



# Be RESOURCE-ful



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## **BETTY'S BYLINE**

### **NO WORD FOR IT!**

In the greatest period of Greek history when beauty and intelligence were at their zenith, there was no word for happiness!

The word nearest in meaning to happiness translates: "To work in a worthy cause to a constructive end."

Happiness does not come from external things. It has to come from within, from doing whatever you can to the fullest extent of your ability for the benefit of your fellowman.

Wishing you a happy - and blessed - new year!

### **GET STARTED...**

You can start to spread a little of that happiness by providing refugee kits for distribution by Church World Service. Contact Jamie Roth at 215-284-1923 (cell) or 717-871-4244 (home) for more information. You can also contact CWS on the internet: [www.churchworldservice.org/kits/index.html](http://www.churchworldservice.org/kits/index.html). This sounds like a great mission project for any group in your church: Sunday School class, women's or men's group, youth group, etc.

### **COMING SOON!**

Lent is just around the corner. "Surely the Lord Is in This Place", the 2008 Lenten devotional guide produced by "Presbyterians Today" is available to order from Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS). The guide is included in the current issue of the magazine. It is a wonderful resource to make available to members of your church family. It contains daily meditations, suggestions for family worship and daily Scripture readings and prayers. It can be ordered in bulk

by calling PDS at 1-800- 524-2612. The cost : 1-9: \$3.00, 10-99 is \$1.50, 100-249 is \$1.25, 250 or more is \$1.00.

### **EDUCATORS - Take a Look!**

The Eastern Region of APCE ( Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) is holding its annual gathering in Chambersburg. at the Rhodes Grove Camp and Conference Center, on April 28-30. The theme is "Surrounded by the Psalms: Prayer, Self-Care and Sabbath". The emphasis will be on rest and renewal. First-time attendees are eligible for scholarships. Refer requests to Florence Ditko, treasurer, at [fadramseypc@aol.com](mailto:fadramseypc@aol.com) Contact me for registration information.

\* Interested in exploring the possibilities of becoming a certified Christian educator? The Resource Center has information on the how-tos.

### **IF YOU MISSED THIS...**

A recent memo from the presbytery office to all churches informed everyone of the change in procedure for obtaining or continuing the video licensing for public viewing, which is available from CVLI (Christian Video Licensing International). If your church is currently licensed, it will receive a bill for this year directly from CVLI, not from the presbytery, as has been the practice in past years. Any church wishing to begin this service needs to contact David Wrightman at CVLI: 1-800-462-8855 x3011.

### **IT'S HERE!**

The DVD presenting highlights of the 2007 Triennium has arrived. Scenes of this fantastic youth event held last July at Purdue feature the worship, the fun, the people and the Spirit of the event. It is a great tool to help interpret Triennium, and the youth ministry in the Presbyterian

Church, to your congregation. It's none too soon to create interest in the 2010 Triennium - it would be wonderful to send even more youth from our presbytery next time!

### **A SUPER PROJECT!**

Sunday, February 3, features more than just a football game. It's also SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY. Here's an opportunity to aid those less-fortunate who need assistance with food. Ask members of your congregation to donate either (or both) cans of soup and/or monetary contributions to your local food bank and/or the presbytery hunger program. Your youth group, Sunday School class, or other small group could be the organizer. Full information has been sent to every church by our presbytery Hunger Enabler, Rick Schmidt.

### **WHAT'S NEW AT THE CENTER?**

#### **Education/Nurture**

**RUNNING ON EMPTY:** Contemplative Spirituality for Overachievers - Fil Anderson Waterbrook Press 203pp  
Helps stop living for God and begin living with God. Not a journey away from the world, but toward a satisfying and authentic life of faith in the world. Learn how to practice a variety of spiritual disciplines to experience the deeper joy of being with your loving, caring God. A wonderful resource for Lent. (A)

**WAY TO LIVE:** Christian Practices for Teens - Donna C. Bass & Don C. Richter Upper Room 310pp  
Start teens on a journey of a lifetime. 18 teens and 18 adults tackle the question: Do you know a way to live that keeps me involved in what God is doing in me and in the world around me? Learn how to

deepen an awareness of God's presence in our lives today as you discover how to use your imagination and practice tuning into God. (Y)

**PRACTICING DISCERNMENT WITH YOUTH:** A Transformational Youth Ministry Approach - David F. White Pilgrim Press 209pp  
White describes a place where youth (and adults) can together discover (or rediscover) for themselves and their church incarnational discipleship as a way of life. Calls for congregations to engage their young people in practices of discernment that involve the gifts and problems of their unique context. (Y/A)

**CONTEMPLATIVE YOUTH MINISTRY AND PRACTICING the PRESENCE of JESUS** - Mark Yanconelli Zondervan 251pp (Y/A)  
Gives principles and practices to soak in God's grace, love and power. Filled with honest stories of different kinds of youth ministries representing the breadth of Christianity in the U.S.A. More than the same old tips and tricks of youth ministry.

**FIRST BOOK OF CREATIVE RHYTHMS** - Rosanna B. Saffran Holt, Rinehart & Winston, Inc. 152pp  
Helps teachers give systematic direction to creative activities in the classroom, developing natural body responses. Valuable in helping develop a variety of educational objectives: active listening habits, independent thought, language ability and concepts, muscular growth and coordination, musical insights, incorporate values, initiative, achieve a measure of success, lose inhibitions, outlet for pent-up energy, self-discovery, relaxation and enjoyment. (C/Y)



THE OUTRAGEOUS IDEA OF ACADEMIC FAITHFULNESS: A Guide for Students  
Donald Opitz & Derek Melleby  
Brazos Press 144pp

Gives the student who is making the transition from high school to college valuable tools and insights in how to avoid the common landmines that rip up one's faith. It will tickle, inspire, challenge and encourage the reader. (Y/YA)  
Gift of Hearts & Minds Book Store - thanks

CAMP DONEGAL CURRICULUM - 2004-2006

Looking for some great ideas for VBS , after school program or Sunday School? Here are some tried-and-true ideas using multiple intelligences - ideally suited for the rotation model, but not exclusive to it. THEMES: OUT OF THE DEEP-THE STORY OF JONAH, WHAT'S YOUR SUPER POWER? - A STUDY OF BIBLICAL SUPER HEROES, and GOT FRUIT? THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT.

THE ULTIMATE GIFT - DVD 117 minutes

20th Century Fox  
Engaging, heartwarming story that tells about a young man of privilege who goes on an improbable journey that challenges him to grow as a man. His life-changing experiences help him discover the real meaning of wealth. Comes with a Bible study guide. Need a CVLI license to use for a public viewing. (I)

SIMPLY ENOUGH: Alternatives for Simple Living DVD 71 min.  
Straight talk from Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne on simple, just living. This dialogue about the foundations of Christian life and voluntary simplicity, has current relevance to the yearnings of today's Christian. 6-12 minute segments, founded in Scripture - especially the

words of Jesus. For individual use or in small groups. Study/action guide included (11 pp - reproducible) Another idea for Lent. (A)

BEACH PARTY: Surfing Through the Scriptures - VBS starter kit Cokesbury  
Includes leaders' guides for all aspects of the program. music, sound effects and storyteller's CDs, sample student books for 5 age levels and many other samples. Stories include: Gideon, David, plus New Testament: Unforgiving Servant parable, woman healed , Jesus and Thomas. (I)

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF HA'S - DVD, 49 min. Big Idea  
A Veggie Tale that reminds kids everywhere that there's nothing like forgiveness - and there's no place like home. (C)

TRASH ARTISTS WORKSHOP - Linda Allison Pitman Learning, Inc. 90pp  
More than 50 craft projects using every conceivable throw-away item and salvageable scrap. For elementary age kids with minimum adult supervision.

NOTE: The November/December issue of HORIZONS has a great article: "RAISING CHILDREN, GROWING OURSELVES" by DeeDee Resher

### Mission

GHOST TOWN: Israel's Separation Policy and Forced Eviction of Palestinians from the Center of Hebron - Ofir Feuerstein - Association for Civil Rights in Israel, 107pp  
Segregation - both physically and by law. Israel's principle of segregation is discriminatory and results in protracted and severe harm to Palestinians. (A)



## Theology

**WHY JESUS MAKES ME NERVOUS: 10 Alarming Words of Faith** Joy Jordon-Lake Paraclete Press 159pp  
Strips away the cliches and church bulletin nostrums and exposes the honest, challenging, comforting - and sometimes alarming - claims that are at the center of Jesus' life and teachings. When Jesus truly makes you nervous, He is worth living and dying for and becomes the greatest source of meaning and purpose in life imaginable. (A)

**GREAT THEMES OF THE BIBLE -vol. 2** Sarah S. Henrich Westminster/John Knox 152pp  
Traces the understanding of important themes of the Bible and demonstrates the importance for Christian life today. Key themes include: faith, justice, love, prayer and resurrection found in both the Old and New Testaments. Discussion questions at end of each chapter. For lay individual and group study. W (A)

**JESUS, the GOSPELS, and CINEMATIC IMAGINATION** - Jeffrey L. Staley & Richard Walsh, Westminster/John Knox, 179pp  
Movies about the life of Jesus are a fascinating way to consider how the Gospels present an image and narrative of Him. 18 popular Jesus movies are summarized, showing exactly where each movie parallels the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life. (Y/A)

**HEARING A FILM, SEEING A MOVIE: Preaching and Popular Movies** - Timothy B. Cargal, Westminster/John Knox 184pp  
Teaches pastors some of the basics of interpreting films so that they can integrate insights about popular films into their preaching. Several sample sermons included. (A)

**SPEAKING CONFLICT: Stories of a Controversial Jesus** - David Buttrick Westminster/John Knox 240pp  
Thorough treatment of hard-to-preach biblical texts, helping pastors confront and respond to anti-Judaism in the Gospels, correcting long-standing biases. Sample sermons included. (A)

**HELPMATES, HARLOTS and HEROES: Women's Stories in the Hebrew Bible** - Alice O. Bellis Westminster/John Knox 296pp (second edition)  
Shows how different feminist and womanist scholars have interpreted Old Testament texts - ones that have profoundly affected how women understand themselves. Study questions and bibliography included. (A)

**WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN WORLD-VIEW ? Basics of the Reformed Faith** - Philip G. Ryken P & R Publishing 48pp  
Reveals the basis of the Christian worldview and describes how it affects one's view of God, creation, the family, work, the arts and other issues. An excellent orientation for inquirers - a masterful primer. (A)

## Women

**IN QUEST of the LEAST COIN: A Personal Report on a Shining Example of International Giving** - Grace Nies Flichter William Morrow & Co. 191 pp  
Organized by magnanimous Christian women of Asia, this project, to which 12 Christian women contributed, along with their prayers and the smallest coin of the country. Over the years, millions have contributed to the fund - which aids many philanthropic projects around the world. A gift from Kris Gerling - thanks!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - March 8**