

The Workshop

“Ancient Wisdom for Tomorrow’s Worship” is a one day workshop offered by the South Yarra Community Baptist Church to share the rich fruits of their unique worship adventures with the wider Church.

Through experience, reflection and discussion, participants will learn how the worship wisdom of the ancient church can renew and enrich the worship life of Christians in 21st century Australia.

Since it is likely that many participants will have commitments in their own churches on the Sunday morning, the workshop will commence at 12:30 pm with registration, welcomes, and lunch.

The afternoon will rotate three activities:

- exploring the structure, texts, action and theology of a worship service that weaves ancient structures and practices with contemporary language and concerns;
- discussions about the relationship between ancient liturgical practice, free-church convictions, and the emerging culture;
- singing, to make sure we don’t get talked-out and to prepare for the evening session.

The climax of the workshop will be participation in a full celebration of the Lord’s Word and Table. This will enable participants to experience how what they have learned all fits together. The day will then end with an evening meal.

Topics Explored

- Why there is a divide between worship styles which are easily marketable and those which nourish our innermost spirits and free us to live more deeply.
- Why we can know more about the early church’s patterns of worship now than most of our forebears did.
- Why some of the worship practices rejected by our free-church forebears may need to be recovered if we are to remain faithful to their reforming spirit.
- How worship services can combine structures that have stood the test of time with the vitality of present-day imagery and language.
- What is included in a worship service that is founded on the traditions of the ancient Church and how these components might be reworked for use in 21st century Australian society.
- How to move from a clergy monopoly to a high level of shared active participation in worship, without making it shallow, busy and fragmented.
- How to reconcile the tragic split between beautifully crafted liturgy and Spirit-filled spontaneity and enthusiasm.
- How the recovery of ancient forms can enable small churches to develop a worship life which is rich, profound and life-giving without needing the resources that only large churches can muster.

Presenters

Nathan Nettleton will be the main presenter for the Workshop. Nathan is the pastor to the South Yarra Community Baptist Church and teaches Worship Studies at Whitley College, the Baptist Theological College of Victoria. He represents the Baptist Union of Australia on the ecumenical Australian Consultation on Liturgy, and convenes an international discussion for Baptists engaged in scholarly reflection on worship and spirituality.



Other members of the South Yarra Community Baptist Church will also be involved in contributing to the discussion from their own experience and reflections.

Cost & Availability

Full Price \$35.
Concession \$20.

Includes materials and two meals.

Places are limited to 15 in each workshop, so please don’t send payment with your registration form as we cannot guarantee you a place. All applicants will be notified and those accepted are asked to pay on the day by cash or cheque.

Registration Form

To ensure your place, please detach and return completed form to:

Ancient Wisdom Workshops
South Yarra Community Baptist Church
12 Surrey Road
South Yarra 3141

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Ph:..... Fax:.....

Email:.....

Church Attended:.....

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Tick as appropriate:

Please register me for the *Ancient Wisdom for Tomorrow's Worship* workshop on

17 July 2011

6 November 2011

Other dates may be organised on request for churches who wish to book a workshop for themselves

Full Price at \$35.

Please don't send any money until your place is confirmed.

Concession at \$20.

I have the following special dietary

requirements:.....

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Venue

The South Yarra Community Baptist Church is located at 12 Surrey Road, South Yarra. You can find it in the Melways at 2M A9. It is easily reached on public transport, by train to Hawksburn Station or by tram no.72 to stop 29 at the corner of Malvern Road and Surrey Road.

More Info?

If you would like more information, or have any questions about the workshop or the church, please feel free to contact us.

Phone: (03) 9827 7900

Email: church@laughingbird.net

Or visit our Website at:
www.laughingbird.net/SouthYarraBaptist.html



The South Yarra Community Baptist Church has, over the last decade, developed a style of worship which is rarely encountered among Baptist churches, but which is carefully informed by study of the early church and of the teachings of the early Baptists. Their worship is a feast for the senses and more importantly for the deep spiritual hungers of urban Australians in an uncertain new millennium.

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A one day Workshop
presented by the
South Yarra Community
Baptist Church

12:30 - 8:00 pm Sunday
Various Dates