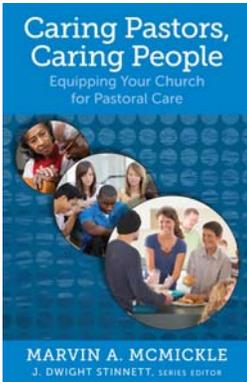


New Resource Calls for Extending Pastoral Care beyond the Pastor



Valley Forge, PA, August 16, 2011 -- With so many broken and hurting people in our congregations and communities, how is a pastor supposed to address every need? Author, professor, and veteran pastor Marvin McMickle believes the answer lies in extending the circle of care-giving to include church members. He outlines this approach in *Caring Pastors, Caring People: Equipping Your Church for Pastoral Care*, the newest release from Judson Press.

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