### Lead Pastor - Jon Chalmers

### Disciplines of a Godly Man – R. Kent Hughes

• A book to challenge men to grow in disciplines of purity, prayer, devotion, and leadership.

#### Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Suffers – Dane Ortlund

• In this book Ortlund helps readers see the heart of Christ through Scripture and the writings of the Puritans. Ortlund explores what Jesus feels about sinners and suffers.

#### Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion – Rebecca Mclaughlin

• A thoughtful book for our contemporary moment. McLaughlin answers questions like: 'Doesn't Christianity Crush Diversity? Hasn't Science Disproved Christianity? Doesn't Christianity Denigrate Women?'

#### Prayer: How Praying Together Shapes the Church – John Onwuchekwa

• A clear and concise book on prayer, specifically prayer in the local church.

#### Come Back, Barbara – C. John Miller and Barbara Miller Juliani

• The true story of how Pastor John Miller's daughter Barbara walked away from the faith. The story chronicles both John Miller's story and Barbara's journey. I would highly recommend this book to all people, regardless of the state of your child's faith.



# Student Ministries Pastor – Josiah Johnson

"Gay Girl Good God" Jackie Hill Perry

• The story of who I was and who God has always been.

"Pure Desire" Ted Roberts

• How one man's triumph can help others break free from sexual temptation

"Under Our Skin" Ben Watson

• Getting real about race, getting free from the fears and frustrations that divide us.

"Embodied" Prestin Sprinkle

• Transgender identities, the church, and what the Bible has to say.

"Messy Grace" Caleb Kaltenbach

• How a pastor with gay parents learned how to love others without sacrificing convictions.



## Elder – Thomas Dyck

1. Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering by Tim Keller.

2. This is a daily email recommendation which looks at world issues from a decidedly Christian worldview. It is "Colson Center for Christian Worldview." They have a daily email you can sign up for entitled Breakpoint Daily. It is a 3-5 minute read that challenges us to look at key issues from a Christian worldview. An excellent resource that I look forward to reading daily!



## Elder - Gordon Frank

<u>Essential Church? (Claiming a Generation of Dropouts)</u> by Thom S. Rainer and Sam S. Rainer III. B & H Publishing Group, 2008. Why do so many young adults leave the church and what will bring them back? Why did they leave the building? Reasons given by these young men and women have less to do with "losing their religion" and more about the desire for an authentic spiritual community that isn't made stale by just maintaining the status quo. (I found this book applies to more than just young people).