Beyond our Prayers

Why Plan Strategy? Is church growth theory incompatible with belief in the sovereignty of God? Does adherence to church growth principles leave out dependency upon the work of the Holy Spirit? C. Peter Wagner answers no to both questions. He further believes that no task could be more crucial than fulfilling the Great Commission in our generation, and how to approach and plan for the execution of this task is the questions of the day. Strategies for Church Growth addresses this key issue in a biblically pragmatic way. It brings together for the first time many principles of evangelism and missions which have proved, through recent research and experience, to be effective in implementing the Great Commission. It also unifies, in concise form, the latest research of the Church Growth Movement, the Lausanne Committee on World Evangelization, the U.S. Center for World Mission and numerous other key contributors to the recent explosion of evangelistic technology. Among the topics explored are: -

the major components of strategy - choosing the appropriate strategy - advantages of having a strategy -

the theology of church growth - the harvest principle and soil testing - why you should aim for church growth - characteristics of good goals - the meaning of mission and evangelism - how to target your outreach

Biblical Church Growth

Many begin the Daniel Fast (or ANY FAST) as a part of their New Year resolutions. Some churches even do it corporately, which is a wonderful thing. It is a great time to come together in unity, denying yourself certain foods, all for the purpose of renewing your walk with the Savior. You want to clean out the old and make way for the new! Jesus also said that some things just do not come about by prayer alone! When the Church is fasting, the enemy is intimidated. Satan isn’t worried one bit when we are content with the status quo. But if the Church ever realizes the power it possesses through prayer and fasting, the devil would be on the run! Fasting will change your life. It will draw you closer to God, help you see things about yourself that you need to change, allow God to dig out the ugly and replace it with His grace, and lift those heavy burdens from you that you just don’t need to carry or worry about any longer. With God’s help, I have attempted to give you, the reader, a road map to follow that can be a help to you on this journey. Fasting isn’t about just going without food. If done properly, it can propel you to new heights in your relationship with God. I pray you find this book a tool that you will refer to again and again as you make fasting a regular part of your spiritual life.
The Weekly Prayer Project

The effects of intercessory prayer on church growth

The Complete Book of Church Growth "Churches That Pray" gives you concrete examples of the way God is answering fervent "action prayer" in every corner of the planet. It also gives you practical steps to take so that you can use "action prayer" in your church and in your community.

Dynamics of Church Growth

Towards a Theology of Church Growth Based on God’s vision for churches in Matthew 28:18-20, this book presents sound methods for making disciples, winning the lost for Christ, and planting new churches.

Serving in Your Church Prayer Ministry Churches are facing a crisis of epidemic proportions: attendance is dropping, empty pews are not being refilled, and doors are closing! Unfortunately, the leadership in today's churches are not trained, nor equipped, to handle this crisis. Leaders at all levels must know how to be an effective leader and communicate in a 360-degree radius effectively with each person they are in contact with. Knowing and understanding what the objectives of the church are is of paramount importance. Planning for church growth is more than a simple prayer. Church growth starts with prayers, visions of where God wants the church to go, and an evaluation and analysis of where the church is. Unfortunately, not every church is prepared for growth and must take the necessary steps to be prepared for growth. Love sells itself, and love must be shown to all those who not only enter the church’s doors, but throughout the community. Love is not shown by being the loud carnival Barker who is selling chances to win a stuffed animal, but by actions. Love is a warm smile, a heartfelt welcome, a firm handshake or hug, a short sweet introduction, a sincere inquiry about the person, and most importantly, love is listening. Love does not sell anything, especially denominationalism. The life cycle of the church must be understood, and leadership must know where the church is in the life cycle. In order to extend the church’s life cycle, new ideas and services must be continuously developed and initiated in order to stay relevant. This relevancy leads to a strong brand for the church. This book was developed with interviews and conversations with pastors and clergy from all walks of faith and from all areas of the United States. Regardless of the denomination, this book is designed to guide church leaders through the necessary steps in order to grow and market your church.

Church Growth Studies in Mission

Praying with Power

Beyond Church Growth With 30 years of experience behind him, David Horner knows the pitfalls of a life in ministry. In 7 Challenges Pastors Face, Horner shows you how to - balance the demands of your calling - sharpen your vision - grow a team - cultivate humility Developing a well-balanced approach to responsibilities and passions will equip you to thrive in the face of the many challenges of ministry. This book can show you the way.

Spiritual Power and Church Growth The groundbreaking Prayer Warrior Series culminates with C. Peter Wagner's most personal insights yet into the dynamics of prayer ad spiritual warfare. Dr. Wagner reveals his personal approach to prayer as he provides you with practical steps for deepening and strengthening your own prayer life. Praying with Power will encourage you as it leads you into intimate personal, life-changing communication with your Father, the almighty God. Dr. Wagner answers personal, practical questions about prayer including: How can I make my prayers more effective? How can I hear God better? How can I pray for my community? How do I network with like-minded prayer warriors? As a
missionary for almost 20 years in Bolivia, Dr. Wagner's interesting insights about witchcraft, two-way prayer, and corporate prayer introduce concepts you may not have previously considered. Also provided are steps for establishing a prayer ministry in your church or small group, and how to use prayer to heal past wounds. Discover today that Praying with Power brings you closer to God.

Prayer and Church Growth Bishop Hilliard pinpoints the signs leaders should look for in knowing their churches are growing in a healthy manner, and includes a discussion of satellite churches, extension churches, and new church plants as signs of healthy growth.

Prayer, a Key Element Effecting Church Growth Instead of relying on today's models of successful churches, follow the biblical pattern for building a vital and solid church on eternal foundations.

Prayer as a Church Growth Strategy Dr. Timothy Lin was a member of the translation team of the New American Standard Bible, a professor at Talbot Seminary, Los Angeles, & Trinity Evangelical Seminary, Chicago, & the president of China Evangelical Seminary in Taiwan. He is the pastor of the First Chinese Baptist Church, Los Angeles, which has grown to over 1800 in regular SUNDAY SCHOOL attendance & which has also started several missions & branch churches. His extensive travels to preach & teach in many parts of Asia, North America, Australia, & Europe; his deep understanding of the Word & the person of God; & his full & still active life of service which encompasses over 60 years of experiences have given him a unique & insightful perspective into the Church. The presence of God is a must for church growth. Pastors & Christians must act according to God’s Word in order to have God's presence. A church is a training center--the way to build up a successful Sunday school. A church is a house of prayer--the proper way to pray. Many churches have used this book as a guide for church growth & for training church leaders. To purchase, please contact the First Chinese Baptist Church at 942 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The publisher also has another title, TAKING A STAND FOR GOD which is a collection of sermons delivered by Dr. Gregory R. Owyang who was known as the "Chinese Billy Graham."

Preparing for Growth and Marketing in Today's Church

The Daniel Fast Devotional

Didn't See It Coming Insightful instructions on how to make your church grow -Invaluable manual on how to enlarge the local church -Comprehensive exposé that leaves no stone unturned -Concise instructions on how to become a mega church pastor - Helpful hints on how to develop your ministry

Church Growth in Ghana

Prayer and Church Growth in the Korean Church Part research project, part detective story, this book presents results from the most comprehensive study of successful churches in history. These 586 churches across America all excel in winning new souls for Christ, and have a remarkable range of things in common. Some stereotypes are shattered, some results are astonishing, and everything is written in a readable, non-technical style.-- Includes churches with at least one baptism per 19 members annually--Churches range from 60 to 6,000 in membership; more than 2/3 claim 100-499 members-- Reveals the seven evangelism tools most important to successful churches-- Discusses popular misconceptions about church location, size, event evangelism and more

7 Challenges Pastors Face

The Purpose Driven Church Concern about church growth and decline is widespread and contentious, yet theological reflection on church growth is scarce. Reflecting on the Bible, dogmatic theology and church
history, this book situates the numerical growth of the church within wider Christian theology. Leading international scholars, including Alister McGrath, Benedicta Ward and C. Kavin Rowe, contribute a spectrum of voices from evangelical, charismatic, liberal and anglo-catholic perspectives. All contributors unite around the importance of seeking church growth, provided this is situated within a nuanced theological framework. This book offers a critique of ‘decline theology’, which has been influential amongst theologians and churches, and which assumes church growth is impossible and/or unnecessary. The contributors provide rich resources from scripture, doctrine and tradition, to underpin action to promote church growth and to stimulate further theological reflection on the subject. The Archbishop of Canterbury provides the Foreword.

Journey Into Ministry and Mission

Practical Approaches to Church Growth An influential pastor, podcaster, and thought leader believes it's not only possible to predict life's hardest moments, but also to alter outcomes, overcome challenges, and defeat your fiercest adversaries. Founding Pastor of one of North America’s most influential churches, Carey Nieuwhof wants to help you avoid and overcome life’s seven hardest and most crippling challenges: cynicism, compromise, disconnectedness, irrelevance, pride, burnout, and emptiness. These are challenges that few of us expect but that we all experience at some point. If you have yet to confront these obstacles, Carey provides clear tools and guidelines for anticipation and avoidance. On the other hand, if you already feel stuck in a painful experience or are wrestling with one of these challenges, he provides the steps you need to find a way out and a way forward into a more powerful and vibrant future.

Strategies for Church Growth

The Discipline of Prayer for Spiritual Maturity, Church Growth and General Blessings of the Cathedral Church

An Effective Prayer Training Model for Church Growth: Centered on Wangsung Presbyterian Church in South Korea The purpose of this project is to investigate biblical church growth, specifically studying South Korean pastors roles concerning the healthy church and spiritual reinforcement, with a limited focus and application to WangSung Presbyterian Church and other churches in South Korea. This project primarily utilizes the New Testament, as well as literature on church growth and healthy spirituality. In addition, references specifically regarding church growth and statistical information from Korean church ministries will also be used. This project shares a new alternative way for the growth of churches: A prayer-training model as the most effective method for church growth. A healthy and true growth can only be achieved through prayer. The definition and concept of prayer will be examined in depth. It is the intention of this project to provide new insight to pastors who are longing for church growth and desiring to constantly transmit truth to other believers regarding the subjects of spirituality, prayer, and the role of the pastor within the Christian community.

The Book of Church Growth Geoff Waugh's autobiographical memoir tells of his discovery on renewal and revival in his ministry and mission. He met his wife Meg in Papua New Guinea and their children and grandchildren grew up in Australia. Geoff taught in colleges in Australia and led mission teams in many countries.

Going for Growth

Church Growth from an African American Perspective Gaining form and momentum over the second half of the 20th century, the Church Growth movement has become an enormous shaping force on the Western church today. You may love it, you may hate it, but you can’t deny its impact. But what exactly is Church Growth? In what ways has the movement actually brought growth to the church, and how
effective has it been in doing so? What are its strengths and weaknesses? This timely book addresses such questions. After providing a richly informative history and overview, it explores—in a first-ever roundtable of their leading voices—five main perspectives, both pro and con, on the classic Church Growth movement:

- **Effective Evangelism View (Elmer Towns)**
- **Gospel in Our Culture View (Craig Van Gelder)**
- **Centrist View (Charles Van Engen)**
- **Reformist View (Gailyn Van Rheenan)**
- **Renewal View (Howard Snyder)**

As in other Counterpoints books, each view is first presented by its proponent, then critiqued by his co-contributors. The book concludes with reflections by three seasoned pastors who have grappled with the practical implications of Church Growth. The interactive and fair-minded nature of the Counterpoints format allows the reader to consider the strengths and weaknesses of each view and draw informed, personal conclusions. The Counterpoints series provides a forum for comparison and critique of different views on issues important to Christians. Counterpoints books address two categories: Church Life and Exploring Theology. Complete your library with other books in the Counterpoints series.

The Secret of Church Growth

Every church is driven by something. Tradition, finances, programs, personalities, events, seekers, and even buildings can each be the controlling force in a church. But Rick Warren believes that in order for a church to be healthy it must become a purpose driven church by Jesus. Now the founding pastor of Saddleback Church shares a proven five-part strategy that will enable your church to grow...

- Warmer through fellowship
- Deeper through discipleship
- Stronger through worship
- Broader through ministry
- Larger through evangelism

Discover the same practical insights and principles for growing a healthy church that Rick has taught in seminars to over 22,000 pastors and church leaders from sixty denominations and forty-two countries. The Purpose Driven Church® shifts the focus away from church building programs to emphasizing a people-building process. Warren says, "If you will concentrate on building people, God will build the church."

Prayer and Church Growth in Korea

Here for the first time is the story of how the Meserete Kristos Church began in Ethiopia and, using cell groups, grew rapidly during seventeen years under Marxism. Increasing 20 percent a year, MKC is more than a hundred thousand strong and has spread to every region of Ethiopia. This book witnesses to God at work among twentieth-century Anabaptists on two continents.

Church Growth Bulletin

This compact prayer manual shows how to build and participate in a praying church and includes stories and examples from a cross section of churches, evaluation charts, and discussion questions so both church staff and lay leaders can use it individually or in group settings.

Effective Evangelistic Churches

A short guide for busy church leaders on what makes local churches grow. A launch pad for prayer, discussion and planning, with ideas, questions and research-based strategies.

Evaluating the Church Growth Movement

The directive is so simple: Be still. Draw close. Know Me. Yet who hasn’t struggled with the art of quieting your mind and heart to truly dig deep into the intimacy God offers His beloved? The Weekly Prayer Project allows you that moment for reflection and invites you to write your prayers to the One who loves you unconditionally.

Prayer and Church Growth as Practiced at Church on the Rock, Rockwall, Texas

The Church Growth Movement has divided devout Christians. Even though Rainer is an advocate, his aim here is to present an objective view of the movement--its history, the theology associated with it, and the principles which seem to separate churches that grow from those that don’t.

The Effectiveness to the Church Growth of Pastoral Prayer

Effecting Church Growth Through Prayer
Churches that Pray

God's Plan for the Church Growth

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