

Lottie Moon A Generous Offering Heroes For Young Readers

“What is simple church?” This is a simple question that doesn’t have a simple answer. Simple Church: Unity Within Diversity is an attempt to shed light on the above question and provide some answers. The twenty-four contributors all hope this book will help people, both inside and outside the church, better understand what simple church life is all about. Far too often discussions about the church descend into arguments that accomplish little. We have no desire to take part in that. Rather, each person who has written a chapter for this book desires that it will lead to increased communication, understanding, and ultimately unity within the body of Christ. Twenty-four writers means twenty-four somewhat different perspectives. We certainly do not agree on everything. You will see that as you read through the book. What we do agree upon is that simple practices often lead to great opportunities for edification and service—both inside and outside the church. We want to share these ideas with other followers of Christ and explain what it is all about. If you would like to know more about simple church from a positive perspective, then this is the book for you!

Born into a privileged southern American family, Lottie Moon became a missionary to the poorest cities in China, risking her life for others.

Part storybook, part textbook, part historical overview, Parade of Faith in ebook format presents the history of Christianity in riveting fashion. Ruth Tucker adopts the metaphor of a parade, journey, or pilgrimage to explore the history of Christianity, which began as the Messiah marched out of the pages of the Old Testament and will end one day when “the saints go marching in” to the New Jerusalem. The book is divided into two chronological groupings: first, the advent of Christianity until the German and Swiss Reformations; second, the Anabaptist movement and Catholic Reformation until the present-day worldwide expansion of the church. Yet, ultimately the topic matter is not movements, dates, or a stream of facts, but instead people—people who still have stories to tell other Christians. And with a little help from clues to their own contexts, they can still speak clearly today. This book is laid out systematically to showcase the biographies of such prominent figures within their historical settings. The pages are peppered with sidebars, historical “what if” questions, explorations of relevant topics for today, personal reflections, illustrations, and lists for further reading. Parade of Faith is an excellent introduction for undergraduate students and interested lay readers.

"We want God to break our hearts over the lostness of the world." In the wake of the Conservative Resurgence in the Southern Baptist Convention, SBC leaders and messengers agree that God is now calling us to a Great Commission Resurgence as the next key step toward genuine evangelistic renewal. Research confirms the urgent, convicting need: millions in North America still don't know Jesus, and more than 1.6 billion worldwide have likely never even heard of Him. Although the denomination's membership has increased greatly since 1950, Southern Baptists are reaching fewer persons with the Gospel today than back then, suggesting many churches are making little eternal difference.

"Somehow, we have stood faithfully for a message that we have chosen to keep to ourselves," co-editor Chuck Lawless writes in his introduction to The Great Commission Resurgence. Featuring essays by Johnny M. Hunt, Ed Stetzer, Thom S. Rainer, R. Albert Mohler Jr., Jerry Rankin, Daniel L. Akin, David S. Dockery, and more than a dozen other respected SBC voices, this timely book clarifies the biblical, theological, and practical matters related to this compelling movement. It will help recapture an exciting missional vision for presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in the world and making disciples of all the nations. "Any genuine Great Commission Resurgence will occur only when God's people--His church, gathered in local congregations--admit our apathy, confess our sin, turn to Him in brokenness, preach the Word in gratitude and obedience, invest personally in the lives of new believers, and give God alone the glory."

Why do I continue to do the things I don't want to do? Why do I not do the things I know I should be doing? Author Jeff Brewer knows every believer faces those questions. "The Only Way To Live" exposes the flawed way most Christians try to live their lives and reveals the way to the fullness of the life lived by Jesus. The purpose is not to teach believers anything, but to train disciples to live the life Jesus clearly taught us to live. This is not a philosophical book. The practical steps you need to take to become a full-time disciple of Jesus are clearly outlined. When you finish reading this book you will know what Jesus meant in John 15 when He commanded us to 'abide in the vine.' You will know what Paul meant in Romans 8 when he exhorted us to 'walk in the Spirit.' "The Only Way To Live" will challenge you to change the way you live your Christian life.

The Southern Baptist Convention is currently facing issues that challenge its identity, heritage, and future. In The SBC and the 21st Century, key leaders—including Jason Allen, Frank Page, Ronnie Floyd, Thom Rainer, Albert Mohler, Paige Patterson, David Platt, and Danny Akin—address critical issues such as: · Will the SBC grow more unified around shared convictions and mission or will it fragment over secondary concerns and tertiary doctrinal differences? · Will the SBC be able to maintain a distinct Baptist identity while engaging and partnering with the broader evangelical community? · Will the SBC be willing to reimagine its structures, programs, and efforts to effectively reach the world for Christ or will it risk being a past-tense denomination? This volume not only promotes meaningful dialogue, it calls leaders throughout the SBC into action. Extensive thought, research, assessment, and wisdom from some of the SBC's brightest minds have been poured into this volume with the intent of rendering a helpful contribution to SBC life that will propel forward the collective work of Southern Baptists well into the 21st century.

This isn't where you thought you would be. You were meant for more. Your money was meant for more. You and your money are meant for an exciting, adventurous, and satisfying purpose. God designed you, not to be a hoarder, but a conduit through which His generosity flows. In The Money Challenge, Art Rainer takes you on a journey to financial health. But it is not simply for the sake of financial health. The Money Challenge was written to help experience God's design for you and your finances. Welcome to the adventure. Welcome to The Money Challenge.

This digital boxed set contains all three books in The Marilyns series. *Place Your Betts: Monroe* is a country music rags-to-riches story. As the daughter of the town slut, she clawed her way up from the bars of Bourbon Street to the Country Music Hall of Fame. She's America's sweetheart, darling of the media, and a multi-platinum star. But she has a secret. At the age of sixteen, she had a baby and gave him up for adoption because her boyfriend wasn't ready for fatherhood. Now she finds out that her precious baby boy has been living with his father from day one. *Gabe Swanson* is a Texas cattle baron riches-to-rags story. As the only son of the town's most prominent family, it was a huge blow when his father lost the family fortune in a ponzi scheme. Now, Gabe is land rich and cash poor. But he has his son and family is all that matters. When Betts moves back to the small town that shunned her, all hell breaks loose. She wants her son. Can Betts and Gabe leave their past in the rear view mirror so they can be a family? *Getting Lucky*: Lucky Strickland has lost everything. First it was her dignity and then it was her husband and now it's her house. She's penniless, stuck at the McDonalds in Bee Cave, Texas, and her only hope, her brother-in-law, just stole her car. Eighteen months ago, she was the wife of rock-and-roll legend, Ricky Strickland. *Rock-My World*, their reality TV show, was number one. Then, on the live season finale, Ricky introduced her to his mistress and their three daughters. Lucky stormed out. Ricky followed after her and wrapped his car around the nearest oak tree. Will Brodie, Lucky's bother-in-law, will do anything to get her back home. Lucky needs to grieve for her husband and take care of the lawsuit the realty TV network filed. They want their money back OR for her to film a new realty TV show—with Ricky's children. Two months ago, Ricky's daughters lost their mother to cancer—now they only have Will. If Will can get Lucky to open her heart to the girls and to him, maybe he can finally give Lucky the family she's always wanted. *Sorry Charlie*: International Bestselling Author Katie Graykowski comes a love story about friendship, laughter, and Louisiana politics. Charlotte Guidry, Charlie, is Louisiana royalty. Her ancestor, Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne De Bienville, settled New Orleans and someone from her family has been running either the city or the state ever since. Her father, The Honorable Thaddeus Thibodaux governor of the great state of Louisiana, is up for reelection and Charlie is in charge of his campaign. Wagner Scott will do anything to help his candidate, Jerome Breaux, win the governorship including wining and dining the competition's campaign manager. It certainly isn't a hardship taking Charlie Guidry out on the town, in fact, he's enjoying this assignment. He's never met a woman quite like Charlie. She's anything but dull. Soon, she comes to mean more to him than just a means to an end. He has feelings for her. Can he sacrifice everything he believes in for love? Can she forgive him?

Cy Young was one of the hardest-throwing pitchers of all time. He recorded three no-hitters—including a perfect game—and accumulated more than 2,800 strikeouts on his way to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Scott H. Longert uses Young's life story to introduce middle-grade readers to the game, explaining balls, strikes, and outs in an easy-to-understand way. Longert narrates each season and each milestone game with an enthusiastic play-by-play that is sure to draw readers into the excitement on the field and in the crowd, fostering a better understanding of and a passion for baseball. Baseball fans today know Cy Young's name chiefly through the award given in his honor each year to the best pitcher in the National and the American Leagues. Denton True "Cyclone" Young won more than five hundred games over a career that spanned four decades, a record that no other major league pitcher has come close to matching. In addition to being the winningest pitcher in baseball history, he was also a kind, self-effacing, and generous man. Born into a farm family in rural Ohio, he never lost touch with the small-town values he grew up with.

"Based on the *Christian Heroes: then & now biographies* by Janet & Geoff Benge"--Endpapers.

SBC FAQs provides a general overview of the Southern Baptist Convention in the format of frequently asked questions. Covering details of basic history, polity structure, entity functions and more, this ready reference seeks to answer the most common inquiries about how America's largest Protestant denomination functions. The topics range from the founding of the SBC to how officers and committees work, what individual entities do, movements in modern denominational history, common terminology, and more. It is designed for first-time messengers and longtime messengers to the SBC Annual Meeting, as well as students, church members, and those in full-time ministry. Whether one is new to the denominational family and wants to learn the big picture or a lifelong Southern Baptist who wants to refresh his or her knowledge about a specific detail, SBC FAQs offers clear and concise explanations. Cooperation begins with an informed commitment to participation. This resource will not only help readers find information, but also inspire them to find their place in the process.

Includes directories, reports, proceedings, etc., of many organizations affiliated with the Association.

"When the author's father died, Marc Jolley decided that he needed to write something for his sons about what was important in his life. The result, while not a full autobiography, deals with three things in his life that have shaped it more than others; it is about what he loves: baseball, God, and family, but not necessarily in that order all of the time. This memoir, then, is about what the author "knows" and to that extent, each sentence is true in the best tradition of Hemingway. *Safe at Home* is both a phrase used in baseball and an expression that captures the importance of family." "This story is about how faith, family, and baseball have intersected in his life, an intersection that occurs at home. Critical moments of Jolley's life have seen God, baseball, and family impact at very important times in his life. Whether losing game after game in little league, watching the World Series with his father, or quitting the high school team, the presence of family and his faith shape how he overcomes disappointment or celebrates the sheer joy of playing. Collecting baseball cards in 1968 provides him with a lesson in race and his mother's faith that opens his eyes to a world he never knew."--BOOK JACKET.

Inspired by the best-selling *Hugs* series, this book contains 365 devotionals to fill everyday with promises of hope and renewal. With beautiful full-color pictures of soothing scenes to complement the encouraging words, these devotionals are the perfect way to start the day.

'Few books are more inspiring to the Christian reader than a compelling missionary biography. This book is no exception. Paul Schlehlein has given us a heart-moving, soul-stirring survey of the life and labours of the famed missionary to the flesh-eating cannibals of the South Sea Islands, John G. Paton. Paton's zeal for reaching this remote people group with the good news of the gospel will both encourage and motivate you in your own Christian walk. These pages will challenge your commitment to Jesus Christ and intensify your zeal to live for the glory of God. You simply must read this book and, by God's grace, learn the lessons Paton's extraordinary life sets forth.' STEVEN J.

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A biography of the teacher who authored the first dictionary written in the United States.

After becoming the most educated woman in the American South, Lottie Moon (1840-1912) spent thirty-nine years in China. As she watched her fellow missionaries fall to disease and exhaustion, she became just as dedicated to educating Christians about the often preventable tragedies of missionary life as she was to educating Chinese people about the Christian life. Today, an annual missionary offering taken in her name continues to enable countless others to give their all for the gospel.

Margaret Hatcher was a wounded, wordless child who cried when her classmates made fun of her and put on a brave face for a mother who struggled with acute depression. As life presented her with new experiences, she slowly let go of her fearfulness, becoming an acclaimed educator who won numerous national awards, a national speaker, writer, and visual artist. *Underneath It All: A Collection of Memoirs* shows snapshots of her evolution: Flying out of a giant tree. A Long John Silver's out-of-body experience. Rehab with an ex-Marine. Honorable closure. Throughout, Hatcher shares her deep love of the places that formed and informed her, from a small town in Texas to the top of the San Juan Mountains in Colorado and the high deserts of Arizona. Spanning more than seven decades, *Underneath It All* takes us on an expedition to discover the truth of one remarkable woman's life.

A captivating and atmospheric historical novel about a young girl in Nazi Germany, a psychoanalyst in fin-de-siècle Vienna, and the powerful mystery that links them together. *Gretel and the Dark* explores good and evil, hope and despair, showing how the primal thrills and horrors of the stories we learn as children can illuminate the darkest moments in history, in two rich, intertwining narratives that come together to form one exhilarating, page-turning read. In 1899 Vienna, celebrated psychoanalyst Josef Breuer is about to encounter his strangest case yet: a mysterious, beautiful woman who claims to have no name, no feelings—to be, in fact, a machine. Intrigued, he tries to fathom the roots of her disturbance. Years later, in Nazi-controlled Germany, Krysta plays alone while her papa works in the menacingly strange infirmary next door. Young, innocent, and fiercely stubborn, she retreats into a world of fairy tales, unable to see the danger closing in around her. When everything changes and the real world becomes as frightening as any of her stories, Krysta finds that her imagination holds powers beyond what she could ever have guessed. Rich, compelling, and propulsively building to a dizzying final twist, *Gretel and the Dark* is a testament to the lifesaving power of the imagination and a mesmerizingly original story of redemption.

The first part of this study, published in 1984, recounts congregational growth from a brush arbor meeting to a thriving church adjacent to a bustling college campus. Carolyn Gaddy reconstructs the congregation's evolution as it confronted missionary and education controversies, the Civil War, industrialization and depression, and modern times. Jerry Surratt deals with the 25 years preceding the church's bicentennial in 2010. It is a deeper probing into challenges of ministry, growth, building renovations, denominational change, and gender issues. The congregation expands its ministry to local needs, regional disaster relief, and the plight of abandoned street children in Ukraine.

Founder of his international ministry, Open Doors, Brother Andrew continues to take Bibles to closed-off countries throughout the world.

Recounts the life story of Jim Elliot, a missionary who traveled to South America and was subsequently killed by a local tribe.

Examines the important events and personalities of the major strands of evangelicalism from the Great Awakening of the 1700s to the present, and each chapter includes annotated suggestions for further reading.

Gladys Aylward (1902-1970) had trusted God when she traveled all alone from England to the far-off land of China. That same trust enabled her to lead nearly one hundred Chinese orphans on another daring journey, looking for safe homes away from the war in their village. The journey was hard, but God helped Gladys and the children every step of the way.

Illustrated, rhyming text describes the life of William Carey, the eighteenth- and early-nineteenth-century Christian missionary known as the "father of modern missions," covering his work in India.

A collection of rarely retold tales from the "Elder Edda" and the "Younger Edda", two six-hundred-year-old Norse Manuscripts. Henlee Barnette's life has spanned most of the twentieth century. His life in the rural South eventually led to his becoming a Christian. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1940, and then attended seminary, taking the Ph.D. in 1948. For the next 50 years he taught Christian ethics, but not just in the classroom. In this remarkable memoir, he stresses Christianity as a pilgrimage, a way of life undergirded by faith in God. Such faith is active in love and calls for justice in personal and social relations. One's journey in the world needs a spiritual compass: the Christian's personal responsibility to do faith active in love, that is, agape love. Such love includes justice. Love without justice is subjective and sentimental. Love that Jesus taught provides concreteness and structure. Agape love makes justice just. Christian faith that is purely personal is suspect. In his own pilgrimage he became aware of the demonic forces that dehumanize us. Among these was the denial of basic human rights to minority groups. Love and justice motivated him to join the Civil Rights Movement as a means of achieving more just interpersonal relations. His relationships with blacks and whites during the Civil Rights Movement fill the pages of this wonderful narrative. But Barnette also fought against unjust wars, ecological abuse, poverty, violence, and a multitude of other issues which confront and challenge both Christian and church.

In faraway China, despite danger and ridicule Jonathan Goforth (1859-1936) and his wife generously opened their home to thousands of Chinese visitors and never tired of telling others that even though we've made ourselves God's enemies, He has made a way for us to be His friends.

Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award *A New York Times Notable Book* *Winner of the Texas Book Award and the Oklahoma Book Award* This New York Times bestseller and stunning historical account of the forty-year battle between Comanche Indians and white settlers for control of the American West "is nothing short of a revelation...will leave dust and blood on your jeans" (The New York Times Book Review). *Empire of the Summer Moon* spans two astonishing stories. The first traces the rise and fall of the Comanches, the most powerful Indian tribe in American history. The second entails one of the most remarkable narratives ever to come out of the Old West: the epic saga of the pioneer woman Cynthia Ann Parker and her mixed-blood son Quanah, who became the last and greatest chief of the Comanches. Although readers may be more familiar with the tribal names Apache and Sioux, it was in fact the legendary fighting ability of the Comanches that determined when the American West opened up. Comanche boys became adept bareback riders by age six; full Comanche braves were considered the best horsemen who ever rode. They were so masterful at war and so skillful with their arrows and lances that they stopped the northern drive of colonial Spain from Mexico and halted the French expansion westward from Louisiana. White settlers arriving in Texas from the eastern United States were surprised to find the frontier being rolled backward by Comanches incensed by the invasion of their tribal lands. The war with the Comanches lasted four decades, in effect holding up the development of the new

American nation. Gwynne's exhilarating account delivers a sweeping narrative that encompasses Spanish colonialism, the Civil War, the destruction of the buffalo herds, and the arrival of the railroads, and the amazing story of Cynthia Ann Parker and her son Quanah—a historical feast for anyone interested in how the United States came into being. Hailed by critics, S. C. Gwynne's account of these events is meticulously researched, intellectually provocative, and, above all, thrillingly told. Empire of the Summer Moon announces him as a major new writer of American history.

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