



## What's your story?

Music brings us together. Whether it be familiar old tunes or the newer expressions, music does bring us together.

Throughout 2022 we want to know your story and your song. We are collecting your stories that tell the story of Mount Tamborine Convention and what it means to many of you. Music is a great way of fellowshiping together, so we also want to know the music we've sung here that is special to you.

Your story might be one of a life-time attending conventions and events here, or maybe it is a more recent experience. Throughout 2022 we are encouraging our friends to share stories with us, to tell how God has worked in and through your lives through your experiences at Mt Tamborine.

So, what is your story, and why is it your song?

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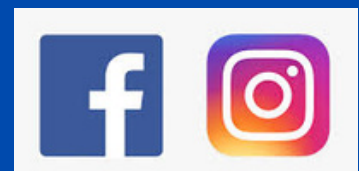
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# 2022 This is my story, this is my song

"Blessed Assurance" is a well-known Christian hymn. The lyrics were written in 1873 by blind hymn writer Fanny Crosby to the music written that same year by Phoebe Knapp.

The tune was written first, then the lyrics. Knapp played the tune to Crosby - remember she is blind.

When Knapp asked Crosby, "What do you think the tune says?", Crosby replied, "Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine." ... The popular song reflects Crosby's walk of faith, as expressed by the apostle Paul in Philippians 1:21, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (ESV).



## What does the hymn Blessed Assurance say to you?

Throughout 2022 you will have the opportunity to share as much or as little as you want. We want to hear how God impacted your life through attending MTC conventions, camps and retreats. Maybe it is memories of family time at MTC, or you gave your life to Jesus through the ministry here at MTC. Is there an experience or convention speaker that comes to mind?

There are plenty of ways in for you to share your stories. If you don't know where to start, why not use the questions below as a guide, or go back through your old snapshots or slides.



Some ideas to help capture your stories from Mount Tamborine Convention

1. What are your earliest memories of MTC?
2. What do you recall as being your special moment(s)
3. How did Jesus work in your life through your experiences at MTC?
4. Is there a convention speaker that has particularly impacted you?
5. What were some of the hymns/music that you loved to hear whilst at convention? Who were the song leaders, musicians or music team?
6. Any funny or memorable moments you can share?
7. Your name(s) - happy if you want to remain anonymous!

Please send in PDF, Word or just in an email when you are finished to:

[bookings@mtcc.org.au](mailto:bookings@mtcc.org.au)

**We really want to hear from you!**

# Introducing Seniors Plus Conference

From the dynamic duo who brought you Seniors' Get-Away, comes a new event for MTCC!

Seniors' Plus is a three day, two night Bible teaching conference that is designed to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of seniors over 75. This conference features 3 Bible teaching sessions, 3 electives, 2 great Hymn Sings, and 2 early morning prayer meetings for missions. And of course, plenty of great fellowship!

Don't let age be a barrier to attending this conference, call Jim & Grace Vine now to register!

## REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

CONTACT JIM & GRACE 0407 743 483

# Seniors Plus Conference

April 5 - 7, 2022

Presented by Mt Tamborine Christian Convention

**Bible teacher: Rev. Chris Boyce**  
**Theme: "Encouragement on the Way Home"**

**Especially for seniors 75 years and over.**



## Camp Tamborine – Praise God!

Can you believe it's 12 months since we celebrated Camp Tamborine recommissioning service?

You may remember that in order to complete the purchase we needed a short-term loan of \$200,000. In just 12 months the debt has been reduced to \$50,000! Praise God!

Please commit to prayer that the remaining funds come forward by the end of June so this ministry objective can be completed.



L-R: Bill Vine (Chair MTC) Rev Peter Barson (PCQ) unveil the plaque, February 2021

# Easter Convention 2022

## Register Now!

*Accommodation  
filling fast!*

**NO CROWN  
BEFORE  
THE CROSS**

14 - 18 APRIL  
MT TAMBORINE  
CONFERENCE CENTRE

**EASTER  
CONVENTION  
2022**

**PETER FRANCIS**



**BEN PFAHLERT**



Easter Convention is just around the corner and we look forward to welcoming our two Bible teachers, Peter Francis and Ben Pfahlert. Let's find out some more about them.

Peter is Principal of Malyon Theological College and lectures in the areas of Missions and Old Testament. Peter is married to Wendy who is the National Director for Politics with the Australian Christian Lobby. Together they have three married children and eleven grandchildren. After a 10-year career as a high school teacher, Peter entered Pastoral ministry and served as a pastor for around 22 years at Cleveland Baptist, Beenleigh Baptist, and the City Tabernacle Baptist. Over the years Peter and Wendy have also been involved in a wide range of short-term missions in places such as PNG, Bangladesh, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, South America and Belarus. Peter has a passion for the preaching and teaching of God's Word and is committed to the development and equipping of a new generation of faithful gospel workers. In 2011 Peter joined the faculty of Malyon Theological College, before being made Principal in 2017.

Ben's deepest desire is that people come to know and follow Jesus. Married to Emma with four children, he relocated with his family from Melbourne to take the role in Sydney of Ministry Training Strategy, (MTS) Director - such is his passion for the MTS vision to raise up future gospel workers. One of seven children, Ben became a Christian aged 19 whilst studying engineering and has desired that his fellow Australians meet King Jesus ever since. When Ben's not racing for the train and praying for his street, his neighbourhood and the nation - he enjoys time with his family, SAS novels and physical training.

**REGISTRATIONS NOW! [WWW.MTCC.ORG.AU](http://WWW.MTCC.ORG.AU)**



### The 1954 convention in the tent at Eagle Heights

As a young Christian, my first Tamborine convention was 1954/55, having heard about it through Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade (WEC). I subsequently attended the conventions in 1955/56 at Eagle Heights, Mt Tamborine then 1956/57 and 1957/58 at Indooroopilly. In those days the convention ran from Christmas to New Year.

In 1954 I stayed at the WEC house party at Bungunya (today known as "The Manor" on Long Road), arriving the day before things started. So, Gerhard invited me to join him to listen to a tape he had received from Prairie Bible Institute (which he had attended) of that year's graduation. Ron Barham, who designed and built the original amplifier for the convention PA system and was also responsible for recording the messages, arrived bringing with him the necessary tape-recorder. I was unaware then that I was meeting the man who would one day be my husband.



**James Beatty, Marcus Loane**

Memories have faded over the years, but it seems to me that there was quite a bevy of young people staying at WEC (in Bungunya) led by the Bargens. We would all troop around to the big marquee at Eagle Heights where the meetings were held, there to listen to speakers such as Canon Marcus Loane and join in singing the great Keswick hymns.

Back at WEC there was wonderful fellowship around the meal table. After meals, time was spent sharing testimonies and having singalongs of favourite hymns and choruses, energetically accompanied at the piano by Bert Kilvert, who adapted one of the choruses to suit the occasion.

"It is glory just to walk with Him, Through the vale and o'er the height" became "Through the vale and Eagle Heights".

It's true I have wonderful memories from the early days at the Eagle Hts Conventions, but to return here to the present Convention site for the Seniors' Get-Away last November, and to hear and see what is happening today; I give thanks for God's using MTCC all these years.

*Jan Barham*



**Ron & Jan (2014)**

# Christian, seeker or cynic?

What it means to be human has been at the core of human thinking throughout history. What's the value of human life? What does the future hold, and who gets to decide?

Join us May 13 to 15, and engage with some of Australia's prominent thought leaders, tackling the question; 'What does it mean to be human?'

Christian, seeker or cynic, the conference program is designed for all.



**SALT CONFERENCE**  
SEEKING ANSWERS LIVING TRUTH  
Powered by Mt Tamborine Christian Convention  
and hosted at Mt Tamborine Conference Centre  
**MAY 13 -15 18+ EVENT**



**Rev Dr Michael Jensen**  
Pastor, theologian, author and social commentator



**Dan Paterson**  
Notable apologist and founder of Questioning Christianity



**Simon Smart**  
Director of Centre for Public Christianity,



**Dr Justine Toh**  
Senior research fellow-Centre of Public Christianity, writer and social commentator



**SALT CONFERENCE**  
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WHY DO HUMANS LONG FOR THAT WHICH  
TRANSCENDS SCIENCE & MATERIALISM?

see details @

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# MAY 13 -15

## REGISTER NOW!

# Need prayer?

We know that things don't always go to plan, and sometimes it is good to have people pray with you. That is why MTCC has set up a special email address so that at our regular team meetings each Tuesday, we can pray for you.

If you would like prayer, or want to share a praise point email us at [prayer@mtcc.org.au](mailto:prayer@mtcc.org.au)

All prayer points are confidential and we will never release any personal details. We just know that sometimes it is good to share your prayer and praise points and know that others are praying with you.



## THE CHALETS @ MTCC



Don't forget that the Chalets are available year round for your couple, family or small group retreat. Contact the Office to book your Chalet stay or to discuss your next event on the mountain.

Price per chalet for up to 4 guests, including linen:

2 nights \$365.00

3 nights \$470.00

4 nights \$600.00

To book: 07 5545 1419 or [bookings@mtcc.org.au](mailto:bookings@mtcc.org.au)



# Hope

**Devotion by Joel Prange**

**Operations Manager, Church & Community  
Engagement Officer**

Today I would like to talk to you about hope. The worldly definition of hope is a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen. Our Christian definition of hope is anchored in Christ. For without Christ, you can have no hope.

You can have a superficial hope, but this fades in the face of tragedy and death. For those in Christ, we have a hope in a future that surpasses death, so our hope is not diminished in the face of death, rather it is strengthened.



The entire Bible points to and speaks of this hope in Jesus Christ. And it is this hope that sustains us during adversity. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 says this “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” Here we can draw a comparison with what is happening here in Queensland. Although business confidence is down, we can be assured and have hope that God is working all things together for good.

Romans 5:5 also tells us “and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” So, let us never be ashamed of our hope in Christ, but rather use our position here on the mountain to keep spreading God’s good news. Moreover, 1 Peter 1:3 states “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” So, our hope is a living hope that goes beyond the grave.

This hope allows us to live in this world that seems to have no hope. We can share this hope with others so they too will have the hope of salvation. It also permeates our lives and all we do and becomes the light that others see and ask why we continue to have hope when things seem so dire.

Hope



# Easter Convention Electives

Want to know more about the electives at this years Convention, here's a 'taste' of what's on

## **Growing a Great Marriage: Practical Tools for Becoming One**

There is a world of difference between getting married and becoming one. This workshop seeks to provide practical tools for healthy leaving, cleaving and becoming one.

## **Introduction to Bible Storytelling**

Telling Bible stories is a non-confrontational way of sharing our faith. Instead of inviting arguments, it invites people to see a glimpse of God's big story. In this elective, we'll explore tips for telling a Bible story that is simple, accurate, and memorable. We'll also teach you a Bible story that you can tell in less than 3 minutes that forms part of the story of Easter. Come along and start to build a skill that's valuable for any follower of Jesus.

## **Thriving Among Thorns: Winning strategies for speaking boldly and living truthfully in an anti-Christian culture**

The growth of the Christian Church in Australia is on the decline. With the onslaught of Covid and mandated vaccinations, many believers feel isolated, afraid and we are now more divided than ever before. The elective encourages Christians here to learn resilience skills from believers in crisis and persecution where the church is growing the fastest.

## **Realities from Life as a Missionary**

In this elective we will cover topics such as the cost of going, raising a family as missionaries, going as a single and working in a closed country. We will also be able to answer your questions.

## **Our Father's Garden: Contemplative Walk**

Over the past few years, we've been discovering the deep abiding peace gained from slowing down, and taking time to consciously walk with God in green spaces, and listening to what he is saying to us. We've found it is these times that help us keep carrying our cross and doing the work God has called us to. We felt God call us this Easter, to bring others on our journey, and create an elective: A space where together we respond to the invitation to listen deeply to the Word of God, be still, and walk, and contemplate on His Love, His creation and the kingdom He is building. We'd love you to join us on our contemplative walk here at MTCC.



# Love MTCC, want to be more involved?

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...  
Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning."*  
**Luke 12:34-35 NIV**

The core purpose of Mount Tamborine Convention (MTC) is to see as many people as possible experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ, not just those attending conventions but all who come onto the property.

MTC is a Letters Patent body which is a form of corporate identity granted under the religious Educational and Charitable Institutions Act of 1861. The Associations repealed this Act and the Incorporations Act in 1981 but its operations as far as the existing Letters Patent bodies were concerned was protected and preserved by the 1981 Act.

The concept of Membership with a Christian organisation or church includes principles that distinguish the relationship from those of many secular organisation memberships. For MTC members, there is an important spiritual element. The Kingdom of God is at the heart of the commitment.

## **Members provide three critical roles:**

- Maintaining and enhancing accountability for the Board to lead, based on MTC's Core Values
- Ownership of the Vision, Mission and Core Values, thrusting MTC into a successful future
- Engaging by providing useful skills to support the organisation

## **How can I be involved?**

- Prayer - this is one of the most important elements that supports the Convention
- Practical help - either at events or volunteering to help out onsite with many of the activities needed to keep functioning
- Did you know MTC has over 200 members?

## **Want to know more?**

- Contact the MTCC Board Secretary, Lorraine Walker for more information: [secretary@mtcc.org.au](mailto:secretary@mtcc.org.au)

