



Between Friends

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May God fill our hearts with that sense of awe that pervades Paul's own writing—the wonder, the holiness, the infinite love, the grace and longsuffering of the person and character of God.

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Dear friends,

For many years the Lord has used Myrtlefield Trust to disseminate the truth of God's word throughout the world. Since our inception in 1984 much has changed, and yet much has remained constant.

When the Trust began most of the material we produced was distributed in print, and although we continue to provide print books, more of our material is now read online. Last year over 11,000 people visited our website to download books, transcripts and audio series. Even more watched videos of David Gooding teaching or interacted with our quote graphics on social media.

The speed at which things change in our world can be unsettling sometimes. It is in those occasions we are glad that our God isn't transient or fickle. He is faithful and his promises stand firm for all time and eternity. In 1989 David Gooding stated, 'In God's character, in his unchanging truth, in his word that cannot be altered, in his promise and oath that will be fulfilled, here lies our salvation.' The same remains true today.

As we reflect on God's faithfulness we want to thank you for the way he has provided for us through your continued support in the form of prayer and gifts. We hope you enjoy this short update about the work.

THE MYRTLEFIELD TRUST
2019

NEW RESOURCES FROM MYRTLEFIELD HOUSE

Transcripts

Our editors continue working hard to make David Gooding's teaching throughout the years available for future generations.

Seventeen new series of studies are now available for free download on our website. These are listed in the table below. You can download and read them wherever you go as they are available in multiple formats.

Two Prepared Entries into Jerusalem: Luke 19 and 22

The Case for Belief: Evidence for the Truth of our Christian Faith

Maintaining Assembly Principles and Spiritual Vigour: Lessons from 1 Timothy

Four Journeys to Jerusalem: A Series of Seminars on the Gospel of John

Morality, Religion Faith, Evidence

Attitude to a Traditional Church

Paul's First Letter to Timothy

The Christian Philosophy of Man

The Lord's Supper: Remembering Christ as He Told Us To

Days Yet to Come for Israel: Daniel 10–12

Wreckage and Recovery: Romans 5–8

The Power, the Wisdom and the Glory: Romans 9–11

What is Your Name?

1 & 2 Chronicles

Prepared for Glory: Studies in Leviticus

The Church's Witness to Christ: As Recorded in Matthew's Gospel

A Brief Outline of Acts of the Apostles:
God's New Programme of History

AN UPDATE ON OUR NEW SERIES

The Quest for Reality and Significance



I would recommend these books to anyone searching to answer the big questions of life. – Alexander Strauch

Last year we released the first two books in *The Quest for Reality and Significance* series. We plan to release the next two books in March and the final two in September. Reception of the books has been positive and people all over the world are reading and benefitting from the content. If you have read any of these books please send us some feedback or leave a review online so we can continue to increase their exposure.



Gooding and Lennox adroitly unveil both what's timely and timeless along the moral terrain. – Dr David Baggett

Resource Distribution in 2018

11,595
visitors

We had an encouraging increase in users on our main website, myrtlefieldhouse.com. The number of visitors almost doubled from 2017. We also had over 8,000 visitors to our second website—keybibleconcepts.org—which features both translations and English publications.

80+
countries

We had visitors from all over the world from places such as Germany, France, India, the Philippines, Ireland, Brazil, Romania, Peru, Kenya, Singapore, New Zealand, South Korea, Albania, Barbados, Japan, Croatia, Ghana, China... and many more!

19,726
downloads

This is comprised of 2,366 books, 5,827 transcripts and over 11,500 audio files.

The most popular were:

Book—According to Luke

Transcript—The Book of Revelation

Audio—Studies in the Gospel of John

10,500
video views

We began adding videos of David Gooding's teaching to YouTube in 2018. Since then hundreds of users have subscribed to the channel. The most viewed series so far is *The Glorious Gospel*. The total watch time on our videos is 177,800 minutes (over 123 days!)

Translations



French

We are currently working with a translator in Quebec and a publisher in France to make the full *Encounters* series available for the French speaking world. So far *Key Bible Concepts* has been translated and *Christianity: Opium or Truth* is in the works.

Korean

A few years ago *Key Bible Concepts* was published in South Korea. Since then we have been pursuing further translations into Korean. *Windows on Paradise* is currently being translated and *In the School of Christ* should follow shortly after.

Chinese

Please pray for the publication of *Key Bible Concepts* and *True to the Faith* in Chinese. *Key Bible Concepts* is still awaiting official approval before it can be sold publicly. With restrictions on Christianity increasing in the country we are not sure when this will be approved. The translation of *True to the Faith* has met obstacles but continues to progress.

Spanish

Many of our books have existed in Spanish for some time. We are currently engaged in a project to re-publish these books as Myrtlefield House publications and make them more widely available throughout the Spanish speaking world.

Albanian

Last year we published our first Albanian translation, *Windows on Paradise*. We are pleased to announce that *The Riches of Divine Wisdom* is being translated and will be published by AEM Misioni Ungjillor.

Other Projects



SIM LEARN Project

In a previous edition of *Between Friends* we notified you about the inclusion of our resources in a new project by Serving In Mission. This project is progressing well. When completed it will bring our books and other resources to many thousands of pastors and teachers in Zimbabwe. If you want an overview of the project visit: www.churchleaderslearn.org where you will see our books, audio and video featured throughout the promotional material.

Website Updates

Our website has been growing steadily over the last number of years. With so much material available (over 2000 resources) it became necessary to simplify the user experience. We spent a significant amount of time grouping individual audio and video files together and improving search capabilities. If you think we can improve things further we would be glad to receive any feedback via our email: info@myrtlefieldhouse.com.

The Quest Series Grant Project

We plan to give away over 2000 copies of *The Quest* series during the next year. They will be distributed to a variety of strategic partners we have worked with in the past and also to Christian seminaries and colleges in Europe and through the developing world. We will update you on the progress of this project in the next edition of *Between Friends* later this year.

When all is said and done holy Scripture is not merely a collection of rules that must be obeyed, like our income tax schedules; nor are its histories merely records of antiquarian interest. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and in inspiring the prophets and the writers of holy Scripture, God was revealing himself.

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For Prayer

A SHORT LIST OF ITEMS TO PRAY
FOR IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

- Help for the editors to complete their work in the Transcripts project.
- That the release of books 3 & 4 of the Quest series would go well and that many people would benefit from them.
- That the visitors to our website would continue to grow and that these people would be blessed by the content they find.
- Blessing and focus for those who are currently translating our books into French, Chinese, Korean and Albanian.
- Help for SIM as they put together the LEARN project and blessing for those who will receive our resources through this.
- Progress in the Chinese *Key Bible Concepts* project, that it would make it through the government censors.
- That our translated works would continue to make a difference in the countries where they are available.
- For guidance on future projects the Trust is considering.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14