

SPIRITUAL RETREAT WEEKENDS



John Reid, lecturer in Patterns for Spiritual Formation, wrote his doctoral dissertation and project on Mid Life Male Spirituality in Australia. John is both a pastoral carer and spiritual director and in 2008 will again facilitate two-day spiritual retreats at his and wife Janice's home at Rouse Hill in North Western Sydney. Three dates are available for persons interested in setting aside some time to focus on being with God: 25th - 27th July; 29th - 31st August; 17th - 19th October.

The retreats will feature a balance between biblical and pastoral input and time out for individuals. Meals during the day will be provided for groups of up to twelve persons. Overnight accommodation is not included. Couples and groups from your church are welcome to come together.

Rouse Hill is green and has flourishing gardens with Caddies Creek flowing through it. There are plenty of spaces for people to sit and savour the environment or enjoy one of the many walking tracks if you wish to walk while praying. The Reid's enjoy hosting people in their home and garden and will be glad to share something of themselves with the participants who hunger and thirst for a closer walk with God.

Spiritual Retreat weekends will cost \$60 per person or \$700 for a group of 12 and includes supper Friday night, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on both Saturday and Sunday. Friday evenings: 7.30pm for 8pm start; Saturday: 9am-5pm and Sunday: 9am - 3pm.

For bookings contact admin@morling.edu.au or phone 02 9878 0201. Further information can be found on our website: www.morling.nsw.edu.au

MOBILE COLLEGE BOOKINGS

Morling College now offers a variety of 4-session subjects taught by our Faculty at your church one night a week for four weeks or compressed into four sessions and taught over a weekend.

The total cost for each course — no matter the number present — is only \$350 (not including extra preaching)

Just choose a subject that interests you Pull together a group from church (we recommend no less than 10). Contact Morling College to arrange dates. It is wise to have a few options in mind. For rural areas we recommend a weekend session, but the month-long treatment usually works in the Sydney metro area. Due to the commitments of Faculty, we cannot guarantee the availability of every course but will do our best to accommodate you.

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committing to a
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ETHICS

Christian Ethics: A Biblical Framework -

Rev Rod Benson

We face many complex and controversial issues as we seek to live as God's people in the world. Often we try to deal with these issues one by one, without looking at the big picture. This subject provides an overview of biblical ethics, discusses the authority and use of Scripture in ethical decision-making, and examines how the Bible speaks to selected ethical issues. If you wish, you can nominate the issues you'd like to discuss.



Ethics, Philosophy and the Real World - Rev Rod Benson

Are you passionate about ethical issues, but would like to explain your views more coherently? Or a friend has a different perspective, and you can't understand why? Or you'd just like to discover what ethics is all about? This subject outlines the major philosophical frameworks that underlie our ethical convictions and decisions, and examines selected ethical issues in the light of these. If you wish, you can nominate the issues you'd like to discuss.

LEADERSHIP

Working in Teams - Rev Graham Hill

This is a workshop for church & ministry leaders, which endeavours to enhance their effectiveness in working in teams. It covers such issues as healthy team formation, establishing mutual core values, ministry descriptions, ongoing team development, healthy communication patterns & decision-making principles.



Christian Leadership & Management - Rev Graham Hill

An introduction to the principles & dynamics of Christian leadership within a church or organisational/ mission setting. The Course includes Biblical principles of leadership, defining leadership & appropriate styles for different situations & people.

MISSION



Local Church and Global Mission

Rev Dr Phill Marshall

This subject looks at what mission is and means in the 21st century. One of the important issues discussed is the role of the local church in missions. Topics covered include: The role of a missionary committee; People-group adoption; Support of missionary personnel; Being "Great Commission" Christians; How to motivate people for mission.

Mission Perspectives - Rev Dr Phill Marshall

This subject covers all there is to know about mission — albeit in a condensed format. There are four perspectives studied: Biblical perspective — what does the bible say about mission? Historical perspective — what has God been doing in the past? Cultural perspective — making sense of mission in cultural contexts Strategic perspective — how can the church go about mission in a changing world?

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care - Rev Dr John Reid Semester 2, 08

This course seeks to explore the meaning of pastoral care. In so doing it consults scriptural principles & Bible images that inform pastoral care practice. The course is highly interactive. After exploring some of the basics we seek to understand the stages of the human journey & ways we can meaningfully care for men & women, boys & girls on that journey.



Introduction to Christian Spirituality - Rev Dr John Reid

This course looks at biblical patterns for spirituality. It seeks to highlight the distinctive components & disciplines of Christian spirituality dealing with subjects like Bible reading & reflection, prayer, solitude, contemplation, living simply, loyalty, obedience & accountability before God. Corporate disciplines to do with prayer, worship, confession, guidance & discernment (or a selection of these) are also studied.

NEW TESTAMENT



Using the New Testament Theologically -

Rev Dr Brian Powell

Semester 1, 08

This unit will begin with teaching on how to use the New Testament appropriately in addressing theological questions within the life of the church. Then some specific issues will be addressed, with input both from the lecturer and participants. Issues can be chosen by the group, but suggested possibilities are: prayer, baptism and membership, spiritual gifts, healing, demons and exorcism, the ministry of women, sexual ethics, marriage and divorce.

1 Corinthians & Today's Church - Rev Dr Brian Powell

Semester 1, 08

In 1 Corinthians Paul addresses several issues. We shall address some of these, considering their implications for today. Possible issues include: the place of knowledge & wisdom, division & disputes in the church, sexual morality, marriage & divorce, the role of women, spiritual gifts, patterns of worship.

EVANGELISM

Evangelism in the 21st Century -

Rev Michael Frost

The old event-based approach to evangelism has limited impact these days as our culture becomes increasingly post-Christian. If inviting our friends to church is the only method of evangelising our community we will have limited impact. This course looks at a biblical model for a world-focused, relationally-based approach to local church evangelism.



THEOLOGY



The Holy Spirit & His Work

Rev Dr Ross Clifford

The person of the Holy Spirit — is He really God & personal? Is it OK to worship the Holy Spirit? What do the Bible & our hymns etc. say? The works & gifts of the Holy Spirit, including the controversial gifts, will also be addressed.

The Resurrection - Rev Dr Ross Clifford

Here we consider how we can develop an argument for the truth of the resurrection. Then we ask what difference the resurrection makes to lives, ethics & how we view the world. We see that for the Bible the resurrection is essential for understanding forgiveness of sin, the power of God in our lives & future hope.

The Second Coming - Rev Dr Ross Clifford

This study considers the biblical material, the signs, different views about rapture/millennium. The impact the second coming makes on our discipleship & how to share the second coming are considered & contemporary issues such as reincarnation/near death experiences & the second coming are also addressed.

THEOLOGY

What is it to be human?

Rev David Starling

What makes humans unique? The Bible says we're made in the image of God. This Mobile College subject explores what this means & how it can change the way we approach our lives as God's children. Humans are fallen, but God's will is that we be changed into the image of Christ, & ultimately live eternally in heaven. But what will that be like? & how is it relevant to everyday living?



Who is Jesus & what has He done? - Rev David Starling

This subject explores some current opinions about Jesus Christ & his work, & compares them with the biblical teaching. What do we mean by saying "the Word was God" (John 1:1)? Why does Jesus' death make reconciliation with God possible? And what is the importance & relevance of his resurrection & ascension? This series will deepen your understanding of these fundamental matters, as well as help equip you to share your faith with others.

The Trinity & the Christian Life - Rev David Starling

Christians say they believe in one God in three Persons, but usually don't have much idea of what they actually understand by this, or how to talk about this Christian distinctive with others. What's more, most Christians see the doctrine of the Trinity as largely irrelevant to everyday Christian living. This subject will show that trinitarian Christianity impacts every aspect of being God's children in the world.

PREACHING

Introduction to preaching -

Rev Rod Benson

Designed for beginners and occasional preachers, this course teaches you to prepare and preach sermons based on a passage of the Bible. The course includes the purpose of preaching, preparing the preacher, deciding what to preach, how to create a sermon, using stories and illustrations, and tips on delivering and evaluating a sermon.



Equipping you to impact your world!