

WBC Women's Ministry: 2026 Suggested Summer Resources

Non-Fiction Books – click on the link to find more details.

Book Study for June:

[*Waiting isn't a Waste: The Surprising Comfort of Trusting God in the Uncertainties of Life*](#)

By Mark Vroegop

Throughout our lives, we experience countless periods of waiting. Some moments are mere nuisances—others are daunting seasons filled with intense worry and doubt. By exploring 6 important characteristics of waiting, Vroegop calls believers to resist the human urge for control and lean on Christ for comfort. While we wait for the uncertainties of life to unfold.

[*Sent: how one ordinary family traded the American Dream for God's greater purpose*](#)

by Hilary Alan

During their comfortable, successful all-American lives that included active church involvement, the Alans realized they rarely heard from God. Read the story of how ordinary Christians, who accepted Jesus' command to "follow me" at face value, found that doing so changed everything. For you, the particulars will be completely different, but no less significant. Prepare to be challenged!

[*Beloved*](#)

by Frances Chan

Bestselling author and pastor Francis Chan explains how abiding in the love of God frees us from insecurity and leads us into a lifetime of joyful, worshipful obedience. It's what we were made for, and it is this inward confidence that causes us to be light unto the world.

[*The Way of the Wild flower: Gospel Meditations to Unburden your Anxious Soul*](#)

by Ruth Chou Simons

Ruth Chou Simons invites you to draw inspiration for your weary soul from the flowers of the field through thirty gospel focused meditations covering five ways of the wildflower: Dependency, Freedom, Resilience, Unhurriedness, and Belovedness.

[*Jesus through the Eyes of Women: how the first female disciples help us know and love the Lord*](#)

by Rebecca McLaughlin

Join Rebecca McLaughlin as she explores the life-changing accounts of women who met the Lord. By entering the stories of the named and unnamed women in the Gospels, this book gives us a unique lens to see Jesus as these women did and marvel at how he loved them in return.

[*A Praying Life: connecting with God in a distracting world*](#)

By Paul E. Miller

This highly recommended book is a prayer guide that has encouraged thousands of Christians to pursue a vibrant prayer life full of joy and power and has helped them learn how to pray faithfully and courageously. A life of prayer invites us to a life of connection to God. This book reminds readers that prayer is simply making conversation with God a rhythm of daily Christian life.

[*I Dared to Call Him Father: the miraculous story of a Muslim woman's encounter with God*](#)

By Richard Schneider and Bilquis Sheikh

This fascinating true story of Bilquis Sheikh, a prominent Muslim woman, follows her unusual journey to a personal relationship with God. Originally published in 1978, this 25th anniversary edition includes an afterword by a missionary friend of Bilquis who plays a prominent role in the story and an appendix on how the East enriches the West.

[*Blessed are the Unsatisfied: finding spiritual freedom in an imperfect world*](#)

By Amy Simpson

Christians often hear the idea that following Jesus means that we should be living a life of full satisfaction. Amy Simpson wants to debunk that myth in the church. After forty years of walking with Jesus, she explains that our very unsatisfaction indicates a longing for God, and understanding those longings can bring us closer to relationship with him.

[*Start with Welcome: The Journey toward a Confident and Compassionate Immigration Conversation*](#)

By Bri Stensrud

This book dives into the whole narrative of Scripture to better understand what God calls us to do concerning immigrants and refugees. Bri will guide you through pressing questions that will ignite your compassion and leave you curious about our calling as followers of Christ. You have questions. You have fears. But you also have compassion. So, let's start there.

[*The Pursuit of God: The Human Thirst for the Divine*](#)

By A. W. Tozer

With prophetic vigor and flowing prose, Tozer urges us to replace low thoughts of God with lofty ones, to quiet our lives so we can know God's presence. He reminds us that life apart from God is really no life at all. To pursue God is to know Him, and in our knowing be drawn in.

[*Coming in July...Dust to Dust: aging wisely in an antiaging world*](#)

By Jen Wilkin

The world tells us at every turn that aging is a steep descent into irrelevance and to avoid it at all costs. But Scripture reveals a markedly different pattern of life, one of increasing value, that calls us to embrace our age and number our days rightly. Jen offers practical insights on body image, honoring the elderly, the essential value of family, and more as she encourages us to lean into our place in the true story of the arc of life.

LOOKING FOR MORE IDEAS? Check out the new display in the WBC library of favorite titles from WBC Pastors and Ministers. Don't have a WBC library card? Just ask! Judi and the rest of the volunteer staff would be happy to provide one for you!

Fiction Books – click on the link to find more details.

June Summer Book Club Fiction Selection:

[*The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kipp*](#)

by Sara Brunsvold

In her debut novel, Sara Brunsvold delights us with this emotional multigenerational story that shows that the very best life is made up of thousands of little deaths to self. We will want to be just like Mrs. Kipp when we grow up!

July Summer Book Club Fiction Selection:

[*The Lumbar Baron's Wife*](#)

By Lynn Austin

When the young wife of a powerful lumber baron vanishes into the wilds of frontier Michigan, her friend is left to unravel the truth in this captivating dual-timeline novel from bestselling author Lynn Austin. Join us as we explore themes of marriage, grief, and the power of female friendships through two women whose struggles echo our own.

Last Summer's Fiction Selection:

[*Set the Stars Alight*](#)

by Amanda Dykes

Lucy Clairmont's family treasured the magic of the past, and her childhood fascination with stories of the high seas led her to become a marine archaeologist. But when tragedy strikes, it's an American forensic astronomer, and his knowledge of the stars that may help her unearth the truth behind the puzzle she's discovered in her family home.

[*The Secret Keepers of Old Depot Grocery Store*](#)

Amanda Cox

In her typical style of emotionally rich and redemptive fiction, Amanda Cox explores the complexity of the mother-daughter relationship, the way the secrets we keep shape our lives and the lives of others, and the healing power of telling the truth.

[*The Bitter End Birding Society*](#)

by Amanda Cox

Hometown hero Ana Leigh Watkins ventures to Bitter End, Tennessee, to help her great-aunt prepare for retirement. While on a hike in Roan Mountain, a ragtag group of amateur bird-watchers takes her under their wing--a little against her will. Amanda Cox crafts an immersive faith-based novel of finding belonging, reconciliation, and new beginnings.

[Saving Grayson](#)

By Chris Fabry

Grayson Hayes doesn't remember things as well as he used to, but he's sure his time is running out. Diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's, he realizes he has a small window of time left to right a terrible injustice—he just can't remember what it is. Convinced of the importance of his mission, he embarks on a journey hoping he can set things right.

[Tea with Elephants](#)

By Robin Jones Gunn

Ever since they met as teenagers volunteering at a conference center in Costa Rica 20 years ago, Fern and Lily have shared a close friendship, even though they live in different states. They can hardly believe it when their teen dream of traveling to Africa together becomes a reality. Pack your bags and get ready for adventure as Robin Jones Gunn invites you on a safari of the heart in this vulnerable exploration of how to move forward in faith even when the future is uncertain.

[Fragments of Light](#)

by Michele Phoenix

An impossible decision in the chaos of D-Day. Ripples that cascade seventy-five years into the present. And two lives transformed by the tenuous resolve to reach out of the darkness toward fragments of light. Alternating between two stories, Michelle Phoenix explores a timeless question: When life becomes unbearable, will you surrender to the darkness or dare to press toward a lingering light?

Note: The WBC library carries hundreds of Christian fiction novels—many of them in series! Ask Judi for her recommendations!

Podcasts– click on the link to find more details.

[The Deep Rooted Marriage](#) Dr. Dan Allender, renowned author and counselor, discusses the themes of his latest book: *The Deep Rooted Marriage: Cultivating Intimacy, Healing and Delight*. Dan shares the inspiration behind writing it and offers powerful insights into strengthening marriages.

[Family Discipleship Podcast](#)-- a podcast of imperfect parents having conversations about the critically important and mostly ordinary work of leading at home, hosted by Adam Griffin, Chelsea Griffin, and Cassie Bryant. Be sure to check out the episode from 9/27/21 that features Jen Wilkin.

[Honestly with Bari Weiss](#) Smartphones rewired childhood. Here's how to fix it.

[Knowing Faith](#)—a weekly podcast exploring the Christian story and Christian belief hosted by JT English, Jen Wilkin, and Kyle Worley

[The Lazy Genius](#)—Join Kendra Adachi as she chooses to be a genius about the things that matter and lazy about the things that don't.

[Risen Motherhood](#)—On each episode of the podcast, hosts Emily Jensen and Laura Wifler discuss relevant topics to everyday motherhood, through the lens of the gospel. (Note: the final episode aired in April, but there are many excellent past episodes to choose from.)

[That Sounds Fun!](#)—With over 100 million downloads, the podcast features engaging conversations with authors, pastors, musicians, comedians, athletes and more—all friends Annie wants to introduce you to! Annie's current focus on the podcast is Spiritual Formation, so her guests engage in a focused and lively discussion on a topic like prayer, solitude, or fasting.

[Women of the Word](#)—a 10-session podcast that walks through methods, tips, and encouragement for studying the Bible more deeply so we might know and love the God of the Bible better, hosted by Jen Wilkin.