

F.R.O.G.

Do you Fully Rely on God? I can tell you that I would like to answer that with "Of course I Do." But I fail every day. I find myself relying on "myself". I think that many of us fail to Fully Rely on God because we are not the disciples that he desires us to be. He has called us to the Library Ministry to help make disciples. We have so many materials at our fingertips that we should be able to walk in Jesus footsteps literally right behind where HE walks. But I know that is not the case for me often I see His steps Far-Off daily.

Did you know that libraries can help you be a disciple and a disciple-maker? There are many wonderful materials that will help you learn how to be an effective disciple of Christ. Being a disciple means to grow in your Christian life to be more like Christ and then share with others how to do the same thing. I have learned over the years that not everyone enjoys reading a book, but your library should have alternatives to reading a book. We should have "books" that your patrons can listen to, including the BIBLE. So, travel time to anywhere can be "study time". Librarians need to change the way we have always done things. We are living in the third decade of the 21st century. Things have changed and are changing at the speed of light. I want to encourage librarians to utilize your library to help yourself and your patrons grow into becoming the disciple that Christ has called you to.

Church Librarians Network

No more Ridgecrest! No more Shocco! No more LifeWay support for church libraries! What are church librarians to do? There is a website just for church librarians and it is called CLN.

It was started by Dr. Morlee Maynard after she became the ministry assistant for LifeWay to work with church libraries. Even though LifeWay no longer financially supports church libraries, Morlee continues to be the administrator of CLN. At this time there are more than 1,922 from the United States and other countries.

The address is www.churchlibrarians.ning.com. Membership is free. Join with other church librarians who seek answers for many questions, respond to questions by others, make recommendations of books, share pictures of bulletin boards, displays, activities, events and pictures of their libraries. You will enjoy this website as you learn from others as you see what they are doing. There are also articles on the various aspects of church library work. You will be amazed at the problems and successes of other church librarians.

You will also find out information about conferences. Coming soon will be videos of library conferences such as the zoom conferences offered in April started by Marty Woodall for Central Alabama Conference and sponsored by Doug Rogers at the Alabama Baptist Board of Missions.

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Need Help?

Get the help you need to start a church library or revive your current library by contacting one of our Alabama Baptist Church Library Strategist. Marty Woodall or Eva Nell Hunter will be happy to give you some great ideas on how to build your library into a ministry that will make an eternal impact in the lives of your patrons.

They have dedicated their lives to the Church Library Ministry. Librarians all across the state and beyond have expanded their own Church Library Ministries because of their obedience to the call of Christ in serving in this capacity.

Marty and Eva Nell invite you to attend one or all of the Church Library Conferences whether online or in person, that are being offered in 2021.

Go to www.alsbom.org/churchlibrary for more information.



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Church Library Conferences:

Central Alabama Spring Library Conference (5 webinars)

Shoal Creek Baptist Church

April 8, 2021 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
April 8, 2021 @ 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
April 15, 2021 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
April 22, 2021 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
April 29, 2021 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am

North Alabama Church Library Conference Central Baptist Church

November 6, 2021

Central Alabama Spring Library Conference

5 WEBINARS: alsbom.org/libraries

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Central Alabama Spring Library Conference

Hello Librarians,

Have you struggled to keep your library ministry alive during this past year? For one year now I would venture to say that each of us has struggled to keep our libraries relevant to the life of the church. Due to Covid pastors and staff have had to adjust "Church" from no meetings to all on-line to a combination of all these options. I pray that we are through all of that and hope we will have some semblance of "Normal". With all that being said what are we going to do to bring the library back. Many libraries were struggling before the year of Covid. Immediately before the quarantine we held the Central AL Library Conference. We were blessed to have Morlee Maynard share ideas and suggestions to move our church libraries to a Disciple Making Center. Because of the continued restrictions we did not plan a library conference for Spring this year. But we want to help you and your library become a "Disciple Making Center". To do that we also need to learn new ways to promote the library with new ideas and social media (which is a MUST now). Of course, we need to make our collections more user friendly with library software that will help us, and others utilize the materials we have in our libraries. So, technology is making it possible for us to "MEET together" again. Believe me I know that meeting using Zoom is not everyone's cup of tea. But I am thankful we can "get together". I also realize that everyone is busy, and the scheduled Zoom meetings may not fit into everyone's schedule. But I encourage you and every member of your library team to register. You will be able to watch the "meetings" at your convenience if that is necessary. Maybe you could call a "Team Meeting" and watch the recorded sessions together and discuss ideas shared to make a shift in your library. The Sessions being offered are:

The emerging Church Library in today's church culture---

Thursday April 8th 10:00 am -11:00 am

Morlee Maynard will be leading this session. Send Questions to Morlee at churchlibrariansnetwork@gmail.com Re: Questions for Zoom sessions--by April 5th

Church Libraries making a Shift to today's church culture---

Thursday April 8th 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Morlee Maynard will be leading this session. Send Questions to Morlee at churchlibrariansnetwork@gmail.com Re: Questions for Zoom Sessions---by April 5th

Thinking outside the library Promotion---Thursday April 15th 10:00 am-11:00 am

Bev League will be leading this session. Send Questions to Bev at bevleague@gmail.com Re: Questions for Zoom Sessions by April 12th.

Concourse Library Software---Thursday April 22nd 10:00 am-11:00 am

Allison Maynard will be leading this session. Send Questions to Allison at amaynard@booksys.com Re: Questions for Zoom Sessions by April 19th

Atrium: an internet-based library software program---

Thursday April 29th 10:00 am-11:00 am

Allison Maynard will be leading this session. Send Questions to Allison at amaynard@booksys.com Re: Questions for Zoom Sessions by April 26th.

Go to alsbom.org/libraries now and register for the Zoom events in April. Be sure to print Session Notes for the sessions that have outline/notes available.

I hope to 'see' you all then.

In service to Christ

Marty Woodall

North Alabama Church Library Conference

DATE: Saturday November 6, 2021

LOCATION: Central Baptist Church
2801 Highway 31 South
Decatur, AL 355603

GUEST AUTHOR: Grace Thornton

CHECK-IN: 8:00

CONFERENCE: 8:30 - 3:30

There is no cost for this event however registration is necessary. Each attendee receives more than \$100 of free materials plus a free lunch

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for information, schedule, course descriptions and registration after September 1st.

North Alabama Library Conference

The North Alabama Church Library Conference will be on Saturday, Nov. 6th at Central Baptist Church, 2801 Highway 31 South in Decatur, Alabama. It will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m., general session at 8:30 and close at 3:30 p.m. The theme for this conference is "F.R.O.G. - Fully Rely on God."

Conferences will include every aspect of church library work - administration, collection development, processing, weeding, book and Bible repair, automation with Concourse and Atrium, promotion of all sorts, and classification and cataloging. Church history, disciple making, covering books with KAPCO, paper folding using old books and the ministry of cared making.

Our guest speaker will be Grace Thornton who has worked in the editorial department of The Alabama Baptist since 2003. She also served several years with the International Mission Board. Grace co-authored "The Alabama Baptist: Celebrating 175 years of Informing, Inspiring and Connecting Baptists. She is also the author of several books including "I Don't Wait Anymore" and "Unshakable Pursuit." Breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided by the church. It is necessary that you register that preparations may be made for you.

Schedule, course descriptions, and online registration will be available on our website www.cbcd.booksys.net starting September 1st. Registration may also be done by email library@cbcdecatur.org, telephone the church at 256-353-5912, or mail addressed to the library at the address at the top of this sheet. Needed will be name, address, telephone number, email address if one, church name and city. Even though there is no deadline for registration, it would be helpful if it could be received by Wednesday before the conference on Saturday. This event is open to all librarians from anywhere.

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