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# Summer Update

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# Oxygen: moment or movement?

Surveys completed by the 2250 Christian leaders who attended Oxygen in August 2011 show a strong desire for the conference to be a regular event rather than a one-off gathering.

**90% of survey respondents opted for Oxygen to be repeated** and saw a need for a gathering to reinvigorate Christian leaders. Oxygen 2011 was the biggest gathering of Christian leaders in Australia's history. From 29-31 August, 2250 delegates including 800 interstate delegates gathered at the Australian Technology Park to be encouraged from the Scriptures by John Piper, John Lennox and 27 elective presenters.

The second Oxygen conference has not been finalised, however a 2013 or 2014 date is likely.

Photos, tweets and talks of Oxygen can be found at [oxygen.kcc.org.au](http://oxygen.kcc.org.au)



# More than ONE resolution

On Wednesday 31 August, the Sydney Entertainment Centre came alive for ONE. After pre-event entertainment, the night opened with Garage Hymnal leading praises to God in song. Oxford Professor of Mathematics, John Lennox was welcomed by Master of Ceremonies, Al Stewart and the sell out crowd of 10,000 people. He then preached about the confidence we have in the Scriptures, drawing on his experience debating atheists Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens.

Dr John Piper then took the platform, passionately exhorting those present (and those watching via live streaming) to make much of their lives and not waste them.

Those who attended were encouraged to make resolutions about how to live the rest of their lives for God via the '10,000 Resolutions' website.

KCC thanks the ONE committee for creating such a unique and edifying evening. Photos, mp3s and DVDs of talks are available from [one.kcc.org.au](http://one.kcc.org.au)

## KCC avoids November bushfires

A bushfire that started at Katoomba Falls on October 24 has avoided the KCC site. The bushfire, which started just before 2pm, raged for much of the afternoon with 100 firefighters and three aircraft responding. The KCC car park was used as a landing area by helicopters fighting the fire. Nearby homes were evacuated as were students from Katoomba High School.

At 4pm, the Rural Fire Service of New South Wales advised the fire had dropped into the valley below homes and, at 6pm, changed the warning status to Watch and Act.



## Kcc updates

- kcc's updates are published 3 times a year.
- ▶ summer update | available at next gen & mkc | posted late January
  - ▶ autumn update | available at kec & kyck | posted mid April
  - ▶ spring update | available at engage & wkcc | posted mid August

If you're not attending a convention at a time of publication, the update will be posted to you.

Each update is available for download on our website.



### Have your details changed?



To update your details visit <https://secure.kcc.org.au> You'll need your username and password to login which can both be sent to your email. No email? Phone us on 1300 737 140.



## Meet Easter convention speaker, **Bryan Chapell**

On a sunny mid December morning in Australia, we spoke to Easter convention speaker, Bryan Chapell, who was enjoying the view of the pre Christmas snows from his office at Covenant Theological Seminary in St Louis, Missouri, USA.

### **I: Can you tell us a bit about Covenant Theological Seminary?**

B: Covenant Theological Seminary is the national seminary of the Presbyterian Church in America. We have roughly 1000 students, 70% of them will be Bible-believing Presbyterian.

### **I: Can you tell us a bit about your background?**

B: I pastored a historic church in the state of Illinois. It was a church that, when I went, was approximately 175 years old. And it was in a mining, farming district.

### **I: Am I right in thinking that you worked in journalism before you pastored a church?**

B: I did study journalism and did some work as a reporter both for radio and a newspaper, but that was an early and brief career.

### **I: What have you learned from working in journalism and in the media?**

B: Well I learned how to write under pressure. That was good. I learned that there's often a lot of darkness in the world, and reporters are often trying to get people to say what they don't want to say. And I very quickly learned that was not my heart.

### **I: Easter convention is focusing on the topic of image and how we appear to others and how others think about us. How has the media influenced how we think about ourselves?**

B: I'm sure that most of us tend to think about ourselves from external appearances or how others perceive us. And of course the gospel is saying God perceives us clothed in the righteousness of his own Son, so that we have a righteousness that is not our own and an identity provided by Christ. And my hope is to say to people, that while the world will evaluate us



based on appearance or performance, the Lord estimates our value based upon our identity in Christ. And that reality is transforming in terms of people's security and joy and hope.

### **I: Has studying journalism helped with understanding how to preach better?**

B: There are many complimentary truths that journalism teaches that help in the preaching task. One of the truths that I often point out to our students, is that in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Divines said that the preaching be geared to the necessities and capacities of the hearers. Now that's a wonderful statement. That we should preach what people need to hear, but we should also preach in such a way that we understand their capacities.

### **I: What is the role of illustrations in preaching?**

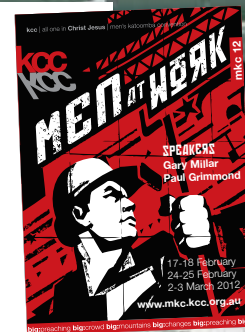
B: Well I know often, those who think about preaching, believe that the primary goal of illustration is to clarify thought. I actually do not teach that. I actually believe the primary goal of illustration is not to clarify, but to motivate.

The full interview with Bryan Chapell as well as info about katoomba easter convention is available at [kcc.kcc.org.au](http://kcc.kcc.org.au).

## Men talk work in the Tin Shed

Tin Shed Time at men's katoomba convention in 2012 will be building upon the theme of **'Men and Work'**. Three men at different stages of their work lives will be interviewed and reflect on their experiences as Christian workers. Paul Richards, Dave Munnoch and Warwick Smith will challenge men to think about **how to use their work to glorify God**. Then, with speakers Gary Millar and Paul Grimmond, they will open the discussion up for Q&A for the remaining half an hour.

Is your church coming? men's convention takes place on the 17-18, 24-25 February and 2-3 March 2012. Standard registration closes two weeks prior to each weekend. Visit [mkk.kcc.org.au](http://mkk.kcc.org.au) for details



## Word with Al Stewart

Not long ago in Brisbane I spoke to a Baptist pastor who told me how much he had enjoyed the Oxygen and ONE conferences, and how it did his heart good to see 10,000 gathered around great Bible preaching.

God has again been kind to us in 2011. Our resources and personnel were stretched, but we have had our biggest year, as more people heard the Bible preached at kcc events than any other year.

As we raise our eyes to 2012 the opportunities continue. January sees the first of our 6 conventions kick off as usual.

We also have a Development Application in process, which God willing will see significant improvement to meeting facilities on site and the quality of accommodation. We must develop the KCC site into the asset it should be for future generations. We are also working on the next steps in following up the Oxygen Conference.

After a rigorous search process we've appointed Jonathan Dykes as the new Executive Director for KCC. Jonathan was the outstanding candidate of 45 and commences 1st Feb. He will bring vision and energy to the role.

As we start 2012, we ask that you as a KCC supporter would be in prayer for all involved in KCC. For unless the Lord is in this venture and blesses it, we labour in vain. Hard work, planning and team work are important but we must always remember that it is God who builds the house.

*Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves. (Psalm 127:1-2)*

On behalf of the KCC board, I hope you have a refreshing summer, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our conventions in 2012.

Regards,  
Al Stewart  
KCC Chair



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# kcc's school camp package wins awards

KCC Conference Centres and school programs have won a category and been finalists in other categories in recent tourism awards.

The KCC Conference Centre was a finalist in the Standard Accommodation category at the Blue Mountains Lithgow & Oberon Tourism Awards, while the Blue Mountains Ed school camp package won the Tourism Marketing category and was a finalist in the Tour & Transport Operator Category. The Blue Mountains Ed school package was also a finalist in the NSW Tourism Awards held in Sydney in November.

Visit [www.bluemountainsed.org.au](http://www.bluemountainsed.org.au) for details of the school camp package designed for year 5 & 6 Gold and Rainforest HSIE curriculum.



# Mountain camp makeover

The Working Bee on Saturday 12 November and the two week long presence of the Mobile Mission maintenance team saw several improvements to the Mountain Camp conference centre.

- » Painting exterior walls of all buildings
- » Pressure washing and painting roofs of all buildings
- » New entry into Mountain Camp dining room
- » New carpet in Mountain Camp dining room
- » New toilets in Mountain Camp dining room
- » New chairs in Mountain Camp dining room



# convention core

**LEAVING** As they step down from the organising committee we thank Rachel Greenwood & Liz Mansour (wkc) and Jesse Huckel (next generation) for all their work in recent years.

**JOINING** We welcome Steve Karas & Pat Jones to the kyck committee, Mal York to the mkc committee, Rebekah Earnshaw & Beth Webb to the next generation committee as well as Jenny Ihn, Ian Scarborough and Joel Macmillan to the engage committee.

## next generation conference

Jen Buesnel, Alwin Chin, Murray Colville, David Doran, Rebekah Earnshaw, Daniel Faricy, Raj Gupta, Trevor Hodge, Andrew Hong, Sarah Lancaster, Steve Reimer, Kirsty Robertson, Kerry Rudder, Mark Taylor, Tara Thornley, Philip van't Spyker, Lisa Vassallo & Beth Webb

## men's katoomba convention

Mark Edmonds, Paul James, Mark Peterson, Mike Swanton, Luke Tattersall, Bay Warburton & Mal York

## katoomba easter convention

Gavin Boyd, Tim Brown, Rod Cocking, Jos Dudley, Jonathan Dykes, Joshua Johnston, Steve McCartney, Harold Pryce, Jo Steele, Steve Williams & Valerie Williams

## kyck

Jeremy Dunne, Melissa Dunne, Pat Jones, Steve Karas, Sam Low, Gavin Mork, Andy Stevenson & Steve Wakeford

## engage

Tim Blencowe, Martin Fortmann, Jenny Ihn, Joel MacMillan, Jonathan Mak, Justin Moffatt, Steve Morrison, Ian Scarborough, Emma Thornett & Luke Woodhouse

## women's katoomba convention

Hoiva Cheung, Ngaire Moore, Vikki Napier, Alana Noblett, Lesley Ramsay & Karin Stace



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## New Executive Director

Jonathan Dykes has been named the new Executive Director at KCC. Responsible for implementing the Board's vision, Jonathan, who is also chairman for the easter convention and Oxygen begins in the role in February.



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## New coffee machines

Coffee machines have been installed in the dining rooms of Mountain Camp, Hartley and Kedumba for guests to enjoy.

# 2012

- 16-20 January | next generation conference #1
- 23-27 January | next generation conference #2
- 17-18 February | men's katoomba convention #1
- 24-25 February | men's katoomba convention #2
- 2-3 March | men's katoomba convention #3
- 6-9 April | katoomba easter convention
- 13-15 April | kyck #1
- 20-22 April | kyck #2
- 27-29 April | kyck #3
- 19 May | working bee
- 17-19 August | engage #1
- 24-26 August | engage #2
- 8-9 September | women's katoomba convention #1
- 14-15 September | women's katoomba convention #1
- 10 November | working bee

