



BETHEL SEMINARY

ML727

Theology and Practice of Pastoral Ministry

SYLLABUS

Professor: Andrew D. Rowell

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Tuesdays: Feb 3, ~~10~~, 17, ~~24~~, Mar 3, ~~24~~, 31, Apr 7, 14, ~~21~~, 28, May 5, 12, ~~19~~

Course credits: 3.0

Enrolled: 3 students

Location: BSSP 103.

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Description

This course explores the theology and practice of pastoral ministry from the apostle Paul to today's megachurch. We will (a) analyze church leadership in the New Testament; (b) read classics on pastoral ministry from Gregory the Great, George Herbert, and Richard Baxter; (c) compare descriptions of pastoring by 20th century pastor-theologians Karl Barth, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lesslie Newbigin, and Martin Luther King, Jr.; and (d) reflect on diverse contemporary models of church leadership from Eugene Peterson to Bill Hybels to Pope Francis. The purpose of this course is to expose students to outstanding examples of pastoral ministry in the history of the church that in the process students might be formed for excellence and innovation in their future Christian ministry.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this course, students will be able to: reflect with biblical and historical perspective on contemporary church leadership and pastoral ministry approaches for effective and wise future ministry.

Upon completing the course, students will be able to:

- Apply Scriptural messages appropriately to contemporary contexts
- Evaluate their own theology in light of the wider Christian tradition
- Analyze emerging theologies in conversation with historical Christianity
- Explain and differentiate various approaches to management and administration in ministry
- Integrate key course concepts into personal wholeness and faith praxis
- Integrate key course concepts into professional practice
- Integrate key course concepts across disciplines

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Facebook: My current policy is not to be Facebook friends with students. I only use it to occasionally post family photos so you are not missing anything.

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AndyRowell> I sometimes post links to things I’m reading here but there is no need to watch this. Any resources for this class, I will share with you through Moodle.

Blog: <http://www.andyrowell.net/> I almost never blog anymore.

Course communication:

In Moodle, I have chosen the option “forced subscription” for the “General Discussion Forum” so that you receive emails when I “add a new discussion topic” there as a class announcement. It is my way of emailing the class. You can also “reply” in case something needs clarification. Another student may be able to “reply” and help you or I will. These replies send an email to everyone since this is a “forced subscription.” If you have a question or resource that all of us might benefit from, you can also post a “discussion topic” in the General Discussion Forum and everyone will be emailed. It is a way for you to email the whole class. If your question is more personal and does not need to be sent to the whole class, please feel free to use my email address: a-rowell@bethel.edu

- I will return email messages within 24 hours—usually within a few hours.
- Grading turn-around times: I will plan to return assignments within one week.

Required Resources:

Barrett, C. K. *Church, Ministry, and Sacraments in the New Testament*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: W.B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 1985. Reprint, Wipf & Stock, 2005.

978-1597520591

St. Gregory the Great. *The Book of Pastoral Rule*. Crestwood, N.Y.: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2007.

978-0881413182

Herbert, George. *The Complete English Works*. New York: Everyman's Library, 1995.

978-0679443599

OR

Herbert, George. *The Complete English Poems*. Edited by John Tobin. London; New York: Penguin Books, 2004.

978-0140424553 eBook available.

Oden, Thomas C. *Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1983.

978-0060663537

Peterson, Eugene H. *The Contemplative Pastor: Returning to the Art of Spiritual Direction*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub., 1989. Reprint, 1993.

978-0802801142. eBook available.

General Activity Guidelines

Total hours: 120

Class time (21 hours)

Reading (51 hours)

Assignments (48 hours)

1. Essays: The six papers are to be 795-1060 words (3-4 pages). (6 hours X 6 modules = 36 hours allotted). They are due 30 minutes before the class session begins. I do not ask students to inform me how much they have read. I expect that students may need to skim or omit reading under the pressure of time. The papers will give some demonstration about the degree of the student's engagement with the reading.
2. Interview pastors. Please interview a pastor or other church leader about how they understand and practice pastoral ministry. Please write 530-795 words (2-3 pages) paper with the first page sharing some of the interesting tips and ideas from the pastor and the second page sharing your ongoing concerns, excitement, and reflection about what was shared. *You will do this assignment twice during the semester.* = 6 hours X 2 = 12 hours

You can ask whatever questions you like. You want to want to adapt some of the following which I brainstormed for interviewing pastors during our class sessions.

Potential questions to ask a pastor meeting with the Theology and Practice of Pastoral Ministry class.

- a) Please tell us about your journey as a pastor. (Small churches or large churches? Rural or urban churches? Local churches or also parachurch ministry or nonprofit or camp or educational ministry too? Painful moments? Learning moments? Joyous moments?)
- b) Why do you do it? What impact does the church make when it is functioning well?
- c) Some pastors see the role of the church seeking justice so they lobby for social change. Other pastors see the role of the church as reaching outsiders so they seek church growth. Others are focused on nurturing deep discipleship. How do you think about the different approaches to pastoring? Does it have to do with your gifts? Or maybe your theology of the church? Your church tradition?

- d) Some people describe pastoring as 1/3 preaching, 1/3 pastoral care, and 1/3 administration. How do you spend your time?
- e) I sometimes tell students who are looking for mentors that they may need multiple mentors because not many pastors are good at supervising and management, preaching, pastoral care, personal spiritual disciplines, and family life. How do you use your special gifts but also address other areas?
- f) Have you given much thought biblically and theologically to the role of the pastor/elder/overseer/equippier/apostle? The pastor's or priest's role has traditionally centered on preaching and the administration of the sacraments? Do you want to give us guidance about those things?
- g) Some of the pastor's manuals we are reading have to do with how to guide different kinds of people? How do you think about this?
- h) Do you have thoughts on trying to take pressure off your spouse and family? Does the church have expectations of them?
- i) Some of us wonder if we are "called." Should we expect God's speaking to us like God did to Moses, Isaiah, and Paul or does it more have to do with loving the church, finding the work fulfilling, and being affirmed by other Christians about one's ability?
- j) Who are your pastoral heroes?
- k) Any books or authors or sermon podcasts or magazines you would recommend?
- l) Do you have some sort of hobby or recreation that helps you get away from the demands of people?

Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Reading Due	Assignment Due
3-Feb-15	First day = 3 hours in class	None	None
10-Feb-15			
17-Feb-15	Visions of pastoral ministry 3 hours class + 8 hours reading + 6 hours writing = 17 hours	Peterson ¹ = 167 pages = 6 hours PDF Bonhoeffer ² = 6 pages = .5 hour PDF Barth ³ = 18 pages = 1 hour Read online: King ⁴ = 9 pages = .5 hour http://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html = 8 hours	Paper due. How do Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Karl Barth, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Eugene Peterson describe pastoral ministry? What is the church for? What is the pastor's role? What excites you? What concerns you? How does all this intersect with how you see your

¹ Eugene H. Peterson, *The Contemplative Pastor: Returning to the Art of Spiritual Direction* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub., 1989; reprint, 1993).

² Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Letters and Papers from Prison*, trans., Isabel Best, Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, vol. 8 (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010), 498-504.

³ Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*, 4 vols. in 13 parts vols. (Edinburgh, New York: T&T Clark, 1956-1969, 1975, 2009), IV/3.2, 734-742.

⁴ Martin Luther King, Jr., "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," (1963).
http://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html.

			future ministry?
24-Feb-15			
3-Mar-15	<p>Biblical and theological perspectives on pastoral ministry</p> <p>3 hours class + 9 hours reading + 6 hours writing = 18 hours</p>	<p>Barrett⁵ = 90 pages = 3 hours</p> <p>Oden ch. 1-11⁶ = 171 pages = 6 hours = 9 hours</p> <p>Optional:</p> <p>PDF Barth⁷ = 3 pages = .5 hours</p> <p>PDF Brown⁸</p> <p>PDF Fee⁹ = 32 pages = 1 hour</p> <p>PDF Fee¹⁰ = 15 pages = .5 hour</p> <p>PDF Fee¹¹ = 17 pages = .5 hour</p> <p>PDF Hays¹²</p> <p>PDF Johnson¹³</p> <p>PDF Liefeld¹⁴</p> <p>PDF Paget¹⁵ = 13 pages = .5 hour</p> <p>PDF Willimon¹⁶</p>	<p>Paper due.</p> <p>Compare how C. K. Barrett as a biblical scholar understands the church and Christian ministry compared to Thomas Oden, an historian and theologian.</p> <p>They both happen to be Methodist.</p>

⁵ C. K. Barrett, *Church, Ministry, and Sacraments in the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: W.B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 1985; reprint, Wipf & Stock, 2005).

⁶ Thomas C. Oden, *Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1983).

⁷ Barth, *Church Dogmatics*, IV/3.1, 33-35.

⁸ Raymond E. Brown, "Episkopê and Episkopos: The New Testament Evidence," *Theological Studies* 41, no. 2 (1980).

⁹ Gordon D. Fee, "Laos and Leadership under the New Covenant," in *Listening to the Spirit in the Text* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: W.B. Eerdmans, 2000).

¹⁰ Gordon D. Fee, "Reflections on Church Order in the Pastoral Epistles," in *Listening to the Spirit in the Text* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: W.B. Eerdmans, 2000).

¹¹ Gordon D. Fee, "The Priority of Spirit Gifting for Church Ministry," in *Discovering Biblical Equality: Complementarity without Hierarchy*, ed. Ronald W. Pierce, Rebecca Merrill Groothuis, and Gordon D. Fee (Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2004).

¹² Richard B. Hays, "Ecclesiology and Ethics in 1 Corinthians," *Ex auditu* 10, (1994).

¹³ Luke Timothy Johnson, "Paul's Ecclesiology," in *The Cambridge Companion to St Paul* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003).

¹⁴ Walter L. Liefeld, "The Nature of Authority in the New Testament," in *Discovering Biblical Equality: Complementarity without Hierarchy*, ed. Ronald W. Pierce, Rebecca Merrill Groothuis, and Gordon D. Fee (Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2004).

¹⁵ James Carleton Paget, "The Vision of the Church in the Apostolic Fathers," in *A Vision for the Church: Studies in Early Christian Ecclesiology in Honour of J.P.M. Sweet*, ed. Markus Bockmuehl and Michael B. Thompson (Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1997).

¹⁶ William H. Willimon, *Bishop: The Art of Questioning Authority by an Authority in Question* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2012), 13-30.

			What excites you? What concerns you? How does all this intersect with how you see your future ministry?
10-Mar-15	None	Break	Intensives
17-Mar-15	None	Break	Intensives
24-Mar-15			
31-Mar-15	Classic wisdom on pastoral ministry 3 hours class + 9 hours reading + 6 hours writing = 18 hours	Gregory ¹⁷ = 200 pages = 7 hours PDF Bernard ¹⁸ = 23 pages = 1 hour Read online: Pope Francis ¹⁹ = 26 pages = 1 hour http://www.americamagazine.org/pope-interview = 9 hours You may substitute instead: Baxter ²⁰	Paper due. What did you glean about pastoral ministry from the classic book on pastoral ministry by Gregory the Great? Do you see any connections between what Gregory said in 590, what Bernard said to the Pope

¹⁷ St. Gregory the Great, *The Book of Pastoral Rule* (Crestwood, N.Y.: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2007).

¹⁸ Bernard of Clairvaux, *Five Books on Consideration: Advice to a Pope*, trans., John D. Anderson and Elizabeth T. Kennan (Kalamazoo, Mich.: Cistercian Publications, 1976).

¹⁹ Pope Francis and Antonio Spadaro, S.J., "A Big Heart Open to God," *America* (2013).
<http://www.americamagazine.org/pope-interview>

²⁰ Richard Baxter, *The Reformed Pastor: A Pattern for Personal Growth and Ministry* (Portland, Ore.: Multnomah Press, 1982).

			Eugene II in 1130, and what Pope Francis said in 2013? What excites you? What concerns you? How does all this intersect with how you see your future ministry?
7-Apr-15			
14-Apr-15	Contemporary understandings of pastoral ministry <i>3 hours class + 10 hours reading + 6 hours writing = 19 hours</i>	Oden ch. 12-18, Conclusion ²¹ = 147 pages = 5 hours Read online: Newbigin ²² = 150 pages = 5 hours http://newbigin.net/searches/detail.cfm?ID=1700 [You may also substitute Newbigin's book for another one on pastoring of your choice] = 10 hours	Paper due. What did you learn about the practice of pastoral ministry from these two books? What excites you? What concerns you? How does all this intersect with how you see your future ministry?
21-Apr-15			

²¹ Oden, *Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry*.

²² Lesslie Newbigin, "'The Good Shepherd': Meditations on Christian Ministry in Today's World," (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1977). <http://newbigin.net/searches/detail.cfm?ID=1700>.

28-Apr-15	The art and spirituality of pastoral ministry <i>3 hours class + 8 hours reading + 6 hours writing = 17 hours</i>	Herbert ²³ or ²⁴ page 5-255 = 8 hours	Paper due. What can we learn from the poetry, prayer, and spirituality of George Herbert?
5-May-15			
12-May-15	Specialized pastoral ministry <i>3 hours class + 7 hours reading + 6 hours writing = 16 hours</i>	Book of choice = 210 pages = 7 hours	Paper due. Review and respond to a book of your choice on pastoring.
19-May-15			
21 hours in class	108 hours of weekly assignments + 12 hours for two pastoral interviews = 120 hours total	51 hours reading	36 hours of weekly assignments + 12 hours for two pastoral interviews = 48 hours

²³ George Herbert, *The Complete English Works* (New York: Everyman's Library, 1995).

²⁴ George Herbert, *The Complete English Poems* (London; New York: Penguin Books, 2004).

Grading

Assessed Activity Weighting

Visions of pastoral ministry	15%
Biblical and theological perspectives on pastoral ministry	15%
Classic wisdom on pastoral ministry	15%
Contemporary understandings of pastoral ministry	15%
The art and spirituality of pastoral ministry	15%
Specialized pastoral ministry	15%
Pastor's Interview Reflection #1	5%
Pastor's Interview Reflection #2	5%
Total	100%

Final Grade Breakdown

Percentage	Point Range	Letter Grade
95.00%	95-100	A
90.00%	90-94	A-
87.00%	87-89	B+
84.00%	84-86	B
80.00%	80-83	B-
77.00%	77-79	C+
72.00%	72-76	C
70.00%	70-71	C-

Late Work Policy

Late work will be accepted up to one week with a 2-letter grade deduction (A to C, etc.). This severe penalty is to encourage the student to get their discussion in on time—for the sake of the whole class. Work that is submitted less than one week late may be accepted for less deduction at the instructor's discretion. Due date extensions with no penalty will only be granted due to the most extreme circumstances and at the discretion of the instructor.

Diversity of resources and assignments:

Providing a variety of perspectives and giving students relevant assignments is very important to me as a teacher. I desire to give students resources from diverse sources: male and female, different parts of the world, different church and denominational traditions (Lutheran, Mennonite, Baptist, Reformed, etc.), difference social classes, ethnicities, races, large and small church, and city and rural settings. Therefore I am willing to consider substituting required course readings and assignments with other comparable ones if a student would benefit from this. This may also involve the student doing some research in identifying such resources.

Options for personal book choices.

I require you to read Peterson, Barrett, Oden, Gregory the Great, and George Herbert. But I also want to free you to read some books that fit with your interests (instead of the Newbigin book and during the last week). See below some options. While the previous books inculcate a sense of biblical, theological, historical wisdom to our understanding of pastoring, I think you will gain from these books a sense that pastoring can look differently in different contexts. A theme in these books is the personal character of the pastor's life together with devotion to help their flock. In the MDiv, you have courses in preaching, worship, leadership, discipleship, evangelism, social justice, pastoral care, and personal spiritual formation. This particular course is trying to help you bring integration of the different tasks of pastoral ministry and also integration with your life in ministry.

Recommended books

The Art of Pastoring by David Hansen.²⁵ *Description by fly-fishing pastor in Montana about how he understands pastoring.*

At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon.²⁶ A pleasant tame easy read about a fictional Episcopalian pastor in small north North Carolina. First in a series of 10. The ordinary nature of Father Tim's existence reflects what it is like to pastor in many settings.

Open Secrets by Richard Lischer.²⁷ *A memoir of a young Lutheran pastor in rural Missouri who eventually became a preaching professor at Duke Divinity School.*

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson.²⁸ A highly acclaimed book—winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for fiction—about an old Congregationalist pastor John Ames in rural Iowa. It is the first of a series of four novels: *Home*, *Lila*, and Robinson just announced she is writing a fourth. It is literary so somewhat difficult reading.

Five Books on Consideration by Bernard of Clairvaux.²⁹ Advice from one of the best writers on spirituality in church history to the Pope in the 11th century. This is long but rich in Scripture and insight.

²⁵ David Hansen, *The Art of Pastoring: Ministry without All the Answers* (Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1994).

²⁶ Jan Karon, *At Home in Mitford* (New York, N.Y.: Penguin Books, 1996).

²⁷ Richard Lischer, *Open Secrets: A Memoir of Faith and Discovery* (New York: Broadway Books, 2002).

²⁸ Marilynne Robinson, *Gilead* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004).

²⁹ Bernard of Clairvaux, *Five Books on Consideration: Advice to a Pope*.

Pastor by Will Willimon.³⁰ A textbook overview of pastoral ministry by influential United Methodist pastor, retired bishop, and professor.

Deep & Wide by Andy Stanley.³¹ Very readable persuasive description of evangelistic megachurch approach with moments of memoir.

The Post-Black and Post-White Church: Becoming the Beloved Community in a Multi-Ethnic World by Efrem Smith.³² Written in the Twin Cities by a Bethel Seminary grad, this topic is of great importance.

Glittering Images by Susan Howatch.³³ *The first in the seven-book "Church of England" or "Starbridge" series which takes place in the 1930's-1960's about a pastor ("canon") Charles Ashworth who succumbs to sexual temptation and the Anglican priest, abbot, spiritual director Jon Darrow who tries to help him.*

Strength to Love by Martin Luther King, Jr..³⁴ A book of sermons on method and theology by MLK, Jr..

*Two views on women in ministry.*³⁵ An introduction to the topic if you are interested in exploring this issue.

³⁰ William H. Willimon, *Pastor: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2002).

³¹ Andy Stanley, *Deep & Wide: Creating Churches Unchurched People Love to Attend* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 2012).

³² Efrem Smith, *The Post-Black and Post-White Church: Becoming the Beloved Community in a Multi-Ethnic World* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2012).

³³ Susan Howatch, *Glittering Images* (New York: Knopf, 1987).

³⁴ Martin Luther King, *Strength to Love*, Fortress Press Gift ed. (Minneapolis, Minn.: Fortress, 2010).

³⁵ Linda L. Belleville and others, *Two Views on Women in Ministry*, Rev. ed., Counterpoints (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 2005).

Long novels

If you picked a long book like these latter three, we would have to cut something else out.

Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky.³⁶ A classic novel from 1880 that includes a young man Alyosha and an Eastern Orthodox monk Father Zosima who helps him.

Middlemarch by George Eliot.³⁷ Written by a woman Mary Ann Evans under a pen name, this is a classic novel from 1871-1872 that includes a zealous religious young woman Dorothea who marries a dry academic Anglican priest Casaubon and is helped later by a young pastor (vicar) Farebrother.

Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy.³⁸ A classic novel from 1877 that includes a man named Levin being helped by an Eastern orthodox priest.

³⁶ Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov: A Novel in Four Parts with Epilogue*, trans., Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2002).

³⁷ George Eliot, *Middlemarch* (London: Penguin, 2003).

³⁸ Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina: A Novel in Eight Parts*, trans., Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky (New York, NY: Penguin Books, 2002).

Books I have not yet read but maybe worth considering:

Incorporation by Will Willimon.³⁹ In stark contrast to Karon's Mitford, Willimon warns through this fictional account that the church life can be full of dysfunction and sin. Perhaps the two should be read together.

The Orphean Passages by Walter Wangerin.⁴⁰ Using the Greek myth of Orpheus and the fictional Reverend Orpheus who is a young white pastor at an inner-city church, Wangerin depicts aspects of pastoring.

The Final Beast by Frederick Buechner.⁴¹ About a pastor Theodore Nicolet whose wife has died and is left with two young daughters.

Diary of a Country Priest by George Bernanos.⁴² A classic novel from 1937 about a French Roman Catholic priest.

Basic Christian: The Inside Story of John Stott by Roger Steer.⁴³ A one-volume biography of perhaps the most well-known pastor of the latter 20th century. Stott was an Anglican pastor in London, England. There is also a two-volume biography of him.

This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers by Lillian Daniel and Martin B. Copenhaver.⁴⁴ Daniel and Copenhaver may be a bit more liberal than what you are used to but there may be value in hearing their description of pastoral ministry. I think unfortunately Daniel has gotten divorced since writing this book.

Books on pastoral ministry from biblical studies: *Pastoral Ministry According to Paul: A Biblical Vision* by James Thompson,⁴⁵ or *Ministry by the Book: New Testament Patterns for Pastoral Leadership* by Derek Tidball.⁴⁶

³⁹ William H. Willimon, *Incorporation* (Eugene, Or.: Cascade Books, 2012).

⁴⁰ Walter Wangerin, *The Orphean Passages: The Drama of Faith* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1986).

⁴¹ Frederick Buechner, *The Final Beast* (New York: Atheneum, 1965).

⁴² Georges Bernanos, *The Diary of a Country Priest*, trans., Pamela Morris (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1937).

⁴³ Roger Steer, *Basic Christian: The inside Story of John Stott* (Downers Grove, Ill.: IVP Books, 2009).

⁴⁴ Lillian Daniel and Martin B. Copenhaver, *This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: William B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 2009).

⁴⁵ James Thompson, *Pastoral Ministry According to Paul: A Biblical Vision* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Academic, 2006).

⁴⁶ Derek Tidball, *Ministry by the Book: New Testament Patterns for Pastoral Leadership* (Downers Grove, Ill.: IVP Academic, 2008).

Books I probably would not recommend as highly:

A Canticle for Leibowitz by Walter M. Miller⁴⁷ A science fiction book that takes place in the future after a nuclear holocaust, where Christianity survives.

The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene.⁴⁸ A novel about an alcoholic Roman Catholic priest with a child which takes place when Roman Catholic priests were persecuted in Mexico in the 1930's.

The Innocence of Father Brown by G. K. Chesterton.⁴⁹ Mysteries solved by Father Brown, a Roman Catholic priest. These are available online for free or almost free.

The Preaching Life by Barbara Brown Taylor.⁵⁰ This is a memoir from an Episcopal priest but Taylor has progressed so has a 2007 book called *Leaving Church*. Still, some evangelicals think she is worth reading.

⁴⁷ Walter M. Miller, *A Canticle for Leibowitz* (New York: Bantam Books, 1997).

⁴⁸ Graham Greene, *The Power and the Glory* (New York: Viking Press, 1946).

⁴⁹ G. K. Chesterton, *The Complete Father Brown Stories* (London, England; New York, N.Y.: Penguin Books, 2012).

⁵⁰ Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Preaching Life* (Cambridge, Mass.: Cowley Publications, 1993).

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