



EDINBURGH CONVENTION





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



The **vision** behind Edinburgh Convention is threefold:

1. To bring gifted preachers and teachers to our city to open up the scriptures and preach it with joy and enthusiasm to encourage, refresh and inspire Christians from all over the country as they join us for one week and then return home to serve and glorify God;
2. To provide an opportunity for reverent, inspiring worship, which allows God's people to exalt His name together in a way that is unique to a conference setting;
3. To create an environment of warm fellowship which transcends denominations, is grounded in the gospel, and enriches everyone who attends.

These three aims extend to every age group whether adult, teenager or child. Rejuvenate, our programme for late teens and early twenties, has steadily grown over the last few years. KidZone and TeenZone will have a dedicated team to help children learn and discover more about God through His Word in an exciting way.

This year we look forward to the ministry of John Shearer, Joe Barnard and Roger Carswell. All three of these keynote speakers have a passion to make Christ known and to see Christians living authentic, infectious lives that glorify God and influence everyone they meet. The desire of the speakers to evangelise and disciple will form the core theme of the Convention meetings and feature in many of the seminars.

We trust the Lord for a great week and hope that you will be able to join us.

 Robert Murdock



DURING YOUR VISIT



The Convention is held in the grounds of **The Faith Mission Headquarters and Bible College, 548 Gilmerton Road, Edinburgh** and welcomes residential guests and day visitors. Accommodation is provided on-site and at Pollock Halls, the halls of residence for the University of Edinburgh.



Browse in our well-stocked Bookshop, which has a wide variety of books, Bibles, music, cards and gifts, with special offers during the Convention week. Relax and enjoy tasty food in the adjoining Café, or just stop in for coffee and a chat.

As part of your holiday, why not visit some of the top Edinburgh attractions, perfect for all the family. Scotland's capital city has a wealth of things to do and places to see, which will satisfy all tastes, including some of Scotland's most visited free and paid-for attractions. If you're feeling adventurous, climbing the extinct

volcano known as Arthur's Seat will give an incredible panorama over Edinburgh and beyond on a clear day. Or take it easy and spend an afternoon wandering down the Royal Mile, from Edinburgh Castle at the top to the Palace of Holyrood House at the bottom, taking in the many interesting sites along the way. Then there's the UK's most popular attraction outside of London – the National Museum of Scotland, one of the finest gardens in the world – the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, the giant pandas and over a thousand other animals at Edinburgh Zoo, and that's just a start. Edinburgh - explore and enjoy!



EC18 SPEAKERS





 **JOE BARNARD**

Joe Barnard runs Cross Training Ministries, a ministry focused on enabling men to pursue spiritual fitness. Prior to this, he pastored a church in the rural Scottish Highlands for eight years. He has studied at Highland Theological College, Baylor University, and the University of Saint Andrews. Joe is married to Anna and has four children. His passion is the ministry of Colossians 1:28: *'Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.'*



 **ROGER CARSWELL**

Roger Carswell is a travelling evangelist and author. He leads evangelistic church and university missions as well as speaking at Christian conferences. Among the eleven books he has written are 'And some evangelists' and 'Where is God in a messed up world?' He also publishes numerous gospel tracts and booklets. Roger is married to Dot, has four children and lives in Leeds.



 **JOHN SHEARER**

John Shearer became a Christian in his late teens, before training at FMBC for two years and working with FM for a further four years. After more studies at the Irish Baptist College, he pastored churches in Northern Ireland and Scotland and was involved in a pioneering work in the Republic of Ireland. In October 2011 he retired from pastoral ministry. John is married to Jan and they have two adult children and eight grandchildren.



 LESLIE BRUSH

Leslie Brush is originally from County Tyrone and became a Christian in 1979 through the work of The Faith Mission. Three years later he entered FMBC and spent the next thirty-two years working with the Mission in various locations. Leslie and his wife, Mabel, have three grown-up children.



 PAUL CROWE

Paul Crowe is the Welsh regional representative for The Faith Mission. He was born in Omagh, Northern Ireland, and brought up in Fife, Scotland. Paul's hobbies include reading, cycling and hillwalking. He is married to Elizabeth and they have two grown-up children, Miriam and Daniel.



 JASON CUSTER

Jason Custer is a native Texan interning with The Heralds Trust in Scotland. His heart is for the local church, especially in gospel and Christ-centered preaching and teaching, pastoral care, and spiritual formation. He has a ThM from Dallas Theological Seminary and a BA from Hillsdale College. In his free time he enjoys hillwalking, reading literary fiction, playing board games, and writing his personal blog, www.leadingcaptivitycaptive.com

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Colossians 1:28



 SANDY ROGER

Sandy Roger was formerly principal of the The Faith Mission Bible College and national adviser in religion to the Scottish Prison Service. He has also held three pastorates in Scotland and England. For five years he was senior evangelist at Cliff College, the Methodist centre for evangelism and mission. Currently minister of Brucefield Church, Whitburn, he exercises a national and international Bible teaching ministry, with a special interest in evangelistic preaching. He continues to lecture in theology and homiletics at FMBC.



 JOHN TOWNEND

John Townend was born in Yorkshire and comes from a farming background. His parents were converted through the work of The Faith Mission and he then came to the Lord as a teenager. John has worked with The Faith Mission for more than thirty years and is now its general director. He is married to Linda and they have three grown-up children and four grandchildren.



 ALISON WOODS

Alison Woods is currently one of Biblical Counselling UK's interns, based at Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh. She also works part time as a GP in a local practice. Over the last five years she has completed distance education in counselling with the Christian Counselling and Education Foundation at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Alison grew up in England and became a Christian in her teens. She is married to Graeme and they have three teenage children.



EC18 PROGRAMME

MORNING



BIBLE READINGS

 John Shearer
Monday - Friday
10.30am - 11.30am

MIDDAY



SEMINARS

Monday - Friday
12.10pm - 12.55pm

EVENING



WORD AND WORSHIP

 Joe Barnard
 Roger Carswell
Sunday: 8.15pm - 9.30pm
Monday - Friday:
7.30pm - 9.00pm



REJUVENATE

 Joe Barnard
Sunday: 9.30pm
Monday - Thursday:
9.00pm

CHURCH LEADERS BREAKFAST

THURSDAY: 8.30AM

'Working through highs and lows in ministry'
- Roger Carswell



Day visitors are welcome to attend all the meetings. No registration is necessary. However, it is essential to pre-register for the Church Leaders Breakfast by emailing edinburghconvention@faithmission.org



EC18 SEMINARS



MONDAY

🕒 **Each one bring one**

👤 **Jason Custer**

Less than two percent of people in Scotland today are born again, Bible-believing Christians. Many churches have lost the gospel and need help getting back to simple proclamation of the good news. We need to take action now. Jason will share how the evangelistic programme Each One Bring One (E1B1) can enable churches to put the gospel centre stage in all their outreach endeavours.

🕒 **Living with long-term illness**

👤 **Leslie Brush**

One day in August 2014 was life-changing for Leslie. Despite having lived with back pain for many years after suffering a back injury at work, this was different. Over the following months he learned to daily trust God in the midst of uncertainty, change, limitations and ongoing pain. God calls us to trust His heart even when we cannot trace His hand.

TUESDAY

🕒 **Daring to share the gospel with those we meet**

👤 **Roger Carswell**

One of the great joys of Christian life is being able to share the gospel regularly with friends, relatives and those we just bump into. How can we be effective and bold, winsome witnesses? In this seminar, we will have a look at the answer to that question.

🕒 **John Wesley as preacher**

👤 **Sandy Roger**

Most of us are familiar with the main events of Wesley's life and work, but this seminar will zoom in on just one aspect: his success and technique as a preaching evangelist. The way he went about things and how he guided his increasing number of itinerant preachers can provide us with valuable insights in our own evangelistic preaching. All of us need to become more competent in making the message clear and plain.

WEDNESDAY

🕒 **Flabby or fit: are you spiritually healthy?**

👤 **Joe Barnard**

We all know what physical fitness is, regardless of where we are on the spectrum of health. But what is spiritual fitness? If we don't have a clear understanding of what spiritual fitness is, we will never be able to pursue it intentionally. This seminar will define spiritual fitness in simple and concrete terms. Join us at your own risk – you might find out you are softer than you think!

🕒 **George Whitefield the evangelist**

👤 **Paul Crowe**

Paul finds the life story of the best English-speaking preacher of the eighteenth century, George Whitefield, to be absolutely thrilling. He will be looking at his early life and how he came to Christ, his wide-reaching ministry and the times he ministered in, and the influence that his preaching had on those to whom he ministered.

THURSDAY

🕒 **Spiritual combat in a secular age**

👤 **Joe Barnard**

To be a Christian in the UK is to live in a hostile spiritual environment. However, most Christians do not believe this. They feel that the world is safe since there are no visible signs of demons, pagan temples, or black magic. But is secular society safe? Joe will explore what spiritual warfare looks like in a secular age, where ideology, consumeristic ritual and invisible idols threaten to capture naïve Christians.

🕒 **Living with loss and overcoming life's lows**

👤 **Alison Woods**

As we look at the happy faces around us, we can often think that we are the only ones feeling crushed and broken. Whether due to bereavement, redundancy, poor health, a difficult relationship or the failure to achieve our dreams, many of us live with a daily sense of loss. These experiences of the 'lows of life' can overshadow and impact our relationship with Jesus. What does our Lord and Saviour have to say to us in the midst of these experiences? How can we as a church love one another better as we seek to serve those who are struggling and admit to our own struggles?

FRIDAY

👉 Ideas for evangelism for churches

👤 Roger Carswell

It seems that many churches have given up on some forms of outreach that have been widely used in the past. Are there ways of being really effective in corporate church evangelism today? In this very practical session, Roger will suggest lots of possibilities.

👉 Faith Mission insights

👤 John Townend

Faith Mission missionaries are involved in a wide variety of outreach and ministry ventures across the rural communities and cultures represented throughout Great Britain and Ireland. John will introduce a number of FM missionaries as they share of the challenges and encouragements of the ministries they are engaged in. The hope is that you will be thrilled as you hear of the triumphs, challenged as you get a glimpse of the immense need, burdened to pray for an outpouring of God, and inspired to get involved in bringing the gospel to these largely unreached areas of our land.



SHARING IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Berge Family are a gospel bluegrass band from northern Minnesota, USA. They have toured throughout the United States and Canada and currently host a large annual music festival. As the Berge Family shares the message of Jesus Christ through music and personal testimonies, the audience is sure to feel like part of the family.





REJUVENATE FRESH HEART

REJUVENATE IS AN ADVENTURE ACTIVITY HOLIDAY FOR PEOPLE AGED 16-25 WHICH RUNS AS PART OF EDINBURGH CONVENTION.

The big idea is to gather together young people from across Great Britain and Ireland for the opportunity of quality Christian fellowship, solid and relevant biblical teaching and challenging adventure activities in Scotland's great outdoors. It is our passion to see people meeting with God and getting 'Fresh Heart' to live life for Jesus.

Book in to stay all week and join in the activities, or just come along each evening.

w: rejuvenate.faithmission.org





EC18 CHILDREN & YOUTH

Monday - Friday

CRÈCHE



Pre-schoolers



During the Bible Readings and Seminars

KIDZONE



5-12 years



Lively activities for primary-age children each morning and evening, where learning is made fun using stories, songs, games, crafts and more

TEENZONE



12-15 years



A time to chill out each evening with other young people and enjoy relevant Bible teaching



ACCOMMODATION



FAITH MISSION BIBLE COLLEGE

A limited number of single, twin and en-suite rooms are available in the Bible College. These book up quickly.

To make an accommodation booking at the Bible College or Pollock Halls, please complete the booking form on the back cover and post the detached form together with your deposit to:

The Convention Administrator,
The Faith Mission,
548 Gilmerton Road,
Edinburgh, EH17 7JD

POLLOCK HALLS

Most Convention guests are accommodated at Pollock Halls, the halls of residence for the University of Edinburgh. Located at 18 Holyrood Park Road, it offers standard and 3 star en-suite single rooms, and en-suite twin rooms. Coaches are provided to transport guests to and from the Convention venue. Pollock Halls is also on a bus route which gives easy access to the city centre. Guests staying in Pollock Halls eat breakfast on-site but have all other meals at the Bible College.

Residential guests can book to stay from the afternoon of Saturday 30 June to the morning of Saturday 7 July, or for any period they may choose between these dates.

| ACCOMMODATION TYPE <i>Prices includes all meals</i> | DAILY RATE | DAILY RATE <i>if in full-time education</i> |
|--|---------------|--|
| Single standard | £46.00 | £30.00 |
| Single en-suite (3 star) | £70.00 | £55.00 |
| Twin standard | £86.00 | |
| Twin en-suite | £105.00 | |

REJUVENATE ACCOMMODATION

Budget dormitory-style accommodation is available at the Bible College for those who are part of the Rejuvenate programme.

Daily rates including all meals: £15.00 for those in full-time education; £20.00 otherwise. For further information about or bookings for Rejuvenate:

e: rejuvenate@faithmission.org

t: 01449 711877

w: rejuvenate.faithmission.org

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The city has an extensive choice of accommodation of all types - hotels, hostels, self-catering, guest houses, and b&bs. Many of these are located a short drive or bus journey from the Convention venue, particularly in the vicinity of Newington.

There are also a number of holiday parks in the area, should you wish to bring your own motorhome, touring caravan or tent. Some of these also have static caravans available to rent.

Information about alternative accommodation is available from VisitScotland:

w: www.visitscotland.com

e: info@visitscotland.com

t: 0845 22 55 121



PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN EDINBURGH

Lothian Buses operate a very reliable and frequent service throughout Edinburgh, including from the city centre to the Convention venue and to the main accommodation location at Pollock Halls.

Travel from Edinburgh City Centre on Lothian Buses from The Bridges:



to The Faith Mission
Bible College, Gilmerton:
Buses 3 or 29



to Pollock Halls:
Buses 14 or 30



If you require further information, please

contact: The Convention Administrator,
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t: 0131 664 5814

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EC BOOKING FORM

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| TITLE(S): | NAME(S): |
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| EMAIL: | |
| TELEPHONE: | MOBILE: |
| SPECIFY ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: | |

ACCOMMODATION

Single standard Single en-suite (3 star) I am in full-time education Twin standard Twin en-suite

I wish to share with

ARRIVAL DETAILS

DAY: TIME:

First Meal Breakfast Dinner (1pm) Tea (5.45pm)

DEPARTURE DETAILS

DAY: TIME:

Last Meal Breakfast Dinner (1pm) Tea (5.45pm)

PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit of £20.00 per person is required with your booking; amount enclosed:

£

Confirmation will be sent on receipt of your booking form and deposit, indicating the outstanding balance and details of payment methods.