



Cooperative Baptist
Fellowship North Carolina

FEATURED RESOURCES: YOUTH MINISTRY

BOOKS, JOURNALS & DEVOTIONALS

- **[The Godbearing Life](#)** by Foster and Dean. Anyone working with youth should read this, volunteer or paid, as the relational nature of it may be more timely now than when originally published.
- **[Let Your Life Speak](#)** by Parker Palmer. This little book is a great study in finding your calling as a Christian through your vocation and passions. This is a great 8-10 week study and conversation with older youth.
- **[Messy Spirituality](#)** by Mike Yaconelli is a beautiful reminder of why we do what we do. Also great anecdotes for students to reimagine being the hands and feet of Christ in a messy world.
- **[\(EXTRA\)Ordinary: 365 Ordinary Moments with an Anything-But-Ordinary God](#)** is a year-long devotional journal your students will actually want to read. Divided into three sections, students can go in any order based on their unique life circumstances. But, each day they will come face-to-face with God in these biblically-centered devotions.
- **[Faith in An Anxious World](#)** by Fuller Youth Institute. With all the anxiety in the world that youth are facing this resource helps them include their faith but also gives some great resources and techniques to help them daily. It also encourages getting support and help through counseling.
- **[2021 Advent Materials: Persist. Proclaim](#)** (*link goes to order form*) This Advent devotional resources that are written by Mary Elizabeth Hanchey (who has served on staff at Watts Street) and illustrated by a local Durham artist. She produces new materials every year. They are fabulous, and she has just started taking pre-orders for this year's materials.

FAITH DECISIONS

- ***[God's Story, Our Story: Exploring Christian Faith and Life](#)*** (Michele Hershberger) is a Mennonite resource that looks at the Bible as one ongoing narrative of the story of God and asks us to consider how we fit into that story and make it our own. It is innovative in the way it invites the reader to consider faith, and I have found it to be engaging and inspiring for youth.
- ***[Becoming Like Christ: Grounding Youth in Jesus](#)*** (Fisher, Hestorff, Patterson, and Tadlock) is a CBF Resource and is fairly traditional set of lessons designed to introduce youth to the basic stories of Jesus and what it means to be a Christian. It is accessible for clergy or lay to lead and can be done in an individual or group setting.

