



Belgrave
Heights
Convention



BHC Summer CONVENTION



PURPOSE

Thursday 28 December 2023
to Monday 1 January 2024

Speakers...



CHRIS CHIA



ADAM CH'NG



STEPHEN MCALPINE



CHRIS GRIFFIOEN

DAY VISITORS WELCOME!
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Welcome to Summer Convention!

So, we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.
Hebrews 2:1

We all know people who have 'drifted' through life and their Christian journey. There is no urgency. No alertness. No focused listening or considering or fixing of their eyes on Jesus. A growing carelessness. And the result has been a drifting away. Drifting leads to a sense of meaninglessness.

What is the purpose of life if there is meant to be one? And what now for those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord? Do we just live out our days, mark time like prisoners? Do we try and achieve as many of our personal ambitions – career, qualifications, achievements – as possible for now? Do we look for a sense of purpose in other things?

The theme for this Summer Convention is *Purpose* and **Chris Chia** (Singapore) and **Adam Ch'ng** (Melbourne) will be leading us through *Ecclesiastes* and *The Bible Story*, seeking to re-orient our hearts, with God's help, to have a sense of direction and purpose in our lives. **Chris Griffioen** (OM Australia) will also challenge us to get involved with God's purpose of reaching the nations for Christ.

We are also delighted to have **Stephen McAlpine** present with us. Stephen is known for his book, *Being the Bad Guys*, and will be leading our IDEAS seminars with the stimulating titles of *How did we get to be the Bad Guys?*, *What does it feel like to be the Bad Guys*, and *What's the future for the Bad Guys*. These will be held in the auditorium from **2:30 – 4:00pm** (Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

A highlight this summer will be the formal **opening of the new accommodation building** on Sunday following the afternoon session. Afternoon tea will be served in the new dining room – feel free to come and bring your friends to this historic occasion.

The cost of running a Convention event like this is considerable. We are grateful for people financially and prayerfully supporting us through the offerings and other donations. If people who attend the whole Convention gave \$90 we would cover our budget of \$45,000. Alternatively, it costs about \$6.50 per session.

Take time to visit the **Missions Interlink displays** that are situated in the auditorium.

Of most importance is the morning **Prayer Meeting** – join us at 8.30am (9:00am Sunday) in the prayer room in the new building at the rear of the stage (entrance via the new building).

Don't forget to browse and purchase good books to help you in your own walk with God from **Koorong Bookstore** in the foyer.

May we leave this Convention more encouraged to live 'with purpose for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom'.



Richard Coombs.

Richard Coombs
Chairman

SPEAKERS



Chris Chia

Chris came to know Jesus at a Billy Graham Crusade in 1979 while studying in Sydney, Australia. He was then a journalist but is now glad to be preaching Good News! He is the Senior Pastor at Adam Road Presbyterian Church in Singapore.



Adam Ch'ng

Adam leads the pastoral team at Cross and Crown (Melbourne) and is primarily responsible for preaching and vision. He was a workplace relations lawyer and an adviser to the Minister for Employment in the Abbott Government.



Stephen McAlpine

A pastor and church planter for thirty years, Stephen now writes and speaks on issues of theology, culture and church, in particular the increasing pressures on religious belief in the secular public square. He recently published *Being the Bad Guys* and *Futureproof*.



Chris Griffioen

Chris serves as National Ministries Leader for Operation Mobilisation (OM). He looks after the various OM Australia ministries and also facilitates church partnerships, encourages prayer, and journeys with people interested in joining the OM team.



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REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 23/24

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PLEASE scan the QR code
or go to <https://www.bhc.org.au/summer> to register





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PURPOSE

	TIME: Thu-Sat	Thursday 28 Dec	Friday 29 Dec
Morning Prayer Prayer Room	8.30-9.00am	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
Main Session 1 Auditorium	9.30-10.45am	Chris Chia <i>The Meaninglessness of Wisdom</i> Ecclesiastes 1	Adam Ch'ng <i>The Picture</i> Isaiah 1:1-2:5; 1 Peter 2:9-12
Creche	9.30-10.45am	Toddlers to pre-school	Toddlers to pre-school
Childrens Program Messmate Room	9.30-10.45am	Primary School age	Primary School age
Youth Program Blackwood Room	9.30-10.45am	Secondary School age	Secondary School age
Main Session 2 Auditorium	11.30am-1.00pm	Adam Ch'ng <i>The Prototype</i> Genesis 1:1-2:3, Ephesians 1:3-10	Chris Chia <i>The Meaninglessness of Time</i> Ecclesiastes 3
Creche	11.30am-1.00pm	Toddlers to pre-school	Toddlers to pre-school
Childrens Program Messmate Room	11.30am-1.00pm	Primary School age	Primary School age
Youth Program Blackwood Room	11.30am-1.00pm	Secondary School age	Secondary School age
IDEAS Seminar Auditorium	2.30-4.00pm	Stephen McAlpine <i>How did We get to be the 'Bad Guys'?</i>	Stephen McAlpine <i>What does it feel like to be the 'Bad Guys'?</i>
Main Session 3 Auditorium	7.00-8.30pm	Chris Chia <i>The Meaninglessness of Pleasures</i> Ecclesiastes 2	Adam Ch'ng <i>The Prince</i> Mark 1:1-15; Isaiah 40:1-11
Young Adults Program Master's Manor	9.00pm start	Young Adults	Young Adults





NOTE: TIME CHANGE, SUNDAY ONLY

Saturday 30 Dec	TIME: Sun	Sunday 31 Dec	TIME: Mon	Monday 1 Jan
Morning Prayer	9.00-9.30am	Morning Prayer	8.30-9.00am	Morning Prayer
Chris Chia <i>The Meaninglessness of Friendships</i> Ecclesiastes 4	10.00-11.30am <i>Communion</i>	Chris Chia <i>The Meaninglessness of Evil</i> Ecclesiastes 6-7	9.30-10.45am	Adam Ch'ng <i>The Postscript</i> Revelation 7:1-17; Psalm 67
Toddlers to pre-school	10.00-11.30am	Toddlers to pre-school	9.30-10.45am	Toddlers to pre-school
Primary School age	10.00-11.30am	Primary School age	9.30-10.45am	Primary School age
Secondary School age		9.30-10.45am	Secondary School age	
Adam Ch'ng <i>The Proclamation</i> Matthew 28:1-20; 1 Corinthians 15:12-19	2.00-3.30pm	Adam Ch'ng <i>The People</i> Ephesians 3:1-21; Acts 2:42-47	11.30-1.00pm	Chris Chia <i>The Whole Duty of Man</i> Ecclesiastes 12
Toddlers to pre-school	2.00-3.30pm	Toddlers to pre-school	11.30-1.00pm	Toddlers to pre-school
Primary School age	2.00-3.30pm	Primary School age	11.30-1.00pm	Primary School age
Secondary School age	2.00-3.30pm	Secondary School age	11.30-1.00pm	Secondary School age
Stephen McAlpine <i>What's the future look like for the 'Bad Guys'?</i>	Official Opening of HOPE CENTRE Building following session		  https://bible.com/events/49182395	
Chris Chia <i>The Meaninglessness of Religion and Riches</i> Ecclesiastes 5	7.00-8.30pm	Chris Griffioen <i>With Great Privilege comes Great Responsibility</i> 1 Peter 2:4-10		
Young Adults		Young Adults Speaker interview		



GENERAL INFORMATION

PRAYER

Prayer meetings will be held in the 'new' back stage room (follow the signs), each day at **8:30am (9am Sunday)**. You are encouraged to attend so that together we can seek the blessing of the Lord upon the ministry of the Word and all that is done in His name.

CRÈCHE

During the daytime main sessions, crèche facilities are provided in the playcentre just beyond the kiosk refreshment and picnic area. The crèche is for children and toddlers up to 4 years old. **Parents using this facility will be rostered on to help and need to show their WCC.** Please note that outside meeting times the crèche equipment may be used with adult supervision. **Crèche check-in is outside the crèche area.**

PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN (5 TO 12 YO)

OAC ministries will be running a program in the Hope Centre accommodation Level 1, **Messmate Room** (see map p7). **Parents: it is important that you collect your children immediately following the conclusion of the auditorium meetings.**

TEENAGERS

You are invited to the Hope Centre Accommodation, first floor, **Blackwood Room** (see map p7), each day at the same times as the day meetings in the Auditorium. This program will be run by **Michael Piper** and team.

YOUNG ADULTS

A Young Adult (18+) program will be held in Masters Manor after the end of the evening session.

RECORDINGS OF SPEAKERS

CDs and MP3s of all messages will be available for purchase during the Convention from the booth in the foyer. Recordings are produced

by volunteers and all proceeds go to the Convention. Please use these resources as a gift or in Bible studies. Please respect the copyright that applies (see p34).

BOOKSHOPS

Two bookshops will be open each day in the foyer with a range of Bibles, Books, music, etc. One is from **Koorong** stock and the other is 2nd hand books from **New Life Christian Books**. See bookshops' sign for opening times.

GLOBAL MISSIONS DISPLAYS

Spend time at the **Global Missions Displays** in the Auditorium where a number of Missions are represented. Visual displays and other informative material will stimulate your missions interest, and representatives from the Missions will be on hand to talk with you.

KIOSK

Refreshments such as cold drinks, ice creams, snacks and take-away food are available at the kiosk. Beat the queue – pre-order your lunch. Closed during meetings.

CAFÉ

Get your barista coffee, hot drinks and tasty snacks at the cafe in the foyer. Closed during meetings.

KIOSK AND CAFÉ SERVICE TIMES

See signs at each location for opening times.

MEALS IN DINING ROOM

Meals are ONLY available for those staying in the Hope Centre and those who have pre-purchased Dining Room Meals from the website. Check with the foyer desk for more information.

DISPLAY ROOM

To those who are wanting to check out a room in the 'new' Hope Centre Accommodation, go to Level 1, Room 102.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SHUTTLE BUS

A shuttle bus service between Belgrave station and the Convention is available. Generally this service operates half an hour before main sessions and after as required. Please call the office (9752 6855) at least 10mins before arrival at the Belgrave Station.

SPEED LIMIT

The maximum driving speed on Convention Ave and the Convention property is **no more than 10 kph**. Particular care is to be exercised in the camping areas.

PARKING

Day Visitors – Parking is available on the Convention grounds and/or the Convention Lodge. To maintain good relations with the neighbours DO NOT park in the street outside Convention property.

Staying On-Site – If you have a 2nd car do not park it in the Day Visitor Car Park. Park at the Convention Lodge car park (*see map – Lockwood Road*).

DISABLED ACCESS

Vehicle access for disabled drop-off is located next to the auditorium on the left of Convention Avenue for drivers with disabled passengers. **This is not a parking space**, but cars can be parked across the road.

FIRST AID

First Aid assistance is available at the Foyer Office. First Aid is located in the Prayer Room next to the Kiosk. Contact **9752 6855** if assistance is required.

BABY CHANGE FACILITY

Located in the Auditorium disabled facilities.

SECURITY

It is advisable to take security precautions at your accommodation and to lock your cars.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

The convention is an alcohol and drug free area.

CATASTROPHIC AND SOME EXTREME FIRE DANGER DAYS

The Convention property will close from 10am on these days. The Convention program will relocate for the day as announced and displayed on the website.

EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY AREAS

In the event of an **internal fire emergency**, the assembly point is the grass area on the south side of the car park, near the Small Hall. In the event of an **external fire emergency**, the assembly point is the Main Auditorium. If such a situation arises you will be advised over the public address system.

RECEPTION HOURS

The Convention Office (in the foyer) is open for your convenience right through the Convention from 9am until 7pm EXCEPT during the meetings. Our office staff will be pleased to assist you with any enquiries.

LOST PROPERTY

Please enquire at the foyer office during Convention or Main Office post Convention.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

In the event of an after hours emergency only, please contact the Property Manager.

PROPERTY MANAGER

After Hours – 9752 6855.

PUBLICITY

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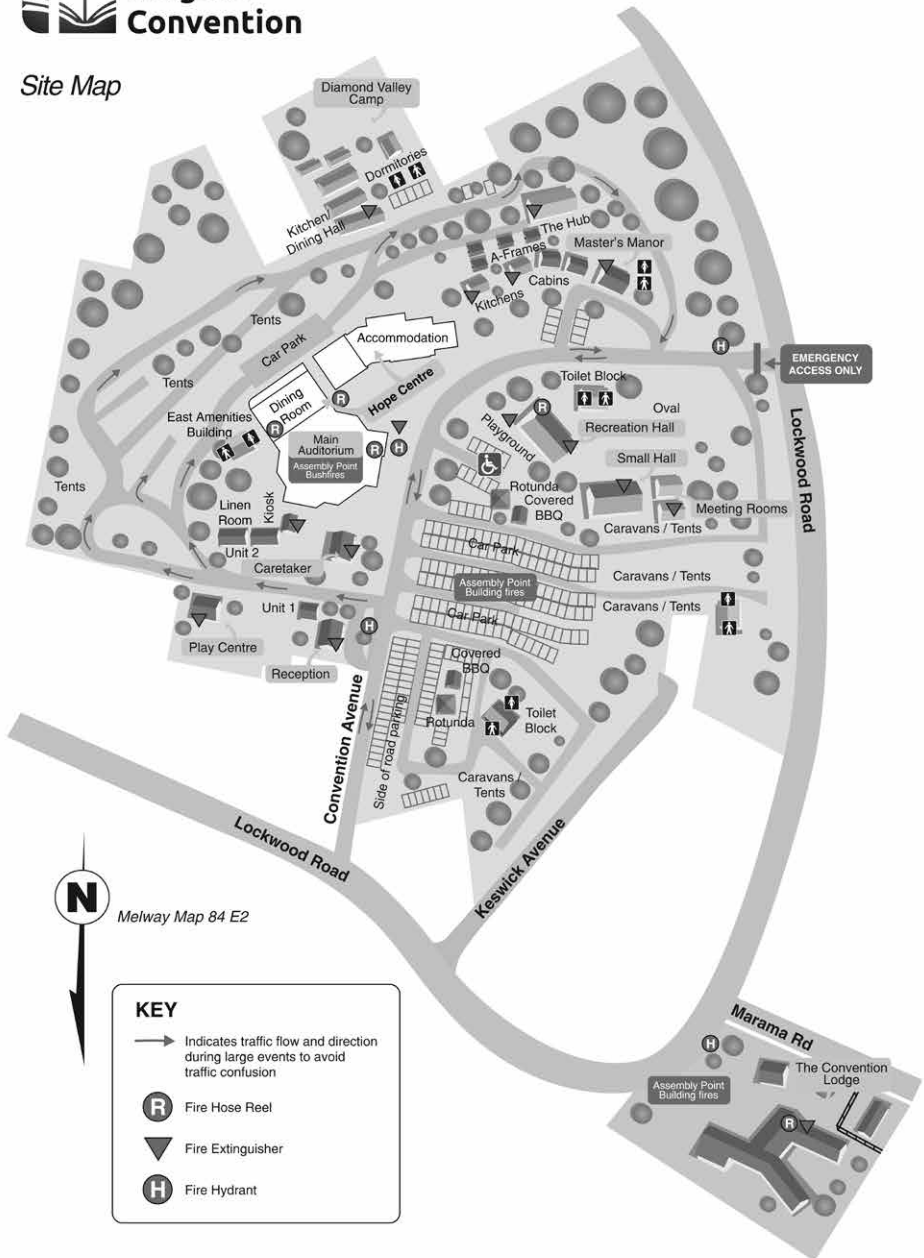
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GENERAL INFORMATION



Fire and Emergency Procedures

Site Map



Melway Map 84 E2

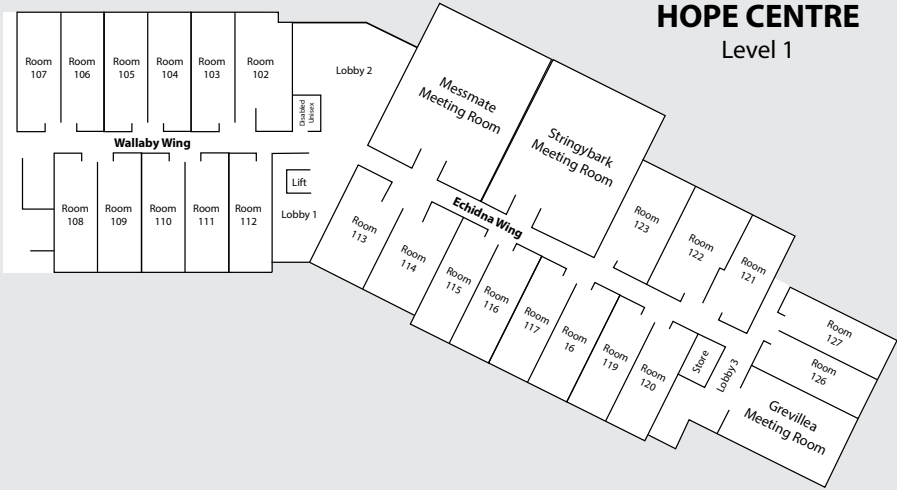
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- Fire Extinguisher
- Fire Hydrant

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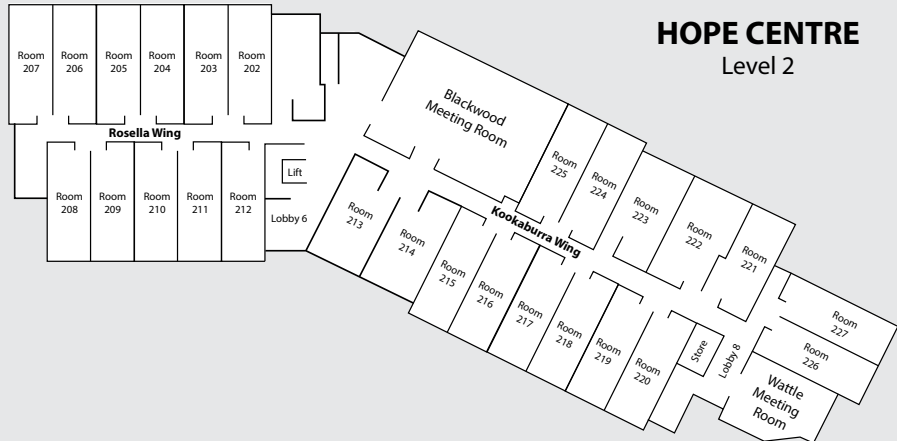
HOPE CENTRE

Level 1



HOPE CENTRE

Level 2



THE CONVENTION TEAM

This convention is the result of many people working together through the year and during the event. Their prayer is that you have a great time of blessing. Some of the people behind this convention are listed here. There are many others whose efforts are greatly appreciated.

Belgrave Heights Convention Board:

Richard Coombs (Chairman), Tony Burgum (Vice Chairman), Andrew Rayment (Secretary),
Tim White (Treasurer), Glenda de Jager, David Webb

Ministry Committee – Board members plus:

Kathy Cranney, Glen Fairweather, Robert Martin, Beck Miller, Kate Pocklington,
David Price, Andrew Wort

Summer Easter Committee:

Richard Coombs (Chairman), Theo Abels, Darren Butcher, Liz Coffey, Jeff Calway,
David Price, Andrew Rayment, Robyn Velja

Convention Staff:

Geoff Gawler (CEO), Andrew Fisher (Ministry Manager), Leng Tam (Office Manager),
Louwrens Theron (Property Manager), Tim Norton (Lodge Manager),
Nyree vander Spek (Schools Coordinator)

OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you

There are many people who contribute to the running of the **Summer Convention**. They give up their time sacrificially to serve us and you, and we thank them for all that they are doing. Express your thankfulness with a simple thank you as they serve you.

We are thankful for the partnership of **OAC Ministries** who are leading the Bible teaching programs for children and to **Michael Piper** and team for running the youth program. We are thankful for **James Wait** and **Mitchel Letcher** for running the Young Adult program after the evening sessions. For all the creche volunteers, those involved in the music and those behind the scenes running everything. To our helpers in the kitchens, led by **Danny Velja**, **Lynette Sudborough** and **Darren Butcher**. Our helpers in the café, led by **Miriam Major** and the kiosk team, led by **Lois Stanley**.

We are indebted to these wonderful helpers.

Volunteers Needed

If you want to volunteer for one of many tasks needed to make the **Easter Convention** run smoothly, go to p 36 to register.



Chris Chia
Thursday 28 Dec
9:30am

The Meaninglessness of Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 1

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Adam Ch'ng
Thursday 28 Dec
11:30am

The Prototype

Genesis 1:1–2:3; Ephesians 1:3–10

"You see but you do not observe" (Sherlock Holmes)

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Look closely: I see a beautiful garden

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Caring for creation

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Look closer: Do you see the kingdom?

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Advancing God's kingdom

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Look even closer: Do you see the temple?

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Worshipping the Lord

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What do you see?

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Chris Chia
Thursday 28 Dec
7:00pm

The Meaninglessness of Pleasures

Ecclesiastes 2

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Adam Ch'ng
Friday 29 Dec
9:30am

The Picture

Isaiah 1:1–2:5; 1 Peter 2:9-12

Lausanne 1974: Evangelism or social responsibility?

Judah: A picture of Eden to the nations (Isa 1:1–2:5)

The Church: A picture of Eden to the world (1 Pet 2:9-12)

Caveat 1: Our acts of justice are first for the church

Caveat 2: Our acts of justice are futile without the word

Caveat 3: Our acts of justice are fulfilled in Christ

Moved with compassion

What does the world see?

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SPEAKERS



Chris Sinkinson

Chris originally studied Philosophy and English before going on to complete an MA and PhD in Theology. He has been involved in Christian ministry with UCCF and as a Church pastor. He was Senior Pastor of Alderholt Chapel in Dorset for over ten years. Chris tutors and lectures at Moorlands College and regularly leads student tours to Israel. Chris writes a monthly column for Evangelicals Now and has authored a number of books. He has a great interest in archaeology and the Bible and has been involved in the Bethsaida Excavations Project in the Galilee. Chris is married to Ros, herself a Youth and Community worker in a local church. They have two children and a West Highland Terrier.



Gillian Asquith

Gillian grew up in England and studied Oriental Studies at the University of Oxford. She has tutored at Ridley College, taught at the Presbyterian Theological College and lectured in Early Christianity at the Australian Catholic University (ACU). Gillian teaches biblical studies at Melbourne School of Theology (MST) and has developed MST's archaeology study tour. She regularly takes students on digs to Israel and is at her happiest when hot and dirty with a trowel in her hand. Gillian is a member of the Steering Committee for the Society of Biblical Literature's Biblical Lexicography program unit and vice-chair of the Board of Summer Institute of Linguistics Australia. Gillian regularly preaches at churches and Conferences in Victoria and interstate.



Michael Raiter

Michael is from Liverpool, England and raised in New South Wales. He began his career as a high school teacher in Sydney and Pakistan. After studying at Moore Theological College he returned to Pakistan to teach at the Zarephath Bible Institute. He joined the faculty at Moore College as head of the Department of Missions. From 2006–2011 Michael was Principal of the Bible College of Victoria (now the Melbourne School of Theology). In 2012, Michael launched the Centre for Biblical Preaching, an independent specialist training institute for preachers hosted by St James Old Cathedral, Melbourne West, where he is also appointed to the staff and takes about a quarter of the preaching. The Centre was created in active partnership with CMS Australia. He is the author of a number of books, including *Stirrings of the Soul*; *Shadows of the Cross*, and *I Saw a Lamb*. Michael is married to Sarah.



Chris Chia
Friday 29 Dec
11:30am

The Meaninglessness of Time

Ecclesiastes 3

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Stephen McAlpine

Friday 29 Dec

2:30pm

What does it feel like to be the 'Bad Guys'?

SEMINAR

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Adam Ch'ng
Friday 29 Dec
7:00pm

The Prince

Mark 1:1-15; Isaiah 40:1-11

At the bottom of the sea

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"We've found you!" (1:1)

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"We're on our way!" (1:2-8)

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"We can save you!" (1:9-13)

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"We're here!" (1:14-15)

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Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven

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HOPE CENTRE



THE VISION

We are a ministry and see major property development as a means to an end, although they are major projects. However, we have seen the blessing that our facilities have provided over our history. In the early days the facilities were quite basic but the improvements in recent times have enabled enhanced ministry opportunities both for us and an increasing number of others. Secular facilities are now less available to Christians so our property is more vital than ever.

THE JOURNEY

From a Property Master Plan in 2000 to an upgraded auditorium in 2003, then a foyer, Rec Hall, meeting rooms and upgrades of the Small Hall, camping amenities blocks and other facilities it has been quite a journey. The latest dining and accommodation development, The Hope Centre, has been the most challenging with its huge financial commitment, permit issues and construction of such a large building partly during the Covid period.

A massive thanks to our Project Manager, Tony Evans, the Property Committee and a group of volunteers who have supported the trades that have constructed the building.



THE PRESENT

This is written in anticipation that the building is currently occupied and meals are being served in the dining room. A great achievement.

Including construction costs of \$10.6 million the total cost including all preliminary expenses furnishings etc is almost \$12 million, with just over half covered by donations to this project. We are keen to reduce the debt by donations, bequests and the operations of the building. Interest free loans placed in an offset account will reduce interest and enable quicker repayments. God has provided through his people. Thanks.



THE FUTURE

We stand at the beginning of opportunity. Opportunity to grow convention ministry – please invite your friends, enquire about how you can be part of a committee, be a volunteer, and pray for this future.

Share in the blessing. The Christian conference, the Church camp, the school camp that you attend could be in our new facilities. You can be an ambassador for us with confidence. Recreation facilities will shortly be added around our site to allow for a full range of activities.

**NEW
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**Belgrave
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may 17-19 2024



Alan Au
speaking on
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Friday 24–Sunday 26 May 2024

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Chris Chia
Saturday 30 Dec
9:30am

The Meaninglessness of Friendships

Ecclesiastes 4

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The Proclamation

Matthew 28:1-20; 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

What are you doing with your life?

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How the resurrection changes everything (28:1-10)

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How the world will respond (28:11-15)

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How the church must obey (28:16-20)

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Go and tell!

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“Preach the gospel always; if necessary, use words” (St Francis of Assisi)

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What are you doing with your life?

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Stephen McAlpine

Saturday 30 Dec

2:30pm

What's the future look like for the 'Bad Guys'?

SEMINAR

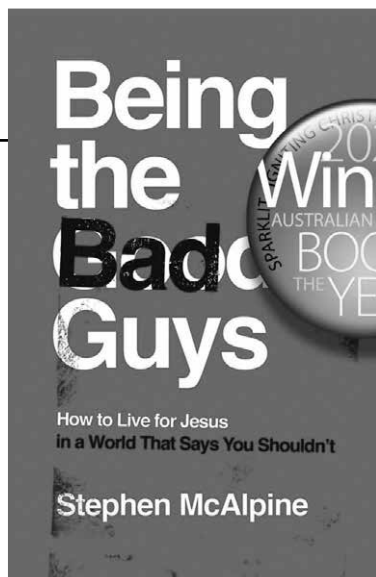
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Book Recommendations

“At last, a neat and accessible explanation of what is happening in our culture.”

John Anderson

former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia,
Speaker Men’s Convention 2018



“Stephen McAlpine has written a book that we desperately need. It’s searching, sane, deeply biblical and, best of all, profoundly encouraging. If you want to understand what’s going on in our world right now, then you need to read this book. If you want to work out what it means to live faithfully at school, at university, at work and even at home, then you need to read this book. If you have ever felt like the bad guy’, then you really do need to read this book. Perhaps I haven’t been clear enough: I think everyone needs to read this book!”

Gary Millar

Principal, Queensland Theological College, Speaker Easter Convention 2023

“There are books that tell us about the culture, there are books that tell us about evangelism, there are books that tell us about apologetics, there are books that tell us about the local church – but what I love about *Being the Bad Guys* is that it does all four. Stephen McAlpine is an astute cultural observer, an experienced pastor and an excellent writer. I hope that this will be read widely not only by church leaders but by any Christian who wants to understand where we are and where we should be.”

David Robertson

Director, Third Space, Sydney, Speaker Easter Convention 2022



Chris Chia
Saturday 30 Dec
7:00pm

The Meaninglessness of Religion & Riches

Ecclesiastes 5

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Chris Chia
Sunday 31 Dec
10:00am

The Meaninglessness of Evil

Ecclesiastes 6&7

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**Encouraging Generosity.
Facilitating Generosity.
Empowering Generosity.**

Talk to us to find out how you can support mission in a cost effective way.





The People

Ephesians 3:1-21; Acts 2:42-47

What's wrong with the church?

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The church is the hope of reconciliation (3:1-7)

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The church is the epicentre of God's reconciling purposes in the world

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The church magnifies the wisdom of God (3:8-13)

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"The true church can be recognised if it has the following marks: The church engages in the pure preaching of the gospel; it makes use of the pure administration of the sacraments as Christ instituted them; it practices church discipline for correcting faults."

Article 29: The Marks of the True Church, Belgic Confession (1561)

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The church is the fullness of God's love (3:14-21)

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From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride

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Mission is not the enemy of belonging

MISSION STANDS – SUMMER CONVENTION 23/24



CMS is an evangelical interdenominational mission agency that sends long-term cross cultural workers in order to see a world that knows Jesus.



We are a group of Christians who help the local church in Africa to effectively care for the orphaned and vulnerable. We do this by supporting local Christian leaders, increasing the community's capacity to provide care in an effective and holistic manner.



Langham Partnership exists to see churches in the Majority World equipped for mission and growing to maturity in Christ through the ministry of pastors and leaders who believe, teach and live by the Word of God.



Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is a Christian organisation that has been serving isolated people by using aircraft to bring in the essentials of life as well as medical care, emergency food, and Christian hope, for people living in remote areas around the world.



We are a global community of Jesus followers driven by a deep conviction that everyone deserves to hear the gospel at least once. We partner with God to see lives and communities transformed by His love and grace, while experiencing our own transformation through faith and serving.



Prison Fellowship exists to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with prisoners and their families.



Slavic Gospel Association Inc. (SGA) is a mission which serves Bible-preaching churches in the lands of the former Soviet Union, by helping equip national pastors and church planting missionaries reach their people with the Gospel.



As a Bible teaching ministry we are committed to creating a passion for God through His Word. We work with Churches, Schools, Bible Schools, and run a YouTube Channel. We have the greatest tools to teach the Big Picture of the Bible so you can be a self feeder.



Our Vision is to see people from every language group living as disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of God's word in a language that speaks to their heart. We work in partnership with the church in making disciples of people from every language group through Bible translation into vernacular languages.



Melbourne School of Theology (MST) is a non-denominational, evangelical Bible college that is devoted to training men and women who have a heart for ministry and mission with a solid Biblical grounding in God's Word.



Pioneers Australia seeks to mobilise teams to glorify God among unreached peoples around the world by initiating church planting movements in partnership with local churches.



With great privilege comes great responsibility.

1 Peter 2:4-10

1) Our great privilege

Chosen people

Royal priesthood

Holy nation

God's special possession

2) Our great responsibility



The Postscript

Revelation 7:1-17; Psalm 67

To the golden shore

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A picture of protection (7:1-8)

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A picture of worship (7:9-12)

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A picture of perfection (7:13-17)

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The end of mission

“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man.

When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.”

John Piper, Let the Nations be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions (1993)



Chris Chia
Monday 1 Jan
11:30am

The Whole Duty of Man

Ecclesiastes 12

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RECORDINGS OF SPEAKERS

Purchase recordings of the speakers to continue to learn from God's Word, or to share messages with friends. All proceeds go to the work of the Convention. Recordings are available as MP3 download, MP3 CD or Audio CD.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER

For Belgrave Heights Convention 2023 has been a very significant year.

We have commenced a new Convention (September) called the 'IDEAS' Convention which seeks to address the 'big questions' and contemporary challenges we face in our society and world as believers.

As well we wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to many of you who have supported us prayerfully and financially throughout the past three years as we have built and completed the new accommodation building. This has been an exercise of faith and we have seen many occasions where our Father has wonderfully provided for us in finance and kind.

We would be very grateful for your continued support in the following challenging areas:

- For Summer Convention our budget to cover costs is \$45,000 – or, \$90 for each full-time attendee, or \$6.50 per session.

Would you consider becoming a 'Hopebuilder' Partner?

This would be a team of people committed to regular prayer and financial giving in order that our ministries can expand. There are continuing and new opportunities to expand with extra staff and holding more Conventions, together with partnering with other like-minded organisations.

- The BHC Board is seeking to raise funds to expand our ministry. We are targeting \$60,000 for this over 12 months. (100 people giving \$50 per month)

How are you able to help for each of the above needs?

1. Give through the offering buckets during various meetings for Convention expenses
2. Use the QR code below to give single and ongoing donations through the BHC website – **www.bhc.org.au**
3. Give at the EFTPOS terminals in the foyer
4. Direct Debit directed to the BHC account – visit our website, or collect a form at BHC stand or information desk in the foyer.

Richard Coombs
Richard Coombs
Chairman

Tim White
Tim White
Treasurer



FEEDBACK RESPONSE 23/24 SUMMER CONVENTION

We value your feedback about your time at the Convention. Your comments are important and will help shape this event next year. All answers provided are Confidential.

Simply scan the QR code and fill out the form
OR
Go to bhc.org.au/summer and scroll down to the Feedback link
OR
Grab a paper version from the Information Desk



VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Join our BHC volunteer family!

We need your help.

Our conventions ONLY happen with the wonderful serving hearts of the many volunteers who graciously help with the running of our events.

If you, or someone you know, is keen to serve your brothers and sisters at one of our Conventions we want to hear from you!

We have many different roles available, suitable for your availability and strengths.

Go to bhc.org.au/volunteer to register your interest or talk to someone at the information desk.





All one in Christ Jesus

Pleased to meet you. Allow us to introduce ourselves.

Our vision is to develop spiritually mature Christians, whose faith and practice is anchored in the Bible through the teaching and applying of God's word.

We're a Bible-preaching Convention ministry.

We're interdenominational.

We grew out of the tradition of the Keswick Convention in the UK.

Our ministry has continued since 1918.

We aim to serve and strengthen the church of Jesus.

We run on volunteer power: over 100 people enable this ministry every year.

We are based at our Convention Centre at Belgrave Heights, in the hills east of Melbourne.

Our motto has always been 'All one in Christ Jesus'.

We run multiple Conventions – Summer, Easter, VCYC (Youth), Men's, Women's, IDEAS (Apologetics), Songs of Praise, Senior's, 50+ Getaway.



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CONVENTION

Beginnings

Easter Convention 2024 – whether we are a young or an experienced follower of Jesus, we always need to renew our relationship with God. That's why this Convention could well be a place for your renewal and a 'fresh beginning'.

We are delighted to have two great Bible teachers, **David Cook** and **Alasdair Paine** opening God's word and applying it to our heart and daily experience. The Convention is also a great place to meet new people, enjoy good Bible teaching and worship with others from around the state and other places.

SPEAKERS



David Cook is a graduate of Sydney Missionary and Bible College and Moore Theological College. He has pastored two Presbyterian churches in NSW. David was the Principal of SMBC (26 years) and Chairman of the Katoomba Christian Convention (13 years). David and his wife, Maxine set up the Expository Preaching Trust in order to encourage faithful and engaging preaching of the Bible. David is speaking on 'The Jesus People Met.'



Alasdair Paine is Vicar of St Andrew the Great Church in Cambridge, UK. Previously he served St Leonard's Church in Exeter and Christ Church Westbourne, in Bournemouth. Alasdair became a Christian in Cambridge as a first-year student, through the witness of the Christian Union. He speaks regularly at Keswick Conventions in UK and is passionate about helping people understand the Bible. Alasdair is speaking from Genesis 1-4.



Richard Coombs is Teaching Pastor at Wattle Park Chapel and also Chair of Belgrave Heights Convention. Richard has pastored Baptist churches in New Zealand and Melbourne – Beaumaris Baptist and North Balwyn Baptist churches. He was Australian Director for Middle East Christian Outreach Australia. Richard has travelled extensively through the Middle East. He will be speaking at the Global Missions meeting.