

The Heart of Racial Justice

by Brenda Salter McNeil and Rick Richardson

Racial and ethnic hostility is one of the most pervasive problems the church faces. It hinders our effectiveness as one body of believers. It damages our ability to witness to and serve seekers. In this book McNeil and Richardson reveal a new model of racial reconciliation, social justice and spiritual healing that creates both individual and community transformation.

Thursday, June 15, 7pm @ BelPres S-141

Hillbilly Elegy

By J.D. Vance

From a former Marine and Yale Law School Graduate, a poignant account of growing up in a poor Appalachian town, that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. Part memoir, part historical and social analysis, J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* is a fascinating consideration of class, culture, and the American dream.

Monday, August 7, 7pm @ BelPres UC 326

I Shall Not Hate

By Izzeldin Abuelaish

A Harvard-educated Palestinian doctor, Abuelaish was born and raised in a refugee camp in the Gaza Strip and "has devoted his life to medicine and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians" (New York Times). On January 16, 2009, he lost three of his daughters and his niece when Israeli shells hit his home in the Gaza Strip. Instead of seeking revenge or sinking into hatred, he has called for the people of the region to come together so that his daughters will be "the last sacrifice on the road to peace between Palestinians and Israelis."

Thursday, August 3, 7pm @ BelPres S-141

The Warmth of Other Suns

By Isabel Wilkerson

In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life.

Friday, August 18, 7pm
in South Bellevue
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Between the World and Me

By Ta-Nehisi Coates

In a series of essays, written as a letter to his son, Coates confronts the notion of race in America and how it has shaped American history, many times at the cost of black bodies and lives.

Tuesday, June 27, 7-9pm
RSVP to justice@belpres.org for location

Just Mercy

By Bryan Stevenson

A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time

Thursday, July 13, 7pm @BelPres S-141

America's Original Sin

By Jim Wallis

Wallis offers a prophetic and deeply personal call to action in overcoming the racism so ingrained in American society. He speaks candidly to Christians--particularly white Christians--urging them to cross a new bridge toward racial justice and healing.

Thursday, July 20, 7pm @ BelPres S-141

Justice & Reconciliation Summer Book Club Series

Email justice@belpres.org to RSVP for the book discussion(s) of your choice, or let us know if you're interested in hosting a discussion.

Let Justice Roll Down

By John M. Perkins

His brother died in his arms, shot by a deputy marshal. He was beaten and tortured by the sheriff and state police. But through it all he returned good for evil, love for hate, progress for prejudice and brought hope to black and white alike. This is a gripping portrayal of what happens when faith thrusts a person into the midst of a struggle against racism, oppression and injustice. It is about the costs of discipleship - the jailings, the floggings, the despair, the sacrifice. And it is about the transforming work of faith that allowed John to respond to such overwhelming indignities with miraculous compassion, vision and hope.

Date: Sunday, June 18 4:30pm S-223

Tears We Cannot Stop

By Michael Eric Dyson

As the country grapples with racist division at a level not seen since the 1960s, one man's voice soars above the rest with conviction and compassion. In this provocative and deeply personal call for change, Dyson argues that if we are to make real racial progress we must face difficult truths, including being honest about how black grievance has been ignored, dismissed, or discounted.

Wednesday, July 12, 7-8:30pm @ BelPres S-141

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City

By Matthew Desmond

Even in the most desolate areas of American cities, evictions used to be rare. But today, most poor renting families are spending more than half of their income on housing, and eviction has become ordinary, especially for single mothers. In vivid, intimate prose, Desmond provides a ground-level view of one of the most urgent issues facing America today. As we see families forced into shelters, squalid apartments, or more dangerous neighborhoods, we bear witness to the human cost of America's vast inequality—and to people's determination and intelligence in the face of hardship.

Thursday, July 6, 7pm @ BelPres S-141

The Case for Reparations

By Ta-Nehisi Coates

Two hundred fifty years of slavery. Ninety years of Jim Crow. Sixty years of separate but equal. Thirty-five years of racist housing policy. Until we reckon with our compounding moral debts, America will never be whole. In this *Atlantic Monthly* article, Coates lays out the case for reparations. Available on www.theatlantic.com.

Thursday, July 27, 7pm @ BelPres S-141

The New Jim Crow By Michelle Alexander

In this incisive critique, former litigator-turned-legal-scholar Michelle Alexander provocatively argues that we have not ended racial caste in America: we have simply redesigned it. Alexander shows that, by targeting black men and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control, even as it formally adheres to the principle of color blindness.

Monday, August 14, 7pm @ BelPres UC 326

Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart

By Christena Cleveland

Despite Jesus' prayer that all Christians "be one," divisions have been epidemic in the body of Christ from the beginning to the present. We cluster in theological groups, gender groups, age groups, ethnic groups, educational and economic groups. We criticize freely those who disagree with us, don't look like us, don't act like us and don't even like what we like. Learn why Christians who have a heart for unity have such a hard time actually uniting. The author provides real insight for how to build bridges across boundaries. Here are the tools we need to understand how we can overcome the hidden forces that divide us.

Wednesday, August 9, 7pm @ BelPres UC 326