

### TUESDAY EVENINGS

#### Lambs in the Thorn Bush: Reaching 'challenging' people groups with the love of Jesus

*Aidan Carlsson, Blake & Jess Harvey*

Why is it that some groups of people seem harder to reach than others? Are they the problem or are we? In this course we will think about how to better understand some of these groups of people, and what biblical evangelism to them might look like.

#### Bioethics: Matters of Life and Death

*Caroline Earley and Lee McCarron*

We all live...and die. Some of our most important decisions are made at the beginning and end of life, yet we make them largely uninformed by a Christian biblical worldview.

The media's anti-Christian agenda on such issues as stem cell research, IVF and euthanasia sways public opinion, which in turn influences policy making. A groundswell of Christian voices are needed to protect the sanctity of human life as biotechnology advances and shapes our society.

Come along as we explore some of these important bioethical issues and how we should respond as Christians.

#### Augustine vs. Pelagius: How the fight for grace shapes us today

*Ross & Rachel Ciano (Marrickville Road Church)*

The fight for grace has been an ongoing battle since the beginning of the church. Augustine's battle with Pelagianism acts as a major marker in our thinking about grace. What does it mean? Why is it so important? What are some areas that we are prone to neglect?

This seminar will examine the life of Augustine, his encounters with Pelagianism and the impact this has on us today, particularly in regards to how we share our faith with people. Come along and hear how history comes alive and helps us think about our world today!

#### The Gospel Shaped Family

*John & Emily Smuts*

The way we relate to our children is shaped by so many things – our own upbringing, the media, tiredness – just to name a few. How does the gospel relate to our parenting? How can we do that *on purpose*? What this course is *not* about – how to be the perfect parent in ten easy steps!

\*Course runs for an extra week—starts on 3 August\*

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

#### God's Peaceful Cross

*Laurie Besant*

Conflict resolution from God's perspective! God's word the Bible gives us clear processes on how to handle conflict in the body of Christ and in this world, as we are called to be Christ's example to others. We will also learn by looking at processes and work done by churches and organisations. We are called to peace as God's people – let's learn how to put that into practice.

#### Depression, Anxiety and the Children of God

*Tim Bradford*

Together we will think through the challenges that depression and anxiety can bring to Christian people, how we are to understand ourselves theologically, and how we might be compassionate to our brothers and sisters who wrestle with these challenges.

#### facebook: brought to book

*Luke Macpherson and Matty Kennedy*

Just about everyone uses Facebook, but have you ever taken time to think about why?

If you're a Facebook user, join us to think together about why we use Facebook, how it impacts our relationships, and how we can use it wisely.



From Aug 10 / 11 for four weeks

Winter School will focus our training on key areas of Christian life—what it means to have productive Faith, active Hope and practical Love.

Each topic will involve both an aspect of THEOLOGY as taught in the Scriptures and practising BEHAVIOUR that expresses this theology. This will also be a time of building COMMUNITY, meeting new faces and deepening existing relationships.

We also extend a warm welcome to our brothers and sisters from other local churches.

PBC's usual weekly groups will pause for 4 weeks. This is a big investment for us all, please read inside for 10 good reasons why! Then consider joining us by filling in your registration form and returning it early.

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## Wisdom: What does the bible say? And how do we apply this to our lives?

Angus Falla

Much has been written about wisdom through the ages, many people have devoted their entire lives to gaining it. The 'gaining of wisdom' however remains elusive – what does it look like in the age of Google and Wikipedia?

In these studies we will get a grip on what the Bible says on wisdom, look into the 'wisdom literature' and construct a framework for making Godly decisions in our lives. (Note: a high IQ score is not necessary to sign up, nor is there any guarantee yours will be improved!)

## SPECIAL EVENTS!

### A Better Life:

**Talk and discussion with Tim Chester  
Tuesday 17th August, 7.30pm**

What difference does a gospel-centred vision make to the shape and struggles of our lives?

How does the gospel reshape ordinary life? What impact does it have on how we approach our struggles with temptation?

Tim Chester is a Bible Teacher and Church Planter who lives with his wife Helen and their two daughters in Sheffield, England, and serves as one of the leaders of *The Crowded House*, an international family of church planting networks. He has written a string of books applying the gospel to the shape of everyday Christian life, including *The Ordinary Hero: Living the Cross and Resurrection*, *Captured by a Better Vision: Living Porn-Free*, *You Can Change*, *The Busy Christian's Guide to Busyness*, *Total Church: A Radical Reshaping around Gospel and Community*, *Gospel-Centred Family*, *The Message of Prayer*, and *Good News to the Poor*.

## Creative Christianity

Wednesday 18th August, 8-9pm

Liz Despinidic

"The Word became flesh."

Think visually? Long for an opportunity to put your faith onto canvas? Just like to experiment with different artistic media? Come along to a one-off brainstorming session – choose a Bible passage and have a go at expressing it.

## Important Info!

Winter School will be held each Tuesday and Wednesday night over 4 weeks (plus an additional week for the parenting course). WS10 starts on 10/11 August. Courses will be suspended on 17 and 18 August for special events (see above).

All courses will be held at Petersham Baptist Church, 13 The Boulevard, Lewisham.

Each night we'll start together with a talk or interview, and singing. We will spread around PBC for our courses and then finish together for supper. **Please be at PBC at 7.30pm.** Supper will follow.

## Cost

Your registration fee of \$5 will help to cover the costs of course materials and running WS10.

## Able to babysit?

Would you be willing to help parents attend a course as a couple by baby-sitting on a night on which you're not attending WS10? If so, thanks and please mark the registration form accordingly.

## Questions? Comments?

Please email PBC.WS10@gmail.com, or speak to John Smuts or Tim Bradford.

Return your form by **Sunday 8 August** (by 1 August for Gospel Shaped Family). Some courses have limited numbers, so get in early!

Drop it into the box at PBC, scan and email to PBC.WS10@gmail.com, fax to 9518 3599 or post to 13 The Boulevard, Lewisham 2049.

Name: .....

Email: .....

Phone: .....

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- I would like to attend my preferred courses on BOTH Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- I'd love to babysit on Tuesdays / Wednesdays
- We'd love to have a babysitter on Tuesdays / Wednesdays (delete as applicable)