

# HOT TOPICS 7

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 2014



**SMBC**  
Sydney Missionary & Bible College

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, SEMESTER 1, 2014: 7.00PM-9.00PM**  
**WHERE: SYDNEY MISSIONARY & BIBLE COLLEGE, 43 BADMINTON ROAD, CROYDON**  
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**12 FEB**

### **EVANGELISM FOR TODAY** REV DR SAM CHAN

Never been confident in telling your friends about Jesus? Don't worry. You're not alone. The evangelism methods that worked 10-20 years ago don't seem quite as effective now as they did. Sam Chan, SMBC lecturer in evangelism, preaching and ethics, will share some simple but powerful ways for us to tell our friends about Jesus.

**19 FEB**

### **CHRISTIANS AND CLIMATE CHANGE** BYRON SMITH

Byron is working on his PhD on Christians' attitudes to climate change, under the Christian theologian and ethicist Oliver O'Donovan. He will provide us with a biblical, theological and environmental framework for understanding and thinking through this urgent issue, and what the appropriate Christian responses to it might be.

**26 FEB**

### **IDOLS, BLOOD AND FAMILY OBLIGATIONS** ANDREW HONG

Christians often struggle to understand Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 8-10 on eating meat offered to idols, and participation with idol worshippers. This is often keenly felt by believers who come from Asian and other cultural backgrounds with strong family expectations and obligations. Andrew Hong, a pastor, is completing his PhD in this area.

**5 MAR**

### **CHRISTIANS AND WORK** ANDREW LAIRD

Work consumes our time and our thinking. We are compelled to do it, and are burdened by it. Yet without it we can lack identity and self-esteem. Should it be so? Is our work valued by God, and how should it intersect with our faith?

**19 MAR**

### **SLAVERY IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS** KIT BARKER

Kevin Rudd's pre-election riposte about slavery revealed confusion about the biblical teaching on this topic. Slavery remains a problem throughout many parts of the world. Kit, Old Testament lecturer at SMBC, will carefully consider the biblical implications of slavery.

**26 MAR**

### **GUIDING AND PARENTING TEENAGERS IN A SEX-SATURATED SOCIETY** DR PATRICIA WEERAKOON

Dr Weerakoon, a medical doctor, sexologist and Christian writer and speaker will present biblical foundations and helpful practical suggestions and strategies for Christians who guide teens and young adults in the midst of a culture obsessed with sex.

**2 APR**

### **ABORTION AND INFANTICIDE** REV PETER BARNES

Cigarette packets warn that smoking harms unborn babies; yet abortion is legal. Australian philosopher Peter Singer argues in favour of both abortion and infanticide, suggesting a child in utero is no different legally from a child already born. Peter Barnes will explore biblical and cultural foundations behind these much debated questions.

**30 APR**

### **MUSIC, EMOTIONS AND CHRISTIAN CORPORATE WORSHIP** REV ROB SMITH

Rob teaches theology at SMBC, with extensive experience in theological education, pastoring and music ministry. Christians are often unsure how to think: what is the relationship between music and worship? How appropriate is it to show emotions? What kinds of emotions should we feel? Is there room for self-expression in corporate worship?

**7 MAY**

### **DEALING WITH DEMENTIA** REV ANDREW HERON

As a society, and even as Christians we tend to misunderstand and undervalue elderly people—especially those with dementia. Andrew, the chief chaplain at Anglican Retirement Villages, Castle Hill will give us insight into understanding, pastoring and valuing the growing number of people afflicted with dementia.

**14 MAY**

### **SAVED BY SACRIFICE, OR SAVED FROM SACRIFICE? WHAT EXACTLY DID THE CROSS OF CHRIST ACHIEVE?** REV DR IAN MADDOCK

Did Jesus die as an atoning sacrifice in our place? Alternative explanations of the cross currently gaining favour see it as a purely human event, having nothing to do with redemption from sin. Ian, Senior Lecturer in Theology at SMBC, will help us to understand and critique other non-violent theories of the cross.

**28 MAY**

### **SPIRITS, POWER STRUGGLES AND THE REALITY OF THE UNSEEN WORLD, IN CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY** DR L. TAN

Lawrence lectures in medicine at UWS, and spent 14 years as a medical missionary in Bolivia. Integrating biblical, medical and practical perspectives, he will guide our understanding of the unseen spiritual battle taking place. As Christians proclaim the gospel, what is the nature of the forces opposing Christ and his people?

**4 JUNE**

### **JUDE: AN URGENT CALL TO 21ST CENTURY CHRISTIANS** DR ROD THOMPSON

Jude, a little-known book of the Bible, is only 25 verses long. Yet despite its strangeness and unfamiliarity, it contains much that faithful Christians should not overlook. Rod Thompson, Principal of Laidlaw College in Auckland, will unpack Jude's teaching and explain his confronting call to action for modern Christians.

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