mclaughlin, 2019) – armed with the latest research, careful biblical study, and personal stories this book helps explore today’s serious questions that seem to prevent many from putting their faith in Christ.
- ***The Reluctant Witness*** (Don Everts, 2019) – as society gets more polarized, our circles are actually shrinking, which makes many of us reluctant to share our faith. Through personal stories and critical community research, this book offers fresh insights and best practices for discovering the delight in fruitful everyday conversations.
- ***Placed for a Purpose*** (Chris and Elizabeth McKinney, 2020) – this book provides a theologically rich framework for neighboring that helps people live life on mission right where God has placed them. Full of practical tools and a sustainable vision for investing in your community and building gospel-motivated relationships with the people right next door.
- ***B.L.E.S.S.*** (Dave and John Ferguson, 2021) – for most Christians “evangelism” is a scary word, despite our desire to share the transformation of God’s love we’ve experienced with others. This book expounds on the five simple, straightforward practices mentioned in our Outreach and Evangelism Temperature Gauge, to help you share your faith with friends, neighbors, and coworkers in a more authentic way.

If you need further assistance or have additional questions, please contact the church office. We’re here to help as you learn to live life on mission at work, play, and in your neighborhood.