

# Belgrave Heightse

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## CONVENTION NEWS

WINTER 1994



*"All One in Christ Jesus"*

### Word from the Chairman

*"not pray aright, we really can do nothing aright; but we are to believe that ... The outstanding need of the is twofold – a knowledge of God through his Word, and with him in prayer. The simple fact is, we must find time or, or we shall perish!"* —Graham Scroggie

words of telling truth from speaker at conventions the world. And how are for ministry at our convention which gave us a knowledge of God from the Bible Studies and directed through the evening to vital subjects which are of our ministry. e very important to us. We a large team of helpers, Council members to run our s. I want to pass on warm team whose work was at Easter time. Thank those who wrote and helpful comments, , and thanks for

improvements we were able to make which they appreciated. I must make special mention of the outstanding service given us by Arthur and Dawn Brown as Grounds Caretakers. They have now retired and moved to northern NSW, but their gracious manner, practical ministry and warm friendship have been a fine testimony to the reality of the Convention message. We thank them sincerely, and pray God's rich blessing upon the times ahead when we hope life will be a little less demanding for them.

We have a number of staff changes ahead and could I ask you to pray with us that God will lead us to the people of his choosing? There are some challenging but exciting

Convention Chairman  
Robert Freeman



developments under way. Our first "Festival Houseparty" for those of older years was a most worthwhile experiment. This week of fellowship was organised by Margaret Rowse, and led by Eric and Faith Sinclair who have extensive experience in this kind of ministry in NSW. It opens up a new area of involvement for us.

Then there is the September Convention and details are given elsewhere in this newsletter. A step of faith, a new venture, but an important opportunity! Geoff Gawler is leading this team, and we are following some of the Conventions in other States in this move. We are encouraged by the growth they have seen in their Spring Conventions and by the growing interest evident in our own development. Will you join us?

These expansions of our ministry mean more work, require more people and call for expanded services. We are having to reshape our administration, reassess our future and reorganise our resources. God is calling us forward, and we are committed to finding and doing his will. Your prayer – and your practical help where appropriate – will be greatly appreciated. Yes.





## From the Executive Officer ...

# Magnificent Ministry at Easter Convention

Who will ever forget the 43rd Easter Convention at Belgrave Heights? How we praise God for the marvellous ministry of Drs Roy Clements, Bill McRae and Don Richardson. These three internationally acclaimed speakers spoke from their hearts with such power, that all were challenged to let God be God in their lives, so that the ends of the earth may know that the Lord God is Sovereign. That even amidst all the strife, anguish and suffering experienced by humankind, God still cares for this His world,

having a plan and purpose for every life.

Whilst Dr Roy Clement's Bible studies from Isaiah 40-53 focused on The God Who Cares, Dr Bill McRae's messages on Rebuilding the Power Lines challenged all to experience the Power of the Holy Life, the Power of Prayer, the Power of Solitude and the Power of the Gospel in their lives.

Sharing his remarkable experiences amid the treacherous tribes in Irian Jaya, Dr Don Richardson showed how God has planted in every life a longing

for the knowledge of the one and true God,

ordaining in every culture, no matter how primitive, a key, which when discovered, can unlock the truths of Scripture and bring understanding of God's salvation through Christ to every heart.

A record number of audio and video cassettes of these messages were purchased at the Convention. You can extend the ministry of the Convention by inviting your friends to hear these messages in your own homes or through your church fellowship. Tapes and videos are still available – telephone 770 2550 to order.

At this Easter Convention up to 2000 people attended the meetings in the auditorium, including scores of young people under the age of 25.

The singing was ably led by Ken Geyer and Fred Strong, with the Campaigners for Christ orchestra, under the leadership of Stephanie Lindner, greatly adding to the impact of worship evidenced in all meetings.

Young people were housed at the camps conducted by OAC, Campaigners for Christ, the Meeniyani United and Dingley Union Churches, and other church fellowships.

Each day the SUFM Team conducted meetings for the children in the Small Hall and for teenagers in the Master's Manor.

The Call to Prayer sessions each morning were well attended in the auditorium, with up to 140 people gathering to exalt His name in praise and prayer.

Yes indeed, the 43rd Easter Convention at Belgrave Heights was one which will be long remembered by all who were privileged to attend.



Rev. Bill Brice

## Did You Know?

- That the **Special Appeal** at the Easter Convention for Road Making costs around the grounds yielded \$8000 in gifts and loans? The total levied amount of \$28,885 was paid to the Shire of Sherbrooke in April out of the Convention's General Fund. It has now been decided to leave open this special appeal for friends who would care to contribute. Please use the Response Form below for sending in your donations. Thank you.
- After six and a half years of wonderful, faithful service as our Grounds Caretakers, **Dawn and Arthur Brown** have now moved interstate and taken up residence in their new home in Woolgoolga in NSW.
- That the Convention Publication of Addresses, "**Messages From The Heights**", is now available from the Convention office and Christian book stores for \$9.95? An ideal gift for Bible students, one friend has said that "the six sermons from Romans by the Rev. David Jackman alone, are worth their weight in gold".
- That our Office Secretary, **Ann Cameron**, has resigned and is moving to Queensland where her husband is now employed. **Miss Gwen McKelvie** has been appointed to take her place.



### RESPONSE FORM

## ROAD MAKING COSTS – \$28,885

*Yes, I want to assist the Convention in this project.*

My donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed towards the Road Making Costs at Belgrave Heights.

Name .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

(Please make cheques payable to Belgrave Heights Convention)

POST TO: Belgrave Heights Convention

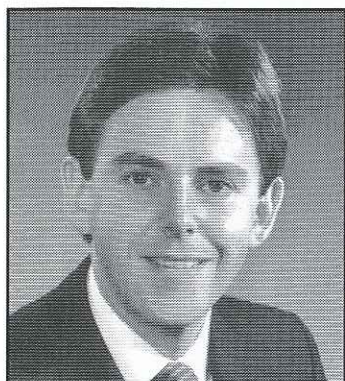
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—The Rev'd Bill Brice



# Yes – He's coming to our Springtime Convention!



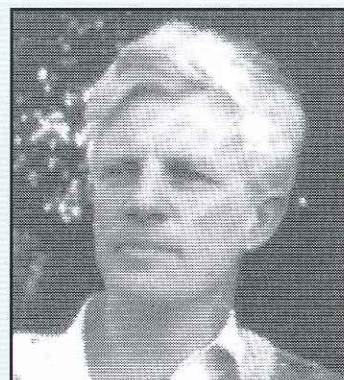
## Alistair Begg

Outstanding Scottish Preacher who pastors the Parkside Church in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.. A family man with three children, Alistair will give six Bible based messages on **"Integrity In a Shady World"**.

### Meeting Times in Auditorium in Convention Avenue

Friday 16 September  
7.30 pm  
Saturday 17 September  
10.30 am, 3.00 & 7.30 pm  
Sunday 18 September  
10.30 am & 3.00 pm

*Day Visitors Welcome  
Light Meals Available*



## David White

**from SUFM is coming too, to lead the Holiday Week Program**

The first week of the school holidays will provide a focus on family life in this the **International Year of the Family**.

Each morning, David White will lead a program in which we will look at family life at a practical level.

The afternoons are available for recreation with a special family time in the early evening.

Our Holiday Week program will commence on Monday 19th at 9.30 am and conclude on Friday 23rd after the morning program.

**Springtime Convention 16 – 18 September 1994  
Family Holiday Week 19 – 23 September 1994**

## ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM

*Registration Fee: \$40 per family*

My accommodation preference is:

- ☐ Tent
- ☐ Caravan
- ☐ Family room/s – self-catered
- ☐ Family room/s – shared catering
- ☐ Family room/s – catered
- ☐ Family room/s - catered

Accommodation is required for:

☐ Week ☐ Weekend

Adults ..... Children ..... (Indicate numbers)

Name .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Phone No. ....

**CUT OUT & RETURN TO:** Belgrave Heights Convention, 5 Court Street, Box Hill 3128 Phone: (03) 898 4318



# Belgrave Heights Christmas Convention

Wednesday 28th December 1994 to Monday 2nd January 1995

## Speakers Expected at Christmas

### ■ Canon Keith Weston

Outstanding Bible Teacher from the UK – Chairman of the Keswick Convention Council, for 21 years Rector of St Ebbe's, Oxford. Canon Weston will be giving the Bible Readings each morning.

### ■ Rev. David Coffey

General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, well known Convention Speaker and Bible exponent who will be making his first appearance at Belgrave Heights.

**Convention Chairman: Mr Robert B. Freeman**

**Vice Chairmen: Dr David Price & Mr Peter Rowse**

## What the Convention means to me ...

To me, Belgrave Heights has in it a hint of Heaven because of the glorious singing of up to two thousand people and the wonderful messages given by God's servants.

I am disabled from Acquired Brain Damage (ABD), caused by an accident ten years ago, and I know what it is to experience feelings of utter worthlessness, inferiority, aloneness and extreme frustration, but at the Convention, although these conditions are still there, they become insignificant because the love of Christ envelopes me.

God uses the speakers at Belgrave Heights to teach me very important lessons in my spiritual walk with the Lord. Because of my disability I have been far more interested in Heaven than in earth. However, the fact remains that I live on earth, and thanks to messages from Belgrave Heights to a large degree, I am able to accept and be content in knowing that "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain".

Living in the country as I do, brings limitations, so I always look forward to going to Belgrave Heights for spiritual renewal and fellowship, where we are "**All One in Christ Jesus**" and I never ever come away disappointed.

*Helen Cox (Calulu)*



*Miss Helen Cox*

## NEW GROUNDS CARETAKERS APPOINTED

The Council is pleased to announce the appointment of **Henry and Lois Poulsen** as Resident Caretakers at the Convention Grounds.

Henry has worked in the building industry for some years and has

extensive practical experience. Both he and his wife are keen to serve the Lord in this new ministry.

Do pray for them and their infant son, Luke, as they shortly take up residence at Belgrave Heights.

### To our Convention Friends

We invite you to write a short paragraph on "What the Convention Mean to Me/Us" and send it to the Editor along with a photograph for possible publication in Convention News.

### Our Office and Postal Address:

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## Points For

# Prayer

- Give praise for the spiritual enrichment and uplift which flowed from the Easter Convention when God greatly used the ministry of Drs Roy Clements, Bill McRae and Don Richardson.
- Give thanks for the many young people who attended the Easter Convention and for those who made a firm commitment on Missionary Day to be available for Christian training and service.
- Pray for the forthcoming Springtime Holiday Convention in September and especially for Geoff Gawler, the committee co-ordinator, and his team who are responsible for the entire program of meetings and activities.
- Pray for the new Lodge Caretakers, John and Michelle Bosua, that they will find a real ministry in assisting the many groups who use the Convention Lodge.
- Pray that God will prepare Canon Keith Weston, and the Rev. David Coffey, who are to be the guest speakers for the 77th Christmas Convention at Belgrave Heights in December. Remember the Convention Chairman, Mr Robert Freeman, and the Vice Chairmen, Dr David Price and Mr Peter Rowse and also the Executive Officer, Rev. Bill Brice in their respective leadership roles.
- Pray that God through His Holy Spirit will give clear guidance to all members of the Convention Council when decisions are to be made concerning the Convention ministry and property matters.

## ACCOMMODATION

Ample caravan and camping sites are available.

Inquiries invited for Kitchen and "A" Frame accommodation for Church or Family groups.

### Contact:

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