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Christian Caregiving, a Way of Life Leader's guide [Augsburg Books](#) **This complete leader's guide makes it easy to use Dr. Haugk's practical book to build community and train church members in distinctively Christian caring and relating skills. Christian Caregiving-a Way of Life When and how to Use Mental Health Resources A Guide for Stephen Ministers, Stephen Leaders, and Church Staff Speaking the Truth in Love How to be an Assertive Christian Military Chaplains' Review Antagonists in the Church [Augsburg Books](#) **This study guide enables church boards, study groups, clergy convocations and other groups to discuss key questions, share experiences, and learn valuable skills for dealing with antagonism. Ministry with the Forgotten Dementia through a Spiritual Lens [Abingdon Press](#) **Dementia diseases represent a crisis of faith for many family members and congregations. Magnifying this crisis is the way people with dementia tend to be objectified by both medical and religious communities. They are recipients of treatment and projects for mission. Ministry is done to and for them rather than with them. While acknowledging the devastation of dementia diseases, Ken Carder draws on his own experience as a caregiver, hospice chaplain, and pastoral practitioner to portray the gifts as well as the challenges accompanying dementia diseases. He confronts the deep personal and theological questions created by loving people with dementia diseases, demonstrating how living with dementia can be a means of growing in faith, wholeness, and ministry for the entire community of faith. He also reveals that authentic faith transcends intellectual beliefs, verbal affirmations, and prescribed practices. Carder asserts that the Judeo-Christian tradition offers a broader lens, defining******

personhood in relationship to God's story and humanity's participation in God's mighty acts of creation and new creation; thereby contributing to hope, community, and self-worth. Pastors and congregations will be better equipped to minister with people affected by dementia, receiving their gifts and responding to their unique needs. They will learn how people with dementia contribute to the community and the church's life and mission, discovering practical ways those contributions can be identified, nurtured, and incorporated into the church's life and ministry. **What Are Spiritual Gifts? Rethinking the Conventional View** [Kregel Publications](#) Many Christians have tried to discover their spiritual gifts only to find the process frustrating and complicated. Rarely in our search do we actually ask what should be our central question: What are spiritual gifts? Kenneth Berding believes we have misunderstood spiritual gifts, which has led to a misguided search. His convincing and readable study suggests that the Holy Spirit does not give special abilities (the conventional view), but rather calls us and places us into various ministries to build up and strengthen the body of Christ. - Back cover. **Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart How to Relate to Those who are Suffering Walking in the Spirit** [Crossway](#) Walking in the Spirit is a journey into what the Bible teaches about life in the Holy Spirit. Author Kenneth Berding uses the apostle Paul and his words in Romans 8 to model what it looks like to live both empowered and set free by the Spirit. Written at an accessible level, Berding speaks to a wide audience as he seeks to connect readers to the life of the Spirit. His practical guide covers a variety of topics, showing readers how to set their minds on the things of the Spirit, put to death the deeds of the body, be led by the Spirit, know the fatherhood of God, and hope and pray in the Spirit. Berding applies the Bible to life through many of his own personal experiences, helping readers make connections to their own spiritual journeys. Discussion questions for each chapter facilitate personal reflection and small-group study. **Six Steps to Excellence In Ministry** [Destiny Image Publishers](#) Why settle for adequate when you can be first-rate? There is no shortage of ministers who desire to achieve excellence. But only a few dare to demand it of themselves. In this clear call for action, Kenneth Copeland shows how to turn that inner desire into a firm decision to be all that God has called you to be. No matter what area of God's service you're in, don't stop short of these Six Steps to Excellence in Ministry. **Cancer-Now What? Taking Action, Finding Hope, and Navigating the Journey Ahead Blessed To Be A Blessing Understanding True, Biblical Prosperity** [Destiny Image Publishers](#) God wants to bless you. He has made all of heaven's supply available to you. But the blessings of God are not automatic. You have a part to play. To find it, you'll need to look no further than the Holy Bible. Throughout His Word, God has indicated His desire to prosper His people. In both the Old and New Testaments, God describes His plan and purpose for prospering you He wants to bless you abundantly, so you can be a blessing to others. There are some who claim God doesn't promise us physical prosperity, just spiritual. But they're mistaken. God's

Word is full of promises about the practical kind of prosperity that gets your bills paid, buys your kids' clothes, and helps pay your pastor's salary. Find out the truth about God's promises and how to tap in to heaven's economy. Discover that God is not keeping prosperity from you, but has provided a sure way to get it to you. Learn how to take action on His promises and become a valuable asset to the kingdom as you are Blessed to Be a Blessing! How Shall We Then Care? A Christian Educator's Guide to Caring for Self, Learners, Colleagues, and Community [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) Though much has been written about ethic of care and its importance in education, little is available to guide Christian educators who desire to demonstrate a disposition of care toward self, learners, colleagues, and community. As this book makes clear, a Christian ethic of care serves to illuminate our relationship with God while also helping to flesh out what care looks like in various contexts, including and especially teaching and teacher education. How Shall We Then Care? invites engagement with questions not just about what teachers should know about care, but about how they are to care for those in their circle of influence, what it means to care, what counts as care, what practices nurture care, and how care is experienced. The authors are teachers and teacher educators who, like you, have struggled to find answers to these questions. The settings for these explorations span the spectrum from K-12 classrooms to Christian and public higher education, covering issues such as trauma-informed classroom practice, the use of role-playing games for teaching ethics, the transition from teacher candidate to novice teacher, the crucial interface between care and inclusive education, and the vital role empathy plays in educational care. A Real Christian The Life of John Wesley [Abingdon Press](#) A Real Christian: The Life of John Wesley fills a void in available books in Wesleyan studies by providing a brief, solid biography that focuses on Wesley himself. While exploring Wesley's ancestry, birth, death, and every major biographical and theological event between, Collins also explores the theme of John Wesley's spiritual growth and maturation. Wesley came to the conclusion that real Christians are those whose inward (and outward) lives have been transformed by the bountiful sanctifying grace of God -- what he termed real Christianity--and this he strove to obtain for himself. Real Christianity, as Wesley understood it, embraces both works of piety and mercy, the person and the social. Spiritual Care: A Guide for Caregivers [InterVarsity Press](#) Judith Allen Shelly offers guidance on caring for a patient's soul in this revised and expanded guide for anyone who provides care to those who are suffering. The Overwhelmed Woman's Guide to...Caring for Aging Parents [Moody Publishers](#) The US Census Bureau tells us that the retired and retiring populations are in the majority. Those born between 1945 and 1964 are now tasked with the care of the previous generation, from choosing housing to selecting final resting place. Julie-Allyson Ieron, through personal experience and extensive interviews and research, has compiled a resource that will inform as well as delight. Yes, delight! Although this can

be an overwhelming time of life, it can be managed and even enjoyed. If you are the pickle in the middle of the sandwich generation, this book is for you! **The Overwhelmed Woman's Guide to Aging Parents** provides practical guidance on such topics as fostering independence in your parent, providing a safe environment, and advocating for your parent in addition to a comprehensive list of resources and Take Action points. **Helping When It Hurts A Practical Guide to Helping Relationships** [Fortress Press](#) Robert L. Hunter offers practical insight into how to be a friend to someone in crisis. He contends that a focus on change, an emphasis on the future, a respect for people, and faith in God are all crucial in the helping process. **Aging Successfully How to Enjoy, Not Just Endure, the Second Half of Life** [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) **Aging Successfully** offers suggestions for greater satisfaction and happiness for people over age fifty. It raises spiritual and emotional issues such as how to deal with depression and gives specific action steps. This book is packed full of practical help; it is a road map for aging, especially during economically challenging days. This practical, easy-to-read book provides wisdom and time-tested counsel for a happy and highly productive second half of life. When Dave Gallagher was considering retirement, he wanted help with financial planning and retirement living options, so he began compiling resources. Dr. Gallagher combines the information he gained with principles that he gained in working with hundreds of people over the years, and compiled them into this book. The principles come from personal experience, research, and helping people age successfully. The author draws from his experience of ten years as senior pastor in an age-restricted community designed to reach people over age fifty. **Caregiving A Privilege, Not a Prison** [Rose Publishing](#) **Caregiving** is part of the minibook **Hope for the Heart** series that has sold over one million copies. Caregivers want to do their best, but the challenges of helping someone day after day can be draining. Where do you find strength and energy to care for others—no matter what circumstances? This quick guide to caregiving covers the issues that caregivers face, defines the roadblocks and their causes, and shows steps to solution with biblical hope and practical advice. **Conformed to His Image Biblical and Practical Approaches to Spiritual Formation** [Zondervan Academic](#) What does a relationship with God look like and how do we obtain it? It is vital for church leaders to grapple seriously with this question, for pat answers no longer suffice. Lives well-lived, not just words eloquently spoken, must become our response. The quality of our relationship with God is what will influence the health, potency, and witness of the church in an increasingly complex and hostile world. Designed for use as a college or seminary course, **Conformed to His Image** helps us build our lives on a fully biblical perspective. Exploring twelve approaches to Christian spirituality in depth, Dr. Kenneth Boa corrects our tendency to pick and compartmentalize. Pointing the way instead to an integrative, whole-life approach, Dr. Boa shows how each spiritual paradigm discussed is just one important facet in the gem of authentic and powerful New Testament

living. With chapter overviews and objectives, questions for personal application, a glossary, and a list of key terms, *Conformed to His Image* will prove a defining text for the student, pastor, and church leader of today . . . and tomorrow.

12 Facets of the Complete Christian Life

Relational Spirituality: Loving God Completely, Ourselves Correctly, and Others Compassionately

Paradigm Spirituality: Cultivating an Eternal versus a Temporal Perspective

Disciplined Spirituality: Engaging in the Historical Differences Exchanged Life Spirituality: Grasping Our True Identity in Christ

Motivated Spirituality: A Set of Biblical Incentives

Devotional Spirituality: Falling in Love with God

Holistic Spirituality: Every Component of Life under the Lordship of Christ

Process Spirituality: Being versus Doing, Process versus Product

Spirit-Filled Spirituality: Walking in the Power of the Spirit

Warfare Spirituality: The World, the Flesh, and the Devil

Nurturing Spirituality: A Lifestyle of Discipleship and Evangelism

Corporate Spirituality: Encouragement, Accountability, and Worship

Caring for the Spirit of the Family Caregiver

Forty Days of Reflections to Strengthen and Encourage [Covenant Books, Inc.](#)

Through personal experience as a caregiver to my parents, I gained first-hand knowledge of the responsibilities family caregivers carry on their shoulders. It became important for me to find out what other family caregivers say they need to help sustain their spirit during the journey of caring for someone they love. The outcome of this inquiry is a devotional developed in direct response to family caregiver interviews and their answers to survey questions. Woven between the pages of this devotional is a message for family caregivers, individuals concerned about family caregivers, faith communities, and for community groups that are not faith-based. The devotional is a companion for the caregiving journey that invites you to seek spiritual strength and wisdom from God and to replenish your spirit of compassion and love.

Incidental Psychotherapy within Christian Relationships

Mental Health Benefits from Therapeutic Alliances Built on the Caring Love of Christians [Hamilton Books](#)

This book points out the close similarity between the loving connections of Christians and therapeutic relationships between psychotherapists and clients. It discusses the nature of psychotherapy, the nature of 'cures,' and the credentials of qualified psychotherapists. Chapters focus on the nature of Christian connection and ways to improve it.

Prosperity The Choice Is Yours [Kenneth Copeland Publications](#)

Is prosperity truly Gods plan for you? Claim the physical and spiritual riches that are yours. Once you understand the plan of abundance God has designed, youll never again accept anything less. Through this scriptural study by Kenneth Copeland, you can be sure that when it comes to *Prosperity: The Choice Is Yours*.

A Flickering Flame Creative Strategies for Crisis Intervention [WestBow Press](#)

While reading this book and something unexpected happens, how would you respond? Who would you look to for help? There are a vast number of people stranded on life's highway struggling for help to resolve the difficult crises they face day to day. The goal is to assist in a manner that enables them to endure with dignity and hope. Think of the many crises you have

faced and where you would have ended up had someone not stopped and shared a helping hand. Crises can either bring out the best in us or the worse, depending on one's ability to cope. A Flickering Flame is a metaphor suggesting that when unexpected events occur, the source of light is affected resulting in a flicker. Viewed through the physical lens during a storm or power surge, the lights might flicker. Similarly, in the emotional realm, severe losses leave people bereft of vital sources of emotional supplies and typically produce grieving reaction (flickering flames). There will be times when your light will flicker, but someone will show up to keep it aglow. Equipping and empowering congregational leaders is a model that produces creative strategies for caregiver intervention. **Can the Pastor Do It Alone? A Model for Preparing Lay People for Lay Pastoring** [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) When are you going to do something about pastoring our people? When he heard that cry, Dr. Melvin Steinbron realized that the centuries-long traditional roles of the clergy and laity - with the clergy doing the pastoring and the laity receiving it - is woefully inadequate to care for all the needs of people in our churches today. So he decided to do something about it. Believing that lay people also have ministry gifts, he, along with a team of church members, initiated a program to enable the laity to share in pastoring the congregation. You, too, can form a lay pastoring ministry which will benefit both pastor and congregation. This book will show you: -how to reach out on a continuing basis to every member of your church -how God gives pastoring gifts to lay people -how to prepare your congregation for a lay pastoring ministry -how to get organized -how to choose lay pastors -how to conduct a 15-hour equipping seminar -seven commitments lay pastors must make -seven common ministry problems and how they can strengthen rather than weaken your program -how to evaluate your program This is much more than a how-to book. It's a how-it's-being-done-and-you-can-do-it-too book. The lengthy track record of scores of lay people doing effective pastoring assures you that lay people can indeed do the pastoring. **The Social Context of Pastoral Care Defining the Life Situation** [Westminster John Knox Press](#) Because their work focuses primarily on the fields of theology and psychology, pastoral caregivers have often neglected to take into account the social forces that affect both the careseeker and the caregiver. In this groundbreaking book, sociologist and chaplain George Furniss introduces them to a third discipline, sociology, to draw upon in their work. Furniss offers an introduction to sociological approaches that are particularly relevant to those in the field. Brief biographical notes about key figures in sociology and a glossary of terms are supplied to assist those who lack extensive background in sociology. **Finding the Right Words Offering Care and Comfort When You Don't Know What to Say** [Augsburg Books](#) Gives practical suggestions for offering care and comfort, plus provides guidelines for using Scripture and sharing faith in reaching out to others. **Basic Types of Pastoral Care & Counseling Resources for the Ministry of Healing & Growth, Third Edition** [Abingdon Press](#)

em>Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counseling remains the standard in pastoral and counseling. This third edition is enlarged and revised with updated resources, methods, exercises, and illustrations from actual counseling sessions. This book will help readers be sensitive to cultural diversity, ethical issues, and power dynamics as they practice holistic, growth-oriented pastoral care and counseling in the parish. **Redefined What Does It Really Mean to Be a New Creation?** [Leafwood Pub](#) God desires an abundant life for you. However, the biblical truth most likely to help you live abundantly has been tragically neglected by the church. Many Christians do not understand their status with God, and this leaves them with perpetual guilt. Every believer is declared righteous, through a wonderful exchange, where our sin is charged to Christ and his righteousness is accredited to us. **Redefined** will teach you how to understand your status in God's sight, so that you can rid yourself of guilt, enjoy God's fellowship, walk in supernatural confidence, and truly live the Christ-honoring abundant life that God desires for you. **The Power of the Blood of Jesus** [GENERAL PRESS](#) The Power of the Blood of Jesus is a devotional written by Andrew Murray on Christian spirituality as he applies examples from the Scripture. Andrew Murray was a South African pastor and Christian writer who considered missions to be the chief ed of the church. Murray was one of the leading figures during the South African Revival of 1860. Today he is best remembered as a writer of hundreds of Christian books, many of which are still widely read today including *Abide in Christ*, *Absolute Surrender*, and *With Christ in the School of Prayer*. **The Monday Connection On Being an Authentic Christian in a Weekday World** [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) A supportive spirituality for Christians working in the real world of Monday morning. Through helpful stories, William Diehl illustrates effective tactics for changing your workplace and life. **How to Attract and Keep Active Church Members** [Westminster John Knox Press](#) In this study of church growth and membership retention, Smith argues that if a church is to survive, it must concentrate on keeping its present members as well as attracting new ones. Interviewing people from 600 churches of various sizes and reviewing the causes of membership decline and retention in those churches, Smith asserts that churches must meet members' needs in order to attract and keep them. **The Favor of God** [Baker Books](#) The grace of God is often referred to as unmerited favor. In fact, the very meaning of grace is favor. In this extraordinary book written at a time when people need God's favor more than ever, Jerry Savelle shows how the favor of God is not only available to the believer, but also promised. Drawing from his own experience and his deep knowledge of the Scriptures, Dr. Savelle explains how to actively walk and grow in divine favor, and by doing so enjoy the practical as well as the supernatural benefits for such a time as this, when many are living in fear and uncertainty. **The Favor of God** will not just inspire readers. By God's grace and favor, it will empower them. **Pastoral Care in the Small Membership Church** [Abingdon Press](#) An introduction to pastoral care for pastors of small

membership churches. “If you spend your whole life serving small membership churches and doing it well, yours will have been a life well spent.” Small membership churches have a real advantage when it comes to incorporating people into a fellowship where they are known and where their needs are met. These churches and their pastors have an opportunity for excellence in this area, and should make the most of it. Good pastoral care can be the key to effectiveness in all of the other ministries of the church. From getting acquainted with your congregation, weddings and funerals, picking up on subtle cues in a conversation to not-so-subtle conflicts, Killen shares insights from years of ministry in a small membership church setting. James L. Killen, Jr. is a retired elder of the Texas Conference, contributor to *Circuit Rider*, and author of *Who Do You Say That I Am? A Personal Reader. A Tale of Two Churches Resurrection of a Faith Community Post Mortem* [Xlibris Corporation](#) *A Tale of Two Churches* examines the complexities of resurrecting a congregation postmortem. While conflict is a natural occurrence in all communities, it can lead to organizational implosion. The warning signs become blaring sirens when mistrust goes viral, rumors escalate uncontrolled, and the people discontinue their participation. Pastor Ehlke attempts to generate new life in the corpse of a dying church through means of spiritual transformation. Using the Scripture as a guidepost for reform, the pastor starts a small group designed for the sole purpose of loving the people. Trusting this will spark a revolution of compassion, the leadership embarks on breathing new life into a community declared all but dead by many in observance. Having worked at St. John Lutheran Church in Winter Park, perhaps this paradigm will breathe life into other faith communities who are staring into the darkness of death. *Welcoming the Stranger A Public Theology of Worship and Evangelism* [Fortress Press](#) This book is an astute rethinking of theology and pastoral ministry that overcomes sentimental notions of hospitality. *The Caring Church A Guide for Lay Pastoral Care* [Fortress Press](#) 'Howard Stone has given a very useful gift to parish ministers and their congregations in this very concise, clearly written, practical, lucidly illustrated book. (His) contribution... grows out of the accumulation of practical experience, as well as scholarship.'---David K. Switzer, *Journal of Pastoral Care Stephen Ministry Training Manual Full Service Moving from Self-Serve Christianity to Total Servanthood* [Baker Books](#) Although servanthood is often discussed as an important part of leadership, it is also the basic calling of every follower of Jesus Christ. Siang-Yang Tan takes a fresh approach to servanthood, exploring it as loving obedience to God in and of itself, regardless of personal greatness, fulfillment, or success. He lays out the biblical case and practical guidance to help all Christians live out their foundational call of being a servant of God in all areas of life. Tan's focus on servanthood alone--in contrast to the many books on servant-leadership--will appeal to pastors, church leaders, and all Christians interested in a biblical perspective on servanthood.