

The Reading Scheme at Central Baptist

A good Christian book can help the believer to understand better what the Bible says. God can use such books so that we can learn more about God, love him and praise him more, become more like Jesus, grow in our faith, and understand God's will for our lives.

We thank God that there are so many good Christian books available today! But where should you start? This reading scheme picks out some trustworthy Christian books on a variety of subjects. We pray that the Lord would help us all to know and love him better because of these books.

How to Use the Reading Scheme

- The books are kept in two bookcases near the electric piano. They are arranged in alphabetical order by author, except a few on display.
- Start wherever you like : choose a book which interests you.
- You don't have to read them in order, and you don't have to read them all.
- For a given subject, you might like to begin with books in the "Try this first" column. Books in the "Going further" column are sometimes a bit deeper, but often just cover more ground.
- Any book marked with an asterisk (*) is a quick read! They are often more like booklets than books!
- You can borrow up to 2 books at a time.
- There are two copies of each title in the library.
- Each book has its own card (loose) tucked inside the book.
- Write your name and the date on a post-it note (provided), stick it to the loose card, and put the card in the red box.
- Put the date in the front of the book too, on the slip of paper inside the front cover, as a reminder to you.
- Please bring the book back within ONE MONTH.
- When you return a book, find the book's card in the red box, remove and throw away the post-it note, and put the loose card back inside the book. Put the book back on the shelf (arranged alphabetically by author).
- It's free!

SUBJECT	TRY THIS FIRST	GOING FURTHER
What God Is Like	Great God of Wonders - Peter Jeffery	Knowing God - JI Packer Incomparable – Andrew Wilson
Father, Son & Holy Spirit (The Trinity)	What the Bible Teaches about the Trinity - Stuart Olyott	Enjoying God – Tim Chester
Jesus and the Cross	Seeing and Savouring Jesus Christ* - John Piper Why did Jesus Have to Die?* - Marcus Nodder Forgotten Cross* - Lee Gatiss	Cross Examined - Mark Meynell
The Holy Spirit	Experiencing the Spirit - Graham Beynon	Spiritual Gifts – Tom Schriener
The Bible – Trusting It and Reading It	Can I Really Trust the Bible?* - Barry Cooper	Dig Deeper - Beynon and Sach Nothing But the Truth - Brian Edwards
Prayer	Enjoy Your Prayer Life* - Michael Reeves Time Well Spent – Colin Webster	You Can Pray – Tim Chester
Telling People About Jesus – Why and How	Intentional* - Paul Williams Honest Evangelism - Rico Tice	Questioning Evangelism – Randy Newman The Reluctant Evangelist – Richard Coekin Know and Tell the Gospel - John Chapman
Answering Hard Questions and Defending Christianity	Grill a Christian - Roger Carswell	The Reason For God – Tim Keller The Case for Christ – Lee Strobel Christianity for Skeptics - Dr Steve Kumar
World Mission		Let the Nations be Glad – John Piper

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For New Christians	Believe and Be Baptized* - Victor Jack Being a Christian - Stephen Kneale	
Growing in Holiness and Fighting Sin	Battles Christians Face - Vaughan Roberts Respectable Sins - Jerry Bridges	You Can Change - Tim Chester The Enemy Within – Kris Lundgaard
Living the Christian Life	Training : How Do I Grow as a Christian? - Isaac Adams Counterfeit Gods - Timothy Keller	Desiring God – John Piper Don't Waste Your Life - John Piper
Suffering and Illness	Where was God when that happened?* - Christopher Ash	Invest Your Suffering – Paul Mallard
Big Issues and Ethics	Is God Anti-Gay?* - Sam Allberry Transgender* – Vaughan Roberts	Matters of Life and Death - John Wyatt
The Church – Why, What and How	Why Bother With Church?* - Sam Allberry The Purposes of the Lord's Supper* - Peter Masters Christian Stewardship* - Peter Masters Listen Up* - Christopher Ash	9 Marks of a Healthy Church – Mark Dever Church Matters! - Andrew Anderson Church Membership in the Bible - Peter Masters
Christian History	God's Story – Brian Cosby Free Indeed : Heroes of Black Christian History – Mark Sidwell 12 Faithful Women - ed by Kruger and Wetherell Sketches of Faith – ed by John Woodbridge	Why the Reformation Still Matters - Reeves and Chester Who Are the Puritans – Errol Hulse
End Times / Heaven / Hell / The Devil	What Happens When I Die?* - Marcus Nodder How Will The World End?* - Jeramie Rinne Did the Devil Make Me Do It?* - Mike McKinley	Heaven and Hell - Edward Donnelly Last Things First – Graham Beynon
Bible Overview / Theology Overview	God's Big Picture – Vaughan Roberts Bitesize Theology - Peter Jeffery	Five Points – John Piper
Guidance	Just Do Something - Kevin DeYoung	
Biblical Manhood and Womanhood		God's Design for Women – Sharon James Different By Design – Carrie Sandom
Singleness / Dating / Purity	The Heart of Singleness, How to be single and satisfied - Andrea Trevenna	7 Myths about Singleness - Sam Allberry Sex, Dating, and Relationships - Gerald Hiestand and Jay Thomas
Marriage	Married for God – Christopher Ash	This Momentary Marriage – John Piper
Old Age / Retirement	A Good Old Age - Derek Prime	A Time to Care – Emily Ackerman
Creationism	The New Answers Book - Ken Ham	The New Creationism - Paul Garner
Parenting	Gospel Centred Family – Chester & Moll Aren't They Lovely When They're Asleep – Ann Benton	

While some of these titles are out of print (try www.ebay.co.uk), most can be found at www.thegoodbook.co.uk or www.10ofthose.com