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Shannons' "George Liele's life and legacy: An unsung hero" (Book Review)

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Chapter 3, entitled “Using Your Assets,” highlights the value of leasing church space for related missional functions such as schools, outreach literacy, and other community organizations.

The fourth chapter, entitled “Partners,” supports sharing team building responsibilities with other organizations pursuing similar goals or target markets.

The chapter entitled “Fundraising or Grants for Projects” recommends pursuing grant revenue, such as retrofitting pipes for drainage and sewer extensions. Awareness of opportunities including crowdfunding, training workshop revenues are examples that local churches might wish to explore.

The last chapter, entitled, “Outreach on a Budget,” capitalizes on identifying individuals in a church who have unique talents and interests that might translate into ministry opportunities. Starting up ministries for single moms with diaper distribution or offering laundry detergent in a poorer neighbourhood are two examples of creative low cost successful ministries that other churches have launched.

In conclusion, this title will be an inspirational tool for a church leaders seeking creative ideas to stretch ministry dollars. It will likely inspire church leadership team to catch hold of some fresh ideas and insights powerful enough to become goals that may successfully stretch funding dollars.

This title is recommended for smaller-sized churches that are struggling to stretch shrinking church ministry budgets, and leaders hoping to prioritize practical solutions to this problem. It will be useful for gathering fresh funding ideas.

Reviewer

Nancy Warwick

Shannon, D. (Ed.). (2012). *George Liele's life and legacy: An unsung hero*. Macon, GA. Mercer University Press. 184 pp. \$35.00. ISBN 9780881463897

This volume contains an anthology of essays regarding the life of George [Sharp] Liele, who was born as a slave in colonial Virginia and then separated from his parents during a move to Georgia in 1764. The essays contain the history of the Separatist Baptist movement in the southern colonies, which is a unique aspect of religious history in the United States. The essays grew out of the George Liele Research Group, whose objective was to chronicle the life and theology of this 18th century minister through archival research in the south and on the island of Jamaica,

where Liele was sent as a missionary. The result is a rich collection regarding the evolution of Liele as a person, pastor, preacher, and theologian. This volume adds a diversity of thought and experience to the history of what we now term “American Evangelicalism”, recognizing that American religious history is not the sole purview of Jonathan Edwards or George Whitfield, but that history also belongs to these “everyman” preachers from all walks of life who influenced their denomination and their communities. This collection of essays about the life, ministry, and impact of a slave-turned-ordained minister in colonial America should be in every academic library. This work is highly recommended.

Reviewer

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Kyle, S. (2015). *The girl's guide to life*. Carson, CA: RoseKidz. 192 pp. \$10.99. ISBN 9781584111498.

The Girl's Guide to Life is one book among nearly a dozen in the *Girl's Guide* series about friendship, faith, family relationships, fashion, and decorating. It is partially a devotional and partially an activity book. It is designed for pre-teen girls, and is reminiscent of the style of *American Girl* magazine. Each chapter contains an opening narrative of one fictitious girl's dilemma, followed by questions about the narrative. If that were the only thing contained in each chapter, one might classify this as a devotional book. But after the initial narrative, the first chapter includes a craft project, a section about goals and time management, a set of random fun facts (for instance: “It's physically impossible to lick your elbow” p. 17), a scripture memorization exercise, a journaling and prayer exercise, another craft, and a concluding prayer. Each chapter has some common elements such as the narrative, a short Bible study, and a craft, but beyond that each chapter is a bit different. In one chapter, the activity might involve asking parents and grandparents about their lives and heritage. In another chapter, there might be a quiz about personality or about various friendship scenarios. Though this may not be appropriate for a library due to the temptation for patrons to fill in their own answers, this may be a great gift for a pre-teen girl. More than a devotional book, *The Girl's Guide to Life* holistically incorporates devotional elements into wide-ranging topics from money management to healthy lifestyle choices, and from relationships with parents to challenging issues with friends.

Reviewer

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