

Pastor Anniversary Program Template

Miles McPherson, founder of The Rock Church in San Diego, presents “a discussion about race that we desperately need...a must read” (Bishop T.D. Jakes, Senior Pastor, The Potter’s House) and argues that we must learn to see people not by the color of their skin, but as God sees them—humans created in the image of God. Pastor Miles McPherson, senior pastor of The Rock Church in San Diego, addresses racial division, a topic many have shied away from, for fear of asking the wrong question or saying the wrong thing. Some are oblivious to the impact racism has, while others pretend it doesn’t exist. Even the church has been affected by racial division, with Sunday now being the most segregated day of each week. Christians, who are called to love and honor their neighbors, have fallen into culture’s trap by siding with one group against another: us vs. them. Cops vs. protestors. Blacks vs. whites. Racists vs. the “woke.” The lure of choosing one option over another threatens God’s plan for unity among His people. Instead of going along with the culture, Pastor Miles directs us to choose the Third Option: honoring the priceless value of God’s image in every person we meet. He exposes common misconceptions that keep people from engaging with those of different racial and ethnic backgrounds, and identifies the privileges and pitfalls that we all face. The Third Option challenges us to fully embrace God’s creativity and beauty, as expressed in the diversity of His people. By following the steps and praying the prayers outlined in his book, Pastor Miles teaches us how we can all become leaders in unifying our communities, our churches, and the nation.

The New York Times #1 bestselling book by Pastor Rick Warren that helps you understand and live out the purpose of your life. Before you were born, God already planned your life. God longs for you to discover the life he uniquely created you to live--here on earth, and forever in eternity. Let The Purpose Driven Life show you how. As one of the bestselling nonfiction books in history, with more than 35 million copies sold, The Purpose Driven Life is far more than just a book; it's the road map for your spiritual journey. A journey that will transform your life. Designed to be read in 42 days, each chapter provides a daily meditation and practical steps to help you discover and live out your purpose, starting with exploring three of life's most pressing questions: The Question of Existence: Why am I alive? The Question of Significance: Does my life matter? The Question of Purpose: What on earth am I here for? The book also includes links to 3-minute video introductions and a 30- to 40-minute audio Bible study message for each chapter. Plus questions for further study and additional resources. The Purpose Driven Life is available in audiobook, ebook, softcover, and hardcover editions. Also available: The Purpose Driven Life video study and study guide, journal, devotional, book for kids, book for churches, Spanish edition, Large Print edition, and more.

This handbook makes a great gift for a newly ordained Minister of the Gospel or Seminary Graduate! This handbook has been designed to assist the Pastor or Minister of the Gospel in performing Marriage Ceremonies. The easy "step-by-step" format is simple to follow and has spaces provided to insert the names of the Bride and Groom. The three main ceremonies are included in this handbook: 1. The Traditional Wedding Ceremony which incorporates scripture reading and charges to the bride, the groom, the witnesses in the wedding party and also the audience. The author has been using this system extensively for over 20 years and has never failed to get several compliments on the ceremony. 2. The Civil Ceremony. This is a short, easy and quick wedding ceremony. It is often performed at City Hall, but be used anywhere. The author has even used in a local jail where an inmate and his fiance were married! It "mentions" God, but not to the extent of the other two types of ceremonies. 3. The "Episcopalian" Ceremony. This is a longer ceremony (very rarely used by the author) and incorporates the taking of communion as well as all the other elements of the Traditional Ceremony. This handbook is a compilation of many different marriage manuals the author has used for over 20 years of performing marriage ceremonies. Taking "the best" sections from various manuals and combining them into one, "easy to use" handbook and written in a "Step-by-Step" format allows the user to immediately take this Handbook and perform marriage ceremonies like they have been doing it for years!

Argues that Christian women must arm themselves with the word and power of God in order to protect themselves from secular and spiritual enemies seeking to disarm them. Most books on church planting offer a model for churches to replicate--usually one that is tied to a particular style, generation, or demographic. But what churches really need is a process that is flexible, not bound to a particular time or current fad. In The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planting, trusted author and church-planting expert Aubrey Malphurs shares the basic steps any church planter will need, regardless of his or her generation now or in the future. These steps include establishing values, mission, vision, and strategy reaching the community making disciples recruiting a team determining location and facilities raising money for the ministry With instant practical takeaway based on proven techniques, this book will be invaluable to any church planter.

Most church members don't see their churches clearly. In almost all of Thom S. Rainer's consultations, church members perceive their church to be friendly. But as he surveyed guests, he found that the guests typically saw church members as unfriendly. The perception chasm existed because the members were indeed friendly . . . to one another. The guests felt like they crashed a private party. Bestselling author Thom Rainer (I Am a Church Member, Autopsy of a Deceased Church) has a game plan for churches to become more hospitable. In a format that is suitable for church members to read individually or study together, Rainer guides readers toward a practical framework for making a difference for those who visit their church. Churches may use Becoming a Welcoming Church to assess and audit where they are on a spectrum between welcoming and wanting. Additionally, churches can use the companion book We Want You Here to send guests home with a compelling vision for what pastors want every guest to know when they visit. This elegant resource offers more than 600 hymns that span the centuries and the continents. It includes hundreds of familiar hymns and nearly 200 fresh expressions of the

Gospel. Lutheran Service Book presents a significant body of resources that faithfully proclaim our forgiveness and life in Christ.

Pastors are tasked with the incredibly demanding job of caring for the spiritual, emotional, and, at times, physical needs of their people. While seminary is helpful preparation for many of the challenges pastors face, there's far more to pastoral ministry than what can be covered in the classroom. Designed as a reference guide for nearly every situation a pastor will face, this comprehensive book by seasoned pastors Kent Hughes and Doug O'Donnell is packed full of biblical wisdom and practical guidance related to the reality of pastoral ministry in the trenches. From officiating weddings to conducting funerals to visiting the sick, this book will equip pastors and church leaders with the knowledge they need to effectively minister to their flocks, both within the walls of the church and beyond.

I Am a Daughter of the Most High King 30 Daily Declarations for Women Abingdon Press

Illustrated with real-life stories, this inspiring and deeply insightful book guides you through a series of challenges that will help you uncover your God-given S.H.A.P.E.---your unique blend of Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences---and apply it in ways that bring confidence, freedom, clarity, and significance.

Recounts lessons the author learned through taking on challenging and unique opportunities, offering commentary on the inherent compatibility of adventure and the Christian life as well as love's ability to encourage and inspire action.

Church leaders understand that managing the day-to-day operations of a church can be challenging because of limited resources, managing volunteer labor, and supporting the needs of the congregation. Smart Church Management: A Quality Approach to Church Administration, Third Edition is an updated guide for managing the resources of a church - which is people, time and money. This book provides tools and examples for decision making and problem-solving for church administration that is easy to understand and more importantly, quick to implement! This book also includes discussion questions to provoke thought and discussion for church teams. This book is ideal for ministry students, church boards, church leadership and church administrators.

You wrote your book and sold copies to family members, friends, and colleagues. Now you want to reach readers around the state, across the country, or on the other side of the world. But how? With social media, you can build your platform and reach markets you never imagined possible before. In this book you will learn how to: create your Facebook fan page and initiate active engagement with your readers, use a myriad of Twitter applications to help you economize your time while expanding your tribe, optimize your LinkedIn profile with keywords, tackle Google+ with renewed confidence, build Pinterest pinboards and use them to promote your books and blog, and round out your online strategies with offline marketing techniques.

BOOKKEEPING FOR NONPROFITS Bookkeeping for Nonprofits is a hands-on guide that offers nonprofit leaders, managers, and staff the tools they need to create and maintain a complete and accurate set of accounting records. This much-needed resource provides those with little or no bookkeeping experience with practical advice in a highly accessible format. Written by Murray Dropkin and Jim Halpin, Bookkeeping for Nonprofits is a step-by-step introduction to keeping accounting records, which form the foundation for a nonprofit organization's financial reports, tax returns, budgets, cash forecasts, and grant proposals. Using this volume as a guide, nonprofit leaders and staff will be able to set up books with or without accounting software and ensure that the records meet the needs of their organization. Bookkeeping for Nonprofits is a comprehensive resource that Discusses how transactions provide day-to-day information for tracking cash balances and cash requirements Shows how transactions provide information to management and the board of directors for budgeting and other essential tasks Explains basic bookkeeping concepts, such as the accounting equation, the chart of accounts, and income and expense tracking Guides readers through the nuts and bolts of recording a transaction Provides an overview of alternative recordkeeping methodologies and how to choose among them Designed to be easy to use, the book is filled with illustrations and checklists. "Bookkeeping for Nonprofits is the remarkable new guide for a new generation of accounting challenges bookkeepers face every day." —Frances Hesselbein, chairman and founding president, Leader to Leader Institute "Bookkeeping for Nonprofits provides a rare combination of consummate professionalism and clear, accessible writing. Underlying the wealth of technical information lies a great deal of wisdom. The authors have found a way to translate their enormous, on-the-ground experience into usable, actionable policies, procedures, and practices. It is a book that gives all you need to create a fiscally responsible agency with the bonus of helping you become a better manager and a wiser person." —Peter Block, business consultant and author of *Flawless Consulting* and *The Empowered Manager* "Bookkeeping for Nonprofits provides an excellent understanding of the practical application of bookkeeping in the real work environment." —Ron Werthman, vice president, finance/treasurer and CFO, Johns Hopkins Health System, The Johns Hopkins Hospital "This is a wonderful book that every bookkeeper in a nonprofit organization should have." —Eusebio David, fiscal director, Federation of Multicultural Programs, Inc.

Over the past ten years, thousands of church leaders have successfully transformed congregations with the principles from the original *Five Practices: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity*. However, much has changed in the world and the Church. Leaders have discovered new ways to implement the Five Practices in settings that were not imagined when the original book was released. This revised and updated edition of the ministry leadership classic includes a significant amount of new material. How are the Practices being used now, in new types of congregations? How has each Practice changed in the last decade? What new issues or concerns do leaders need to consider in relation to each Practice? This revision provides leaders with a 'next step' look at the original practices. Schnase gathered ideas and other content from ministry leaders who have been using the Five Practices, and explains how those ideas work, how leaders adapted the principles to their own settings, and how they expanded them. A new preface redefines 'Congregations' given their evolving nature. When the original book was written, the new forms of Christian community either did not exist or were barely known. The Five Practices are, however, just as essential to the new types of congregations as they were to the traditional church. Since the original book, there is more variety, diversity, and experimentation in worship. The revised Five Practices includes material based on these new forms. Small group study has always been important for intentional faith development. But since the original book, the nature of those groups has transformed to include secular settings and a wide variety of affinities profoundly affecting how faith leaders approach issues of faith development, and in many cases radically changes what they offer in their communities. Imagine the topic of Risk-Taking Mission and Service before Black Lives Matter, the Syrian refugee crisis, and the Trump administration. This new version gives instruction and specific ideas for how we might best serve today's world.

Gerry Gallimore gave his life to the Lord at an early age and this book recounts the globe-trotting and sometimes daring journey God took him on, including visits to the White House. God's miraculous hand in

the life, times and journey of Gerry Gallimore. "Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me." - Psalm 66:16

If the future is creative, is it any wonder that sometimes the church seems stuck in the past? Now is the time for the church to reclaim its role as a center of creativity. Among your members are artists, musicians and other creatives whose gifts can enhance your worship, inform your theology and impact your community. Christian arts advocate J. Scott McElroy gives a comprehensive vision and manual for unleashing creativity in your congregation so you can connect with the more visual, aural, participatory and expressive generation that is rising up within the church today. In this handbook you'll find clear direction for: Mobilizing and managing artists and other creatives in your congregation Establishing structures and parameters for arts ministry Leading and supporting staff and church members in creative changes Enhancing the worship service Adding creative elements to your sermons Engaging the broader community Activate your church in every avenue of worship with this practical guide for arts ministry. Bookkeeping for churches can be quite different than for-profit businesses, and the other guides available cover either QuickBooks or church accounting, not both. Lisa London, *The Accountant Beside You*, walks you through QuickBooks for your church from start to finish, always with examples, terminology, and understanding of what a busy church administrator needs to know in a clear, concise style. With her friendly easy-to-understand style and illustrative screenshots, Lisa guides new QuickBooks users every step of the way, while her tips for how to make QuickBooks work better for churches provides new insight and procedures for even the experienced bookkeeper. Not only does she step you through how to set up QuickBooks and utilize it more efficiently for your house of worship, but she also discusses everything you need to know to implement controls and procedures to ensure that your church's money is always protected. *QuickBooks for Churches* covers PC versions of QuickBooks from 2012 forward and even includes what's new in the 2014 version. Lisa offers sound accounting procedures for both large and small houses of worship, for bookkeepers with years of experience as well as those just starting out. Let *The Accountant Beside You* take one more worry off your crowded to-do list.

A heated debate is raging over our nation's public schools and how they should be reformed, with proposals ranging from imposing national standards to replacing public education altogether with a voucher system for private schools. Combining decades of experience in education, the authors propose an innovative approach to solving the problems of our school system and find a middle ground between these extremes. *Reinventing Public Education* shows how contracting would radically change the way we operate our schools, while keeping them public and accessible to all, and making them better able to meet standards of achievement and equity. Using public funds, local school boards would select private providers to operate individual schools under formal contracts specifying the type and quality of instruction. In a hands-on, concrete fashion, the authors provide a thorough explanation of the pros and cons of school contracting and how it would work in practice. They show how contracting would free local school boards from operating schools so they can focus on improving educational policy; how it would allow parents to choose the best school for their children; and, finally, how it would ensure that schools are held accountable and academic standards are met. While retaining a strong public role in education, contracting enables schools to be more imaginative, adaptable, and suited to the needs of children and families. In presenting an alternative vision for America's schools, *Reinventing Public Education* is too important to be ignored.

He never saw it coming. It was the night of Dave and Ann's tenth wedding anniversary and if asked how their marriage was doing, Dave would have said a 9.8 out of 10 and he even guaranteed Ann would say the same. But instead of giving a celebratory kiss, Ann whispered, "I've lost my feelings for you." Divorce seemed inevitable. But starting that night, God began to reveal to Dave and Ann the most overlooked secret of getting the marriage we are looking for: the horizontal marriage relationship just doesn't work until the vertical relationship with Christ is first. As founders of a multi-campus church and marriage coaches with 30 years of experience, Dave and Ann share the hard-earned but easy-to-apply biblical principles that ensure a strong marriage. Written in a funny and highly relatable dialogue between both husband and wife, *Vertical Marriage* will guide you toward building a vibrant relationship at every level including communication, conflict, intimacy, and romance—though Dave is still figuring that last one out. Through their unique perspectives, they share an intimate, sometimes hilarious and at times deeply poignant narrative of one couple's journey to reconnecting with God and discovering the joy and power of a vertical marriage. For anyone who is married, preparing for marriage, or desperate to save a relationship teetering on the edge of disaster, Dave and Ann offer hope and strategies that really work. *Vertical Marriage* will give you the insight, applications, and inspiration to reconnect with God together and to transform your marriage to everything you hoped it would be.

Military documents reveal decades of deceit about the Vietnam War and myths perpetuated by the mainstream media.

Here is a deeply moving account of a couple's struggle with cancer and their journey to spiritual healing. *Grace and Grit* is the compelling story of the five-year journey of Ken Wilber and his wife Treya Killam Wilber through Treya's illness, treatment, and, finally, death.

In this concise analysis of the Ras Tafari movement's most foundational beliefs, Clinton Chisholm provides shocking perspectives on the origins of the movement, the misconceptions concerning Emperor Haile Selassie's names and titles and alleged connections with King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. He highlights the mistaken belief that modern Ethiopia is mentioned in the Bible and points out some weaknesses in the Kebra Nagast. Drawing on his training in the biblical languages, the former Baptist Pastor chides Rastas on their pronunciation of Jesus' and Jah'. Chisholm will no doubt lose friends and irritate people' for his radical views on black consciousness in the chapter dealing with whether Jesus Christ was Black and Dreadlocked. In the latter chapters of the book the self-styled Christian Apologist tackles those who see the Rastafari faith as superior to Christianity and he pits Emperor Haile Selassie's views on religion, Christianity and the Bible against the views of Rastas. The book closes with appendices in which Chisholm tackles the views of Professor Rex Nettleford and the late Barbadian Dread', Dr. Ikael Tafari.

Offers liturgical material for the journey of each individual through life. For each key element of this journey (birth, marriage, healing, death), it provides both material for key 'public' events and resources for 'private' pastoral care.

A guide to putting cognitive diversity to work Ever wonder what it is that makes two people click or clash? Or why some groups excel while others fumble? Or how you, as a leader, can make or break team potential? *Business Chemistry* holds the answers. Based on extensive research and analytics, plus years of proven success in the field, the *Business Chemistry* framework provides a simple yet powerful way to identify meaningful differences between people's working styles. Who seeks possibilities and who seeks stability? Who values challenge and who values connection? *Business Chemistry* will help you grasp where others are coming from, appreciate the value they bring, and determine what they need in order to excel. It offers practical ways to be more effective as an individual and as a leader. Imagine you had a more in-depth understanding of yourself and why you thrive in some work environments and flounder in others. Suppose you had a clearer view on what to do about it so that you could always perform at your best. Imagine you had more insight into what makes people tick and what ticks them off, how some interactions unlock potential while others shut people down. Suppose you could gain people's trust, influence them, motivate them, and get the very most out of your work relationships.

Imagine you knew how to create a work environment where all types of people excel, even if they have conflicting perspectives, preferences and needs. Suppose you could activate the potential benefits of diversity on your teams and in your organizations, improving collaboration to achieve the group's collective potential. Business Chemistry offers all of this--you don't have to leave it up to chance, and you shouldn't. Let this book guide you in creating great chemistry!

You have been called to live an inspired life! A life filled with God's purpose and plan. A life defined by His destiny and dream for you. A life experiencing the fullness of His presence, power and promise on a continuous basis. Is this life possible? Is it conceivable for you to discover the life God has ordained for you to live? Yes it is, and that is what this book is all about. Living the inspired life lifts you out of the normal everyday affairs of mankind and into the fulfillment of God's dream for your life. The inspired life God has reserved for you is a life complete with meaning and contentment. It is a life of accomplishment and triumph. And further, it is God's inspired life, lived in and through you that will leave a legacy for years to come. "The Inspired Life: God's Dream for Your Future" will take you on a journey to not only discover God's dream for you, but also how to step into His destiny to be lived out through you. As you read through the pages you will quickly learn that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is central to living the inspired life. He is our example, our template and the blueprint for the inspired life. And it is through knowing Him personally that His inspired life is imparted to us. As He fills us and matures us as disciples we then begin to live as He did; inspiring this world for the Kingdom of God. The goal of this short book is to saturate the reader with the potential of God's anointing living in you to inspire others. You too can live out a life that shares the light and love of Jesus Christ to a world in pain, looking for answers. You too can inspire others as Jesus Christ inspired. So as you read through the pages to follow, prayerfully consider God's specific plan for your life. And this plan starts with knowing Jesus Christ, being conformed to His life and culminates in you living a life for Christ. Come, join us as we open God's word, the Bible and discover a life God had planned for you before time began. It is truly the most amazing, powerful and fulfilling life you will ever experience. It is truly "The Inspired Life; God's Dream for Your Future."

Lenny Duncan is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the United States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work--drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. The problems the ELCA faces are theological, not sociological. But so are the answers. Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, Dear Church offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. Dear Church rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice. It is time for the church to rise up, dust itself off, and take on forces of this world that act against God: whiteness, misogyny, nationalism, homophobia, and economic injustice. Duncan gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus. He refuses to get matched, but is about to stumble into his own trap... Don't miss this reader favorite from New York Times bestselling author Brenda Jackson. One by one, Madaris men have surrendered to the matchmaking schemes of Felicia Laverne Madaris, matriarch of the family. But Lee Madaris isn't letting anyone else control his destiny. He'll bring a bride of his own choosing to the family's holiday gathering—if his hotel's gorgeous new chef will agree to a marriage of convenience. It's not just the chance to work at the Strip's hottest hotel that brought Carly Briggs to Vegas. Witnessing a crime in Miami may have made her a mob target. Though she's reluctant to complicate their working relationship, Lee's tempting offer is so hard to resist. And soon, desire is clouding their no-strings arrangement. But the danger that made Carly flee Miami is about to land at their door. Carly and Lee must decide who to trust, when to let go—and whether a love they never anticipated is strong enough to pass the ultimate test. Title originally published in 2013

The pew edition of the prayer book of the Anglican Church of Canada. Includes: the Divine Office; Baptism and Reconciliation; the Holy Eucharist; the Proper of the Church Year; Pastoral Offices; Episcopal Offices; Parish Thanksgiving and Prayers; the Psalter; and Music. (ABC).

Is your team excited about the next big dream for your church? You are a visionary leader and your church probably has a vision statement. Yet most churches are stuck in a trap of generic communication without a truly visionary plan. Just like a visionary restaurant needs a more specific focus than "serving food," a visionary church needs something more than biblical generalizations like "loving God, loving people" or "making disciples and serving the world." When a team doesn't share an understanding of God's next big dream, leadership grows tired, overworked by an "all things to all people" ministry approach. Too often there's no unified picture of what success looks like. People can feel uninspired and your church's programming can seem more optional than ever. Ministry without clarity is insanity. Are you ready for a better way? In this groundbreaking work, based on Will Mancini's 15 years and over 10,000 hours of church team facilitation, God Dreams reveals a simple and powerful planning method that will bring energy and focus to your church like never before. First, God Dreams shows how to reclaim the role of long-range vision today by providing 12 vision templates, each with biblical, historical and contemporary illustrations. These vision starters will dramatically accelerate your team's ability to find complete agreement regarding your church's future. Second, God Dreams explains how to overcome the fruitless planning efforts that many church teams experience. With a tool called the Horizon Storyline, leaders can connect short-term action steps with the long-range dream, while leveraging the power of storytelling to make the plan "stick." This tool will galvanize a diverse team of ministry leaders and volunteers with unprecedented enthusiasm. Imagine leading with a refreshed sense of freedom and confidence, with a totally new way to inspire your church. Imagine the ability to harness the energy and resources of your people towards a specific dream of gospel impact, in your church and in your lifetime. God Dreams is your passport to leading into a better future.

PROMOTING CRITICAL THINKING EVERYWHERE In the Caribbean, no commentator or journalist arrives at the level of sophistication represented by Rev. Dr. Clinton A. Chisholm. His evaluations of things theological, political, and cultural stand leagues above average fare. Those outside the Caribbean would learn much reading him. In this book, Christian Apologist, Rev. Chisholm shares 33 newspaper articles marked by cogent argumentation, communicated in lucid prose to reflect a wide range of issues of concern to his target audience. The insights he shares are informed and illuminating. The articles may serve as splendid conversation starters that can help readers and discussion groups unearth perspectives they previously failed to consider. This book is beneficial as we seek to develop and hone that important 21st Century skill of Critical Thinking which appears to be disappearing from among even those considered to be the most erudite in our society. This book is simply "must" reading for anyone who wishes to think seriously about contemporary issues in light of classical values."

Proverbs 18:21 tells us that the power of life and death is in our words, and nothing is more powerful than affirming who we are in Christ. Award-winning Gospel music artist Babbie Mason regularly shares with audiences worldwide a beautiful declaration she has written especially for women, and now this declaration is the basis for a powerful collection of daily devotions. Join Babbie in a thirty-day journey of encouragement and empowerment as you affirm your identity as a daughter of the Most High King. The devotions are grouped into four weekly themes: Identity – Who we are in Christ. Security – What we have because of Christ. Authority – What we can do through Christ. Possibility – How we can face each day with Christ. Each devotion includes a Scripture, reflection, prayer, and action step. These powerful devotions will help you to see that what matters is not what others and the world say about you but what God says about you in his Word—because that is the truth, and the truth is all that matters.

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