

# A Theology For Family Ministry

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**Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual.** - General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists 2005

*Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry* - Andrew Root 2007-10-08

Andrew Root reviews the history of relational/incarnational youth ministry in American evangelicalism and recasts the practice as one of "place-sharing"--not so much "earning the right to be heard" as honoring the human dignity of youth and locating God in their midst.

*An Evaluation of the Family Ministries of the Immanuel Bible Church, Springfield, Virginia* -

David L. Parrish 1999

This research project articulated a biblical view of the family, addressed the church and family relationship, and expressed how the church can be more effective in strengthening families. The critical balance between church and family in relation to God's kingdom was considered, with the conclusion that God's purpose for the family and the church should be observed through the lens of His kingdom program. A major goal of the project was to determine how the church could build stronger families, so the composition of a strong family was delineated. Healthy families were considered from a sociological and biblical viewpoint and six essential traits were presented as the benchmark for evaluating a church's ministry to families. A case study of Immanuel Bible Church was undertaken in order to learn more about how one church was ministering to families, thus providing a practical element to the research process. The combination of biblical studies, family studies, and a field study furnishes the reader with the fundamental ingredients for a theology of family ministry in the local church.

*Visionary Parenting: Capture a God-Sized Vision for Your Family* - Rob Rienow 2009-09-01

The author gives encouragement and insight into life-changing action that will impact generations to come. Parents will be inspired to build faith and character in the heart of their kids. Topics covered include: the God-filled normal life, impacting a thousand generations, creating a home of unity, the noble calling of fatherhood and motherhood, the blessing of family worship, and discipline that disciples.

**Trained in the Fear of God** - Randy Stinson

Dr. Randy Stinson and Dr. Timothy Paul Jones have been the primary architects of the theological foundations for what has become known as "family-equipping ministry"—a recognition that the generations need one another and that parents have an inherent responsibility for the discipleship of their children.

*Taking Theology to Youth Ministry* - Andrew Root 2012-08-21

Even if you know you're called to youth ministry and are passionate about the students in your group, you've probably had a few of those moments when you've wondered why you're doing certain things in your ministry, or wondered why you're even doing youth ministry in the first place. If you've ever stopped to ask, "What's the point of youth ministry?" ... In *Taking Theology to Youth Ministry*, Andrew Root invites you along on a journey with Nadia—a fictional youth worker who is trying to understand the "why" behind her ministry. Her narrative, along with

Root's insights, help you uncover the action of God as it pertains to your own youth ministry, and encourage you to discover how you can participate in that action. As you join this theological journey, you'll find yourself exploring how theology can and should influence the way you do youth ministry.

**A Theology of the Family** - Jeff Pollard 2014

*Bridging Theory and Practice in Children's Spirituality* - Zondervan, 2020-04-21

*Bridging Theory and Practice in Children's Spirituality* explores the different contexts, methods, and situations that influence and foster a child's spirituality and faith development. Through a blend of theoretical understanding held in tension with practical application, it equips those who are in, or being prepared for, the varied contexts where children are spiritually formed. It represents a broad range of Christian expression writing from a Christ-centered perspective that furthers the conversation about the next steps in children's spirituality and faith development. Moving beyond the basics of faith nurture and what makes for effective ministry, this resource deepens our understanding of the practices in children's lives by bringing together the best of theory and practice and includes contributions from: Dr. Scottie May (Wheaton College) Dr. Kevin Lawson (Biola University) Dr. Erik Carter (Vanderbilt University) John Roberto (Vibrant Faith) Dr. Dana Kennamer Pemberton (Abilene Christian University) Dr. Shirley Morgenthaler (Concordia University - Chicago) Dr. Holly Catterton Allen (Lipscomb University) Dr. Robert Keeley (Calvin College and Calvin Seminary) Dr. Mimi Larson (Wheaton College) Lacy Finn Borgo (Renovaré Institute) and others. Pastors, professors, seminary students and children's ministry leaders and practitioners all believe that nurturing a child's spiritual development is important. Yet often they are unsure about which current trends should be embraced. This book will help equip these people with the grounding needed to evaluate trends and with specific suggestions for moving forward. With short, accessibly written chapters it helps pastors and leaders stay up to date with current trends and is an excellent resource for teaching in college and seminary classrooms.

*Family-Based Youth Ministry* - Mark DeVries 2010-08-20

Mark DeVries offers an approach that brings teens into one-to-one relationship with older Christians; involves the whole church family from singles to seniors; and frees pastors and leaders from worrying about attendance, budget and competition with other programs.

*God, Marriage, and Family* - Andreas J. Köstenberger 2010

This updated, second edition of Köstenberger and Jones's landmark work tackles the latest debates and cultural challenges to God's plan for marriage and the family and urges a return to a biblical foundation.

*Biblical and Theological Foundation of the Family* - Joseph C. Atkinson 2014

This ground-breaking work establishes a solid biblical and theological foundation on which a theology of the family can be constructed. It thus fills a critical lack in the current literature on

the family. The wide range of sources, including Jewish, Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant, give this work a genuine ecumenical dimension. Biblical and Theological Foundations of the Family will become indispensable for anyone wanting to engage in serious study of the structure and meaning of the family and its place in the salvific will of God.

**A Theology for Family Ministry** - Michael Anthony 2011-07-01

The times are definitely changing. What was once simply referred to as a Nuclear Family in North America has morphed into labels such as Non-Traditional Families, Fragmented Families, Single-Parent Families, Gay-Partner Families, Blended Families, and beyond. "It may not always be pretty, but it is reality, and that's the intersection between biblical ideal and ministry practice," writes editor Michael J. Anthony in *A Theology for Family Ministry*. With thoroughly researched input from a broad team of family experts, the book advises church and ministry leaders on how to make biblically and philosophically informed choices when reaching out to adults and children within these shifting paradigms. Emphasis is placed on what the Scriptures teach about the composition of the home, followed by discerning and hope-filled strategies for helping all families live out their God-given mandates. "While the family may continue to change into models that bring discomfort and angst to some of us, we rest in the assurance that God has a plan for those who live in any of these new configurations of what we now call family," explains Anthony. Other contributors include Ken Canfield, Michelle D. Anthony, Karen E. Jones, Freddy Cardoza, Michael S. Lawson, Richard Melick Jr., Curt Hamner, Leon Blanchette, Gordon R. Coulter, James W. Thompson, Timothy Paul Jones, Randy Stinson, Kit Rae, and David Keehn.

**Tending the Flock** - K. Brynolf Lyon 1998-01-01

Many churches are unprepared to face the challenges inherent in family life today. Others, though, have developed innovative and exciting responses. In this book, case studies provide insights and strategies to help develop a practical theological perspective on family ministry. This new perspective represents a fresh and powerful witness to the place of families within contemporary communities of faith. The Family, Culture, and Religion series offers informed and responsible analyses of the state of the American family from a religious perspective and provides practical assistance for the family's revitalization.

**When the Church Was a Family** - Joseph H. Hellerman 2009-08-01

Spiritual formation occurs primarily in the context of community. But as the modern cultural norm of what social scientists call "radical American individualism" extends itself, many Christians grow lax in their relational accountability to the church. Faith threatens to become an "I" not "us," a "my God" not "our God" concern. When the Church Was a Family calls believers back to the wisdom of the first century, examining the early Christian church from a sociohistorical perspective and applying the findings to the evangelical church in America today. With confidence, author Joseph Hellerman writes intentionally to traditional church leaders and emerging church visionaries alike, believing what is detailed here about Jesus' original vision for authentic Christian community will deeply satisfy the relational longings of both audiences.

**Family Ministry** - Charles M. Sell 1995-02-28

A practical resource for developing congregational stability, this updated book guides your church toward being capable of encouraging and sustaining healthy family life.

**Developing a Practical Theology for Holistic Family Ministry at Baseline Community** - Donn Dirckx 2015

**Family Ministry** - Diana R. Garland 2012-08-02

Now revised and updated throughout, Diana Garland's core text for ministers and others in the helping professions provides a comprehensive look at the Christian purpose of family and the complex world our families inhabit.

**On Being Family** - Ray S. Anderson 2012-04-04

In this book, Ray S. Anderson, a pastor theologian, and Dennis B. Guernsey, a family sociologist, explore the connections that produce the marvelous, complicated and often contorted human

family. The central thesis of the book is that God has placed human persons in a created order for which the covenant love of God provides the fundamental paradigm for parenting, sexuality, and marriage, and the formation of family life. From the perspective of the church as the new family of God, the human family is liberated from its own failures and fears, and each person is affirmed as having a place in God's kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, to whom we are connected by grace, we are all brothers and sisters. We are family.

**A Practical Theology of Family Worship** - Jonathan Williams 2021

"Examines the way Richard Baxter encouraged and equipped families to worship God and the implications that has for family ministry in churches today"--

**A Practical Theology of Family Ministry** - Elizabeth Davies 2016

**Changing Lives** - Mark Griffiths 2017-11-17

Changing Lives covers everything you need to know about working with children and families - the why to, the how to, the when to, and the where to. Mark Griffiths looks at the history, theology, and practice of ministry with children and families. He shares his wisdom from many years' experience of leading hundreds of groups, assemblies, and youth services. Packed full of sample resources, Mark teaches how to communicate with today's children both in church and in school and the community. This shrewd and often funny book covers everything from the vision for ministry with children and families, to matters such as record keeping, home visits, timetables, child protection legislation and templates for lessons. It's the must-have, can-do guide for children's workers!

**Family Worship** - Donald S. Whitney 2019-06-25

Gathering together for worship is an indispensable part of your family's spiritual life. It is a means for God to reveal himself to you and your loved ones in a powerful way. This practical guide by Donald S. Whitney will prove invaluable to families—with or without children in the home—as they practice God-glorifying, Christ-exalting worship through Bible reading, prayer, and singing. Includes a discussion guide in the back for small groups.

**The Joy of a Word Filled Family** - BFM Books 2007-06

**Family Ministry Field Guide** - Timothy Paul Jones 2011

"Scripture calls parents to train their children in the faith and to nurture their children's souls. Yet few parents actively engage in their children's spiritual development. How can churches best equip families to engage in their divine calling to disciple their children? Family ministry expert Dr. Timothy Paul Jones guides church leaders to develop a ministry system that equips parents to be the primary faith-trainers in their children's lives, moving beyond mere programming into a deeper spiritual life at home, within the church, and beyond. This resource is for leaders in the trenches--those who: see parents disengaging from their children's spiritual development; see too many students leave for college and drop out of church; have heard of 'family ministry, ' and just want to know more; or are frustrated with programmed ministries that fail to produce results. Based on solid research, this field guide unpacks how real-life churches can narrow the gap between present reality and the biblical ideal of faith-nurturing families"--Publisher description.

**A Theology for Family Ministries** - Michael J. Anthony 2011

Experts develop a biblical theology for family ministry to help churches reach all types of families today, from traditional nuclear homes to single-parent, blended, and gay-partner families, and beyond.

**Youth in Family Ministry** - Luke Dockery 2018-08-24

It is a well-established fact a lot of young people are leaving the church after high school. What is even worse is that some of the very youth ministry practices that have been used to help young people are, in fact, harming them. That is a sobering reality, but in response, we shouldn't throw up our hands in despair; rather, we should determine to do a better job in ministering to

young people. What does the Bible teach us about passing faith on to the next generation? What insight can research studies share with us about developing lifelong faith in our kids? Youth In Family Ministry: A Handbook seeks to answer these questions by looking to the pages of Scripture and summarizing the latest research to provide a model of youth ministry that will help to build lasting faith in young people.

**Families in the New Testament World** - Carolyn Osiek 1997-01-01

What was the family like for the first Christians? Informed by archaeological work and illustrated by figures, this work is a remarkable window into the past, one that both informs and illuminates our current condition. The Family, Culture, and Religion series offers informed and responsible analyses of the state of the American family from a religious perspective and provides practical assistance for the family's revitalization.

*Think Orange* - Reggie Joiner 2009

Think Orange encourages churches and families to rethink the way they approach ministering to children and teenagers by combining their efforts under one strategy.

*Something Old, Something New* - Ray S. Anderson 2007-05-15

"No one has contributed more substantially to creative, orthodox Christian thinking about human nature, pastoral theology, and counseling over the past 30 years than Ray Anderson. His latest book is most welcomed, particularly given its focus on the family, a pivotal cultural institution of obvious developmental importance, which radical postmodernism has attempted to radically redefine, but which always warrants a fresh, practical, Christian approach and critique." --Eric L. Johnson, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary "Combining the wisdom accumulated in his years as a seminary professor and scholar, pastor, and counselor, Ray Anderson has given us an outstanding book on marriage and family ministry in contemporary culture. Even more than this, it is the best statement I know of on a theology of the family, including the place of family in the church and wider society. . . . [H]ard issues in family life such as violence and abuse, homosexuality, care for the elderly, and death are addressed with a combination of biblical truth and grace. Something Old, Something New is must reading for all persons involved in ministry today!" --Jack Balswick, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology "For a Church often despairing of biblically based resources in ministering to the family in our postmodern culture, Ray Anderson's twenty-fifth book focuses on recovering a theology of the family. His seminal volume (written with Dennis Guernsey), *On Being Family: Toward a Social Theology of the Family* (1985), virtually created the new genre of the 'theology of the family.' In *Something Old, Something New: Marriage and Family Ministry in a Postmodern Culture*, we find the fruit of Anderson's mature reflections that will give hope and guidance to the Church of the twenty-first century. He discusses marriage and parenting, divorce and remarriage, singleness and cohabitation, and other issues within the diversity and relativity characterized by our postmodern context. His decades of experience as a seminary professor and church pastor enable him to articulate a theology of family ministry that offers concrete help for families, churches, and pastors based on the healing ministry of Christ in today's society." --Chris Kettler, Friends University, and Todd Speidell, Webb School of Knoxville RAY S. ANDERSON (1925-2009) was Senior Professor of Theology and Ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary where he has taught for more than thirty years. He is the author of more than twenty-five books, including, *The Seasons of Hope, Marriage and Family Ministry in a Postmodern Culture, The Soul of Ministry, Ministry on the Fireline, and The Shape of Practical Theology.*

*7 Family Ministry Essentials* - Michelle Anthony 2015-06-01

With decades of ministry experience, Michelle Anthony and Megan Marshman capture the guiding essentials of life-changing family ministry. These seven essentials for children and student leaders emphasize: 1. Empowering families to take spiritual leadership in the home 2. Forming lifetime faith that transcends childhood beliefs 3. Teaching Scripture as the ultimate authority of truth 4. Understanding the role of the Holy Spirit to teach and transform 5. Engaging every generation in the gospel of God's redemptive story 6. Making God central in

every biblical narrative and daily living 7. Participating in community with like-minded ministry leaders 7 *Family Ministry Essentials* will energize and equip you with the practical steps, inspirational stories, and biblical foundation you need as you lead those in your ministry.

*Becoming a Spiritually Healthy Family* - Michelle Anthony 2015-01-01

We all want to guide our children into the abundant life that Jesus offers. But when we pursue the more and better that the world offers above our pursuit of Jesus, we fall into dangerous parenting habits. In *Becoming a Spiritually Healthy Family*, Michelle Anthony unpacks six common dysfunctional parenting styles that we fall into out of habit, lack of attention, or just oversight due to busyness. If you long to show your children Jesus but don't know how to do it, you'll find hope in this practical guide to creating a relentlessly grace-filled home that is focused on God as first in charge. Includes Scripture guides, reflection questions, ideas for family rites of passage, and other real life family examples.

*The End of Youth Ministry? (Theology for the Life of the World)* - Andrew Root 2020-03-17

What is youth ministry actually for? And does it have a future? Andrew Root, a leading scholar in youth ministry and practical theology, went on a one-year journey to answer these questions. In this book, Root weaves together an innovative first-person fictional narrative to diagnose the challenges facing the church today and to offer a new vision for youth ministry in the 21st century. Informed by interviews that Root conducted with parents, this book explores how parents' perspectives of what constitutes a good life are affecting youth ministry. In today's culture, youth ministry can't compete with sports, test prep, and the myriad other activities in which young people participate. Through a unique parable-style story, Root offers a new way to think about the purpose of youth ministry: not happiness, but joy. Joy is a sense of experiencing the good. For youth ministry to be about joy, it must move beyond the youth group model and rework the assumptions of how identity and happiness are imagined by parents in American society.

*Family in Mission* - Johannes Reimer 2020-07-09

Innumerable books have been written about successful outreach and evangelism, yet almost none address the centrality of the family as God's intended vehicle for experiencing life, community, and growth. In this timely and powerful book, Johannes Reimer urges us to rediscover the family as a primary agent for mission in the world. Offering both a theological and practical foundation for understanding the role and significance of families in the vocation of the church, this book also provides creative ideas for implementing a family-centered praxis that offers preparation and support to families living out their calling to make Christ known. To ignore the family, Reimer warns, is to ignore the church's greatest resource for transmitting truth, communicating love, and embodying the gospel. If we are to be effective in making disciples of all nations, we must start in our own homes.

**Infants and Children in the Church** - Adam Harwood 2017-10-30

A congregation rejoices when a new child is added to its midst, yet the church often wrestles—in both theology and practice—with how to best receive and minister to infants and children entrusted to her care. Frequent questions arise like: *Infants and Children in the Church* addresses these critical and sensitive questions from a variety of rich traditions, including Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed, and Baptist, so that Christians can make the most of every opportunity as they minister to children.

**D6 Family Ministry Journal** - Ron Hunter Jr 2016-03-22

The purpose of the *D6 Family Ministry Journal* is to support the thinking and practices of parenting in Christian homes, in family ministry in the local church, and in parachurch settings that reflect God's intent for generational discipleship as presented in Deuteronomy 6 and other biblical texts. This purpose is achieved by the publication of academic peer-reviewed articles along with a limited selection of practitioner insights, and book reviews on recent family ministry titles. The journal is primarily intended for two audiences: an academic community of professors and students in institutions of higher learning who are committed to the development of a new

generation of Christian ministers and community leaders. Second, those professionals who are already serving in local church and parachurch settings. The Journal hopes to facilitate discussion and learning among both groups.

*Family Systems and Congregational Life* - R. Robert Creech 2019-02-19

Experienced pastor and seminary teacher R. Robert Creech helps pastoral leaders increase their effectiveness by applying family systems theory to congregational life and ministry. Creech introduces readers to the basic concepts of Bowen Family Systems Theory, applies family theory to the work of ministry in church settings, and connects systems thinking to the everyday aspects of congregational ministry, such as preaching, pastoral care, leadership, spiritual formation, and interpreting biblical texts. Each chapter contains discussion questions, and there are five helpful appendixes with supplemental information about Bowen theory.

*A Biblical Theology of Youth Ministry: Teenagers in the Life of the Church* - Michael McGarry 2019-05-30

Michael McGarry explores the foundation of youth ministry in the Old and New Testaments and brings that together with Church history in a compelling way. McGarry presents a thorough biblical framework to think about youth ministry as the church's expression of partnership with the family for co-evangelizing and co-discipling the next generation.

**Perspectives on Family Ministry** - Timothy Paul Jones 2019-11-15

Every church is called to some form of family ministry, but this calling requires far more than adding another program to an already-packed schedule. The most effective family ministries

refocus every church process to engage parents in discipling their children and to draw family members together instead of pulling them apart. In this second edition, Jones expands the definition of family ministry, and broadens the book's focus to address urban perspectives and family ministry in diverse settings.

**Adoptive Youth Ministry (Youth, Family, and Culture)** - Chap Clark 2016-01-26

Kids desperately need healthy, committed adults who can help them thrive in their faith and become active participants in the life of the church. This requires the efforts of the whole faith community. Chap Clark, one of the leading voices in youth ministry today, brings together twenty-four experts from a variety of denominations and traditions to offer a comprehensive introduction to adoptive youth ministry, a theologically driven, academically grounded, and practical youth ministry model. The book shows readers how to integrate emerging generations into the family of faith, helping young adults become active participants in God's redemptive community.

**The Pastor's Family** - Brian Croft 2013-08-20

Pastoral ministry is more challenging than ever with unique, complicated burdens and expectations some have not experienced in previous generations. Because of this, the number of pastors who start with a great zeal for the work, quickly crash and burn and are left with a battered faith and family. This book seeks to identify those unique challenges, diagnose the problem, propose a biblical solution, and then guide the pastor and his family to embrace these challenges while shepherding the family through them.