



Greetings from the CLN!!

The busy holiday season has come and gone including January! Would love to see pictures you took of your holiday displays. What other promotion do you do during the holidays? Click [here](#) to share your actions.

Q&A and The Circle

Be sure to check out the questions currently being discussed on the [Q&A](#). And our [Circle](#) page has several updates and new ideas. We just posted our 200th idea!!

I updated our journey at my church about our first ever Topic of the Month event on January 29. We are gradually succeeding in getting in front of the people in our church. Click [here](#). (Scroll down to the Comments). Anyone else using a Topic of the Month approach? Click [here](#).

Collection Recommendations from Eva Nell and Carolyn

Their topic this month is stewardship. Click [here](#) to see their recommendations and add your recommendations.

Colporteurs??

Are you familiar with the history of colporteurs? In response to the closing of Cokesbury, LifeWay Stores, and so many other faith-related retailers, Dr. Charles Lumpkin recalled a bit of history he studied while in seminary. Back in the Spring, he researched the role of colportage and wrote a research paper for us. How did churches get resources and supplies before stores? For those of you who are not Southern Baptists, our intent here is to explore colportage in the context of one faith group, but you will find references to other faith groups and denominations. And yes, we are breaking all the website rules by posting a ten-page article with bibliography. You will find an interesting conclusion for today's churches and synagogues! Click [here](#). The article includes references to cabinets used by the colporteurs. We even have pictures! This "library" cabinet is still located in the back of the sanctuary of Mountain Baptist Church in Bluemont, Virginia. Click [here](#) and [here](#).

Training Season Continues!!

The winter months are normally quiet as to training opportunities. Our [Events](#) page has several opportunities coming up through the year. If you are hosting training events, please add them to our roster of events.

A Reminder: Avoid the Spam Folder

As a reminder, be sure to put the CLN email address in your Contacts List so that our emails get to your inbox instead of your spam folder. We don't want you to miss a thing! Our email address is mail@churchlibrarians.ning.com.

With love and gratitude,

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