

## Presbyterian Youth Ministry Collection additions to the Hewitson Library December 2013

**Title:** Connect : real relationships in a world of isolation / Jonathan McKee.

**Author:** [McKee, Jonathan R. \(Jonathan Ray\), 1970-](#)

**Publisher:** El Cajon, CA : Youth Specialties ; Grand Rapids, MI : Zondervan, c2009.

**ISBN:** 9780310287773 (pbk.)



'In an age where teenagers are deeply engaged in virtual communities and social networks, they're still feeling alone and isolated. It may sound all too simple, but the truth is that you have the opportunity to make a profound impact on the lives of students with the simple act of spending time with them, one-on-one. Whether you're a volunteer or the lead youth pastor, getting some students to open up and share their lives can be a challenge. In this practical book you'll learn the importance of connecting with students on an individual basis and get helpful ideas on how to engage a variety of students in meaningful dialogue. You'll explore and learn more about connecting with six different types of students, including: \* The 'No Way' Kid \* The 'Not Interested' Kid \* The 'Checking Things Out Kid' \* The 'Stagnant' Kid \* The 'Growing' Kid \* The 'Looking for Ministry' Kid Connect will walk you through the steps to lead you into relationships with students that go beyond the youth room and impact them into adulthood.'

**Title:** Dreaming of more for the next generation : lifetime faith ignited by family ministry / Michelle Anthony.

**Author:** [Anthony, Michelle.](#)

**Publisher:** Colorado Springs : David C Cook, 2012.

**ISBN:** 9781434700162



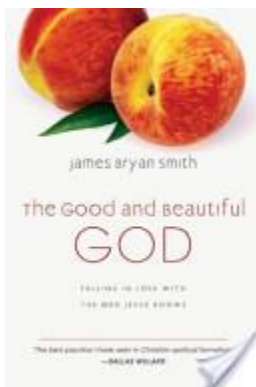
Filled with stories from one ministry professional to another, *Dreaming of More for the Next Generation* includes practical ways to equip parents to partner with the church in faith formation, inspiration and ideas for incorporating remembrance and celebration, creative ways to motivate children and teenagers to step out of their comfort zones and rely on the Holy Spirit, and insight into how God uses each person's life as part of a unique story that is told throughout the generations.

**Title:** The good and beautiful God : falling in love with the God Jesus knows / James Bryan Smith.

**Author:** [Smith, James Bryan.](#)

**Publisher:** Downers Grove, Ill. : IVP Books, c2009.

**ISBN:** 9780830835317 (cloth : alk. paper)



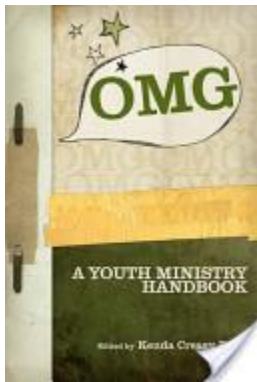
"God wants me to try harder." "God blesses me when I'm good and punishes me when I'm bad." "God is angry with me." We all have ideas that we tell ourselves about God and how he works in our lives. Some are true—but many are false. James Bryan Smith believes those thoughts determine not only who we are, but how we live. In fact, Smith declares, the most important thing about a person is what they think about God. The path to spiritual transformation begins here. Turning to the Gospels, Smith invites you to put your ideas to the test to see if they match up with what Jesus himself reveals about God. Once you've discovered the truth in Scripture, Smith leads you through a process of spiritual formation that includes specific activities aimed at making these new narratives real in your body and soul as well as your mind. At the end of each chapter you'll find an opportunity for soul training, engaging in spiritual practices that reinforce the biblical messages on your mind and heart. Because the best way to make a complete and lasting change is to go through the

material in community, small group discussion questions also accompany each chapter. Those who are leading apprentice groups will also find additional help and opportunities to interact with other leaders at the Apprentice website, [www.apprenticeofjesus.com](http://www.apprenticeofjesus.com). This deep, loving and transformative book will help you discover the narratives that Jesus lived by—to know the Lord he knew and the kingdom he proclaimed—and to practice spiritual exercises that will help you grow in the knowledge of our good and beautiful God.

**Title:** OMG : a youth ministry handbook / Kenda Creasy Dean, editor ; with Roland Martinson ... [et al.].

**Publisher:** Nashville, Tenn. : Abingdon Press, c2010.

**ISBN:** 9781426700088 (pbk. : alk. paper)



"Most contemporary young people operate far enough from Moses' moral compass that it never occurs to them that "OMG" ("oh my God," in teenspeak) has anything to do with the Ten Commandments, much less that it breaks one of them. After all, the phrase is a nearly ubiquitous adolescent throw-away line...Yet Christians should hear the phrase "oh my God" differently. Youth ministers, parents, teachers--anyone who has ever loved an adolescent--know that "OMG" can be a prayer, a plea, a petition, a note of praise, or an unbidden entreaty that escapes our lips as we seek Christ for the young people we love." from the book

Using six lens the authors detail current practices and tease out underlying questions as youth ministry becomes more self-consciously aligned with practical theology.

Contributors include: Kenda Creasy Dean, Mike Carotta, Roland Martinson, Rodger Nishioka, Don Richter, Dayle Gillespie Rounds, and Amy Scott Vaughn.

**Title:** The road trip that changed the world : the unlikely theory that will change how you view culture, the church, and most importantly, yourself / Mark Sayers.

**Author:** [Sayers, Mark.](#)

**Publisher:** Chicago : Moody Publishers, c2012.

**ISBN:** 9780802409317



What if the problem is us? Sixty years ago a goatee beard would have gotten you beat up in a lot of places. Chin fuzz was the symbol of the Beats or Beatniks, a mid-century, marginal group who pioneered a new kind of lifestyle. Their approach to life was hedonistic, experiential, fluid, and individualistic. Their contradictory approach to spirituality combined a search for God with a search for 'kicks'.

In 1947, these Beatnik heroes set out on a road trip across America re-writing the "life-script" of all future generations. Theirs was a new kind of lifestyle for a secular age. Their lives then (like so many of our lives now) were built upon experience, pleasure, mobility and self-discovery. They would also model a new approach to faith: desiring Christ, while still pursuing a laundry list of vices. Yet this dream would turn into a nightmare and the open road would lead back to an ancient half-forgotten path.

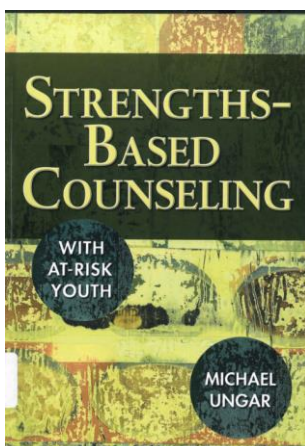
This was a path trodden by millions of feet over thousands of years. It was a path that began with a single step of faith as a pilgrim named Abraham stepped away from a cynical culture. A path of devotion that would lead to a cross on a hill named Golgotha.

**Title:** Strengths-based counseling with at-risk youth / Michael Ungar.

**Author:** [Ungar, Michael, 1963-](#)

**Publisher:** Thousand Oaks, Calif. : Corwin Press, c2006.

**ISBN:** 1412928192 (cloth)



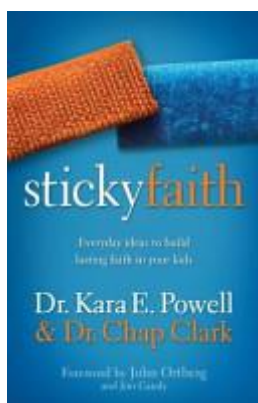
This resource offers counselling strategies to promote adolescents' overlooked strengths and create healthy alternatives to problem behaviours such as bullying, drug use, violence, and promiscuity

**Title:** Sticky faith : everyday ideas to build lasting faith in your kids / Kara E. Powell & Chap Clark.

**Author:** [Powell, Kara Eckmann, 1970-](#)

**Publisher:** Grand Rapids, Mich. : Zondervan, c2011.

**ISBN:** 9780310329329



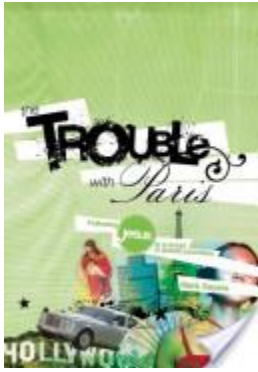
Most parents would give anything to anchor their children with a vibrant faith that 'sticks' and continues to mature long-term. Yet despite this deep desire, research indicates that approximately 40-50% of high school seniors drift from their faith after graduation. In response to this problem, the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) has launched the College Transition Project, a national longitudinal study following 400 high school seniors during their first three years in college. This provocative and needed research is geared to spark a movement that empowers parents, churches, leaders, and adults of all ages to develop robust and long-term faith in kids.

**Title:** The trouble with Paris : following Jesus in a world of plastic promises / Mark Sayers.

**Author:** [Sayers, Mark.](#)

**Publisher:** Nashville, Tenn. : T. Nelson, c2008.

**ISBN:** 9780849919992



Doesn't everyone want the good life these days? Our shopping mall world offers us a never-ending array of pleasures to explore. Consumerism promises us a vision of heaven on earth—a reality that's *hyper-real*. We've all experienced hyperreality: a candy so 'grape-ey' it doesn't taste like grapes any more; a model's photo so manipulated that it doesn't even look like her; a theme park version of life that tells us we can have something better than the real thing. But what if this reality is not all that it's cracked up to be? Admit it, we've been ripped off by our culture and its version of reality that leaves us lonely, bored, and trapped. But what's the alternative?

In *The Trouble With Paris*, pastor Mark Sayers shows us how the lifestyles of most young adults (19-35) actually work *against* a life of meaning and happiness to sabotage their faith. Sayers shows how a fresh understanding of God's intention for our world is the true path to happiness, fulfillment, and meaning.

**Title:** The vertical self / Mark Sayers.

**Author:** [Sayers, Mark.](#)

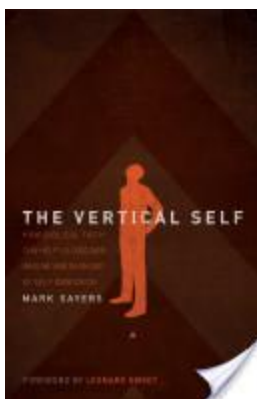
**Publisher:** Nashville, Tenn. : Thomas Nelson, c2010.

**ISBN:** 9780849920004 (pbk.)

**Title:** What is youth work? / [edited by] Janet Batsleer and Bernard Davies.

**Publisher:** Exeter : Learning Matters, 2010.

**ISBN:** 9781844454662 (pbk.)



Welcome to the 21st century where you can now purchase and exchange personalities, depending on mood and circumstance; where you are told that you can be anyone you want to be, and identity is no longer based in a sense of self but rather in the imagery you choose at that moment.

The Bible contains a radically different way of understanding our identity. The path that God has chosen for us to discover who we really are is the path of holiness. The most exciting thing is that this path is not for otherworldly saints, rather it is a path of earthy, gutsy holiness. It's a path that is not about basing your life on this world or of shunning your desires. Instead, it is about bringing your hopes, your dreams, your brokenness, your desires, your humanness under the Lordship of Christ. By doing this we don't just discover a new way of living out our faith, we discover a liberating, revolutionary, life-embracing way of being truly human.

**Title:** Youth and the law : a comprehensive guide to the law relating to young people from birth to adulthood.

**Publisher:** Wellington [N.Z.] : Educational Resources, c2010.

**ISBN:** 9780473161385 (pbk.)

