

# Recommended Reading List

## Calvary Baptist Church

### Apologetics

- *The Battle for the Beginning* by John MacArthur
- *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
- *Christianity and Liberalism* by J. Gresham Machen
- *Darwin on Trial* by Phillip Johnson
- *Darwin's Black Box* by Michael Behe
- *Faith & Reason* by Ronald Nash
- *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
- *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller

### Bible Study Tools

#### Bible Atlas:

- *Baker's Bible Atlas*
- *The Moody Atlas of the Bible* by Barry Beitzel

#### Bible Dictionaries/ Encyclopedias:

- *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*
- *Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary*
- *Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible (5 vols)*

#### Bible Surveys:

- *The Message of the Old Testament and The Message of the New Testament* by Mark Dever
- *New Testament Survey* by Robert Gromacki
- *A Survey of the Old Testament* by Andrew Hill & John Walton

#### Bible Introductions:

- *An Introduction to the New Testament* by D.A. Carson, Douglas Moo and Leon Morris
- *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction* by Gleason Archer

#### Books on how to study the Bible:

- *How to Study the Bible* by John MacArthur
- *How to Study Your Bible* by Kay Arthur

#### Commentaries:

See "Commentaries (Whole Bible)"

#### Concordance:

- *The New Exhaustive Concordance* by James Strong

#### Study Bibles:

- Cambridge Press Wide-Margin Bible
- *The MacArthur Study Bible* by John MacArthur
- *The New Inductive Study Bible* by Kay Arthur
- *The Reformation Study Bible* edited by R.C. Sproul

### Christian Living

#### Devotionals:

- *Morning and Evening* by Charles Spurgeon
- *The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer
- *Taste and See* by John Piper
- *Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions* by Arthur Bennett

#### Discipleship:

- *Disciplining* by Mark Dever
- *The Lost Art of Disciple Making* by LeRoy Eims
- *Spiritual Discipleship* by Oswald J. Sanders

#### Finances:

- *Money, Possessions & Eternity* by Randy Alcorn

#### General:

- Any from the Banner of Truth *Puritan Paperback* series
- Also see <http://www.apuritansmind.com/book-reviews/suggested-reading-by-dr-c-matthew-mcmahon/>

#### Prayer & Fasting:

- *The Call to Prayer* by J.C. Ryle

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- *Call Unto Me* by Charles Spurgeon
- *The Hidden Life of Prayer* by David MacIntyre
- *Hunger for God* by John Piper
- *Power Through Prayer* by E.M. Bounds
- *Prayer* by John Onwuchekwa
- *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller
- *Praying Successfully* by Charles Spurgeon

### **Sanctification:**

- *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper
- *Desiring God* by John Piper
- *Holiness* by J.C. Ryle
- *Humility* by C.J. Mahaney
- *Our Sufficiency in Christ* by John MacArthur
- *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan
- *The Practice of Godliness* by Jerry Bridges
- *The Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges
- *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges
- *Sin and Temptation* by John Owen
- *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* by Donald Whitney
- *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges
- *War of Words* by Paul David Tripp

### **Suffering:**

- *How Long, O Lord?: Reflections on Suffering and Evil* by D.A. Carson
- *Not by Chance: Learning to Trust a Sovereign God* by Layton Talbert
- *When God Weeps: Why Our Sufferings Matter to the Almighty* by Joni Eareckson Tada

## **Church History**

### **American Church History:**

- *The American Evangelical Story* by Douglas A. Sweeney

- *Faith of Our Fathers: Scenes from American Church History*  
Edited by Mark Sidwell
- *The Old Religion in a New World: The History of North American Christianity* by Mark A. Noll

### **Baptist History:**

- *The Baptist Heritage: Four Centuries of Baptist Witness* by H. Leon McBeth
- *The Baptists: Key People Involved in Forming a Baptist Identity (Volume 1: Beginnings in Britain)* by Tom Nettles
- *The Baptists: Key People Involved in Forming a Baptist Identity (Volume 2: Beginnings in America)* by Tom Nettles
- *The Baptists: Key People Involved in Forming a Baptist Identity (Volume 3: The Modern Era)* by Tom Nettles

### **General:**

- *Faith of Our Fathers: Scenes from Church History* Edited by Mark Sidwell
- *The Story of Christianity Volume 1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation* by Justo L. Gonzalez
- *The Story of Christianity Volume 2: The Reformation to the Present Day* by Justo L. Gonzalez

### **Historical Theology:**

- *Historical Theology* by Gregg Allison
- *Historical Theology: An Introduction to the History of Christian Thought* by Alister E. McGrath
- *Our Legacy: The History of Christian Doctrine* by John D. Hannah
- *Reformation Thought: An Introduction* by Alister E. McGrath
- *Theology of the Reformers* by Timothy George

### **Puritans:**

- *A Guide to the Puritans* by Robert Martin
- *A Quest for Godliness: The Puritan Vision of the Christian Life* by J.I. Packer
- *Meet the Puritans* by Joel Beeke

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- *Puritan Paperback* series by Banner of Truth (Recommendations for starters: *The Bruised Reed* by Richard Sibbes; *Communion with God* by John Owen; *The Godly Man's Picture* by Thomas Watson; *The Mystery of Providence* by John Flavel; *Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices* by Thomas Brooks)
- *Puritan Reformed Spirituality* by Joel Beeke
- *The Puritans* by David Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- *The Story of the Puritans* by Erroll Hulse
- *Why Read the Puritans* by Don Kistler
- *Worldly Saints: The Puritans as They Really Were* by Leland Ryken

### Church Life

#### Baptism:

- *Baptist Confessions of Faith* by William Lumpkin
- *Believer's Baptism, Sign of the New Covenant in Christ* by Thomas Schreiner and Shawn Wright
- *Going Public: Why Baptism is Required for Church Membership* by Bobby Jamieson
- *Why I Am a Baptist* by Tom Nettles and Russell Moore

#### Church Discipline:

- *Church Discipline* by Jonathan Leeman
- *Democratic Religion* by Gregory Wills
- *Handbook of Church Discipline* by Jay Adams
- *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande

#### General:

- *A Display of God's Glory* by Mark Dever
- *City on a Hill* by Philip Ryken
- *Deliberate Church* by Mark Dever
- *Manual of Church Order* by J.L. Dagg
- *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church* by Mark Dever
- *Our Church: On Solid Ground* by Jim Elliff
- *Spiritual Disciplines within the Church* by Don Whitney

- *True Community* by Jerry Bridges

#### Leadership:

- *Answering Key Questions about Elders* by John MacArthur
- *Biblical Eldership* by John Piper
- *Biblical Eldership* by Alexander Strauch
- *Called to Lead* by John MacArthur
- *Deacons: Answering Key Questions about Elders* by John MacArthur
- *The New Testament Deacon* by Alexander Strauch
- *Polity* by Mark Dever
- *The Shepherd Leader* by Timothy Witmer
- *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders
- *The Trellis and the Vine* by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne

#### Lord's Supper:

- *Understanding the Lord's Supper* by Bobby Jamieson

#### Membership:

- *Church Membership* by Jonathan Leeman
- *To Be or Not to Be a Church Member* by Wayne Mack
- *What is a Healthy Church Member?* by Thabiti Anyabwile
- *Going Public: Why Baptism is Required for Church Membership* by Bobby Jamieson

### Commentaries (Whole Bible)

- *Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*
- *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*
- *Everyman's Bible Commentaries*
- *The Expositor's Bible Commentaries*
- *The MacArthur New Testament Commentaries*
- *Matthew Henry's Commentary*
- *The New International Commentary of the Old Testament and New Testament*

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- *Pillar New Testament Commentaries*
- *The Tyndale Old and New Testament Commentaries*

### Conversion

- *Am I Really a Christian?* by Mike McKinley
- *The Doctrine of Regeneration* by Stephen Charnock
- *He Who Gives Life* by Graham Cole
- *How Can I Be Sure I'm a Christian?* by Don Whitney
- *Puritans on Conversion* by Soli Deo Gloria (Publisher)
- *The Race Set Before Us: A Biblical Theology of Perseverance and Assurance* by Thomas Schreiner and Ardel Caneday
- *Religious Affections* by Jonathan Edwards

### Counseling

- *Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave* by Edward T. Welch
- *Competent to Counsel* by Jay Adams
- *Counseling* by John MacArthur
- *Counterfeit Gods* by Timothy Keller
- *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* by Paul Tripp
- *Ready to Restore* by Jay Adams
- *Running Scared: Fear, Worry, and the God of Rest* by Edward Welch
- *Safe in the Arms of God: Words from Heaven about the Death of a Child* by John MacArthur
- *Seeing Through New Eyes* by David Powlison

### Culture and Church

- *Christ and Culture Revisited* by D.A. Carson
- *The Courage to Be Protestant* by David Wells

### Evangelism

- *The Art of Manfishing: A Puritan's View of Evangelism* by Thomas Boston (Puritan)
- *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* by J.I. Packer
- *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism* by Mark Dever
- *The Invitation System* by Iain Murray
- *Jesus the Evangelist* by Richard Phillips
- *The Soul Winner* by Charles Spurgeon
- *Tell the Truth* by Will Metzger
- *Today's Evangelism* by Ernest Reisinger
- *Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic?* by Walter Chantry

### Gospel

- *Complete in Him* by Michael Barrett
- *Counted Righteous in Christ* by John Piper
- *The Death of Death in the Death of Christ* by John Owen
- *God is the Gospel* by John Piper
- *The Gospel* by Ray Ortlund
- *The Gospel According to Jesus* by John MacArthur
- *The Gospel According to the Apostles* by John MacArthur
- *Gospel Reconciliation* by Jeremiah Burroughs
- *The Great Exchange* by Jerry Bridges
- *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller
- *The Truth of the Cross* by R.C. Sproul
- *What is the Gospel?* by Greg Gilbert

### Homosexuality

- *Compassion Without Compromise* by Adam Barr and Ron Citlau
- *The Secret Thoughts of An Unlikely Convert* by Rosaria Champagne Butterfield
- *What does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality?* by Kevin DeYoung

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### Marriage and Family

#### Marriage:

- *Gospel Intimacy in a Godly Marriage* by Alan Dunn
- *The Meaning of Marriage* by Timothy Keller
- *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* by John Piper and Wayne Grudem
- *Sex, Romance, and the Glory of God* by C.J. Mahaney
- *Strengthening Your Marriage* by Wayne Mack
- *Sweethearts for a Lifetime* by Wayne Mack
- *Tying the Knot Together* by Martha Peace

#### Men and Husbands:

- *Complete Husband* by Lou Priolo
- *Disciplines of a Godly Man* by R. Kent Hughes
- *The Exemplary Husband* by Stuart Scott
- *A Godly Man's Picture* by Thomas Watson
- *The Masculine Mandate: God's Calling to Men* by Richard D. Phillips
- *The Shepherd Leader at Home* by Timothy Whitmer

#### Women and Wives:

- *A Woman After God's Own Heart* by Elizabeth George
- *Becoming a Titus 2 Woman* by Martha Peace
- *Disciplines of a Godly Woman* by Barbara Hughes
- *The Excellent Wife* by Martha Peace
- *Feminine Appeal* by Caroline Mahaney
- *Women Helping Women* by Elyse Fitzpatrick
- *Women's Ministry in the Local Church* by Ligon Duncan and Susan Hunt

#### Parenting:

- *Disciplines of a Godly Family* by Kent and Barbara Hughes
- *Gospel-Powered Parenting* by William Farley
- *Parenting in the Pew: Guiding Your Children into the Joy of Worship* by Robbie Castleman
- *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp

- *The Talk: 7 Lessons to Introduce Your Child to Biblical Sexuality* by Luke Gilkerson
- *Training Hearts, Teaching Minds* by Starr Meade
- *What the Bible Says about Parenting* by John MacArthur
- *Your Child's Profession* by Dennis Gundersen

#### Family Worship:

- *The Big Picture Story Bible* by David Helm (For ages 2-7)
- *Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God* by Bruce Ware (For ages 9 and above)
- *The Child's Story Bible* by Catherine Vos (For ages 6-10)
- *God is Great: A Toddler's Bible Storybook* by Carolyn Larsen (For ages 2-4)
- *The Gospel Story Bible: Discovering Jesus in the Old and New Testaments* by Marty Machowski (For ages 5 and above)
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (For ages 2-7)
- *Long Story Short: Ten Minute Devotions* (from the Old Testament) by Marty Machowski (For ages 5 and above)
- *Mighty Acts of God: A Family Bible Story Book* by Starr Meade (For ages 4-10)
- *Old Story New: Ten Minute Devotions* (from the New Testament) by Marty Machowski (For ages 5 and above)
- *Our Home is Like a Little Church* by Lindsey Blair and Bobby Giles (Explains Family Worship to 2-7 year olds)

#### Catechism:

- *Catechism for Boys and Girls* by Errol Hulse (For ages 10 and under)
- *The London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689) and the Baptist Catechism* (Benjamin Keach's Catechism)
- *Spurgeon's Catechism/A Puritan Catechism* by Charles Spurgeon
- *Teaching Truth, Training Hearts: The Study of Catechisms in Baptist Life* by Thomas Nettles

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### Missions

- *A Vision for Missions* by Tom Wells
- *Autobiography of John Paton* by John Paton
- *Hudson Taylor* 2 volume biography by Howard Taylor
- *Let the Nations Be Glad!* by John Piper
- *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* by Ralph Winter and Steven Hawthorne
- *Through Gates of Splendor* by Elisabeth Elliot

### Pastoral Ministry

#### General:

- *Brothers, We Are Not Professionals* by John Piper
- *Christian Ministry* by Charles Bridges
- *The Cross and Christian Ministry* by D.A. Carson
- *Dangerous Calling* by Paul David Tripp
- *Lectures to My Students* by Charles Spurgeon
- *Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome* by R. Kent Hughes
- *Pastoral Ministry* by John MacArthur
- *The Reformed Pastor* by Richard Baxter (Puritan)

#### Preaching:

- *The Art of Prophesying* by William Perkins (Puritan)
- *Between Two Worlds* by John Stott
- *Christ-Centered Preaching* by Bryan Chappell
- *Preaching* by John MacArthur
- *Preaching and Preachers* by David Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- *Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture* by Graeme Goldsworthy
- *Supremacy of God in Preaching* by John Piper

### Revival

- *On Revival* by Jonathan Edwards
- *Revival and Revivalism* by Iain Murray

### Theology

#### Attributes of God:

- *The Attributes of God* by A.W. Pink
- *The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God* by D.A. Carson
- *The Doctrine of God* by Gerald Bray
- *The Doctrine of God* by John M. Frame
- *The Existence and Attributes of God* by Stephen Charnock
- *Father, Son, & Holy Spirit: Relationships, Roles and Relevance* by Bruce Ware
- *The Holiness of God* by R.C. Sproul
- *The Holy Spirit* by Sinclair Ferguson
- *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer
- *The Knowledge of the Holy* by A.W. Tozer
- *The Pleasures of God* by John Piper

#### Contemporary Issues:

##### Culture:

- *Culture Shift* by Al Mohler

##### Emergent Church:

- *Becoming Conversant with the Emergent Church* by D.A. Carson

##### Evangelicalism:

- *Evangelicalism Divided* by Iain Murray

##### Postmodernism:

- *The Gaggling of God* by D.A. Carson

##### Truth:

- *No Place for Truth* by David Wells
- *The Truth War* by John MacArthur

#### Doctrines of Grace (Calvinism)

- *A Defense of Calvinism* by Charles Spurgeon
- *Bondage of the Will* by Martin Luther
- *Chosen by God* by R.C. Sproul
- *Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility* by D.A. Carson
- *The Doctrines of Grace* by James Montgomery Boice
- *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* by J.I. Packer

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- *The Forgotten Spurgeon* by Iain Murray
- *Freedom of the Will* by Jonathan Edwards
- *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination* by Loraine Boettner
- *Spurgeon Against Hyper-Calvinism* by Iain Murray
- *Still Sovereign* by Thomas Schreiner & Bruce Ware
- *Systematic Theology* (chapters 32-37, 40) by Wayne Grudem
- *When Grace Comes Home* by Terry L. Johnson

### **End Times:**

- *Premillennialism* by Michael Vlach

### **New Testament Theology:**

- *New Testament Theology* by Leon Morris
- *New Testament Theology* by Thomas Schreiner

### **Old Testament Theology:**

- *Beginning at Moses: A Guide to Finding Christ in the Old Testament* by Michael Barrett
- *Old Testament Theology, 2 vols* by Gerhard Von Rad
- *Toward an Old Testament Theology* by Walter Kaiser

### **Person of Christ:**

- *The Glory of Christ* by John Owen
- *The Person of Christ* by Donald Macleod

### **Systematic Theology:**

- *Abstract of Systematic Theology* by James P. Boyce
- *Biblical Doctrine* by John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue
- *Christian Doctrine* by James M. Pendleton
- *Christian Theology* by Millard Erickson
- *Manual of Theology* by J.L. Dagg
- *Systematic Theology* by Louis Berkhof
- *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem
- *Systematic Theology* by Charles Hodge

### **Worldview/Philosophy**

- *Life's Ultimate Questions* by Ronald Nash
- *The Universe Next Door* by James Sire

### **Work**

- *Every Good Endeavor* by Timothy Keller
- *The Gospel at Work* by Sebastian Traeger and Greg Gilbert

### **Worship**

- *Engaging with God* by David Peterson
- *Gospel Worship* by Jeremiah Burroughs
- *Return to Worship* by Ron Owens
- *Worship by the Book* by D.A. Carson
- *Worship in Spirit and Truth* by John Frame