

June 30, 2020

Dear Bethel Family,

As we shift into our summer schedule, we will be launching “The Pastor’s Book Club.” I want to encourage those who are parents and guardians to spend some time reading with their young people, as well. Here are a few titles (appropriate for different age groups) on the subject matter we will be discussing as adults. Please review and then choose one, or two, to read and discuss with your children:

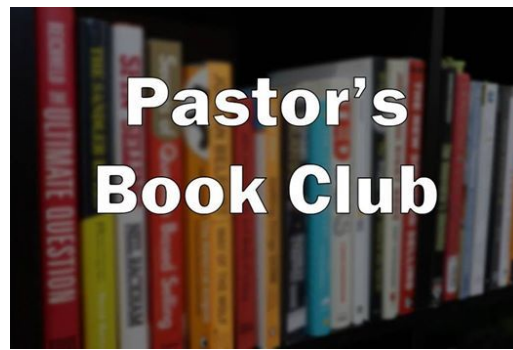
1. Antiracist Baby by Ibram X Kenda and Ashley Lukashevsky (Children’s Book)
2. You Matter by Christian Robinson (Children’s Book)
3. Giraffes Can’t Dance by Giles Andreae (ages 3-7)
4. How The Photographer Captured Black and White America by Gordon Parks (ages 6-10)
5. All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely (Young Adult)
6. Dear Martin by Nic Stone (Young Adult)
7. The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (Young Adult)

I have also included some “Conversation Starters” you can use to discuss these works with your young people.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at (937) 222-4373 or at pastor@bmbcd Dayton.org.

Happy Reading,

The Reverend Xavier L. Johnson, D.Min.



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Possible Discussion Questions: The discussion questions were adapted from “Building Faith”, a ministry of Virginia Theological Seminary. Please feel free to use these to discuss the reading(s) with your children. You may also want to visit their website where you can find more resources available: www.buildfaith.org.

Conversation Starters:

1. What was important in this story?
2. What bothered you about the story?
3. What did you like about the story?
4. Have you ever felt like one of the characters?
5. Have you had an experience or seen something like this happen – how did it that make you feel?
6. What feelings did you have about this story?
7. (Regarding *The Hate You Give*) How is the movie different from the book?

Probing Statements:

1. I wonder why you felt ____.
2. I wonder what you would do in this situation.
3. I wonder how this story could have been different.

4. I wonder what made this happen.