

Grace Conference Workshops 2018

1	Ada Chan	<p>Grace Girls</p> <p>What Is So Good About Church?</p>	<p>Being a part of church is essential in the life of a Christian at every age and stage. This workshop will equip you with an understanding for what church is, and how you'd apply it to real life questions and experiences of church.</p> <p>In the Bible we can see God's big picture for the church – it shapes and excites us for church life now.</p>
2	Jacqui Burgess	<p>Grace Girls</p> <p>Transparency With God</p>	<p>Grace girls will think about how to walk with God through the highs & lows of life like the Psalmists. We'll look at a few different Psalms and give the girls a chance to write and share their own.</p>
3	Kez Ashby	<p>Grace Girls</p> <p>Using Technology As A Teen</p>	<p>Ever wondered how to use technology and social media wisely as a teenager? Then this workshop is for you. The media, technology and social media permeate so many aspects of our lives. This workshop is a chance to think about how to navigate it all in God honouring way.</p>
1	Amy Kelly	<p>Honest To God</p>	<p>How authentic are we? Don't our souls cry out for - Authentic love. Sincere friendships. Honest relationships. True community.</p> <p>The One who put this hunger in our hearts comes to us with all these characteristics. But are we truly honest ourselves?</p> <p>In this workshop, we will explore what God has to say, the road blocks to honesty and the role of His Word in this. Be prepared to challenge yourself by asking "Am I truly honest to God?" and then spending some personal time with our Saviour, allowing Him to bring us closer to being 'honest to God.'</p>
2	Cat Patrick	<p>Sustainable Justice Seeking</p>	<p>In the Bible, we repeatedly see God's love for the poor, the outcast, those on the margins and those unable to speak for themselves, and are called to action by it. We also see a strong call to rest, to seek Sabbath practices, to trust that God is the ultimate ruler of the world and sustaining even the smallest sparrow. The seminar explores the kind of head and heart space that</p>

			enables us to hold in tension these calls to be both active and restful in seeking justice. We'll explore healthy ways of thinking about ourselves and the world, as well as practical patterns and practices that equip us to sustain a passion for Biblical justice.
3	Chris Quirk	Bringing Out The Best In Our Boys	When we teach and bring up boys and girls, we can see differences in how they think, act and learn. The focus of this workshop will be on what we can do for our boys to help them grow and learn, and become strong men of faith.
4	Claire Smith	Thinking Biblically About Sex, Sexuality, and Gender	There is so much that is changing in our society's views of sex and gender, that it's hard to keep up, let alone know how God's word bears on it all. Same-sex marriage is just one example – there's a host of new terminology, new ideas, and fresh challenges to relationships that are precious to us. We will see how God's ancient word speaks to these modern questions with truth, wisdom and grace.
5	Em Just	Prayer	<p>Whether we are a new or seasoned Christian, it can be helpful to spend time thinking and talking with others on how to make the most of the gift of prayer from our heavenly Father.</p> <p>In this workshop we will spend time looking at what the Bible has to say and how this can shape our motivation and practice.</p>
6	Fiona Emery	Believing God In The Valleys	<p>Sometimes life doesn't go as expected and we find ourselves disappointed, confused, grieving or just coasting in life. What am I doing here? Is this all there is? I want to do big things for God, but I am stuck in the suburbs. We can't always be on the mountain tops, the valleys are where life happens. Where are we with God in the everyday things of life? Where does He want us to be?</p> <p>This workshop explores ways in which many of us struggle. It will be a time of rediscovering, refocusing and encouragement.</p>

7	Geetha Warner	Debunking The Balance Myth (Repeat from 2015)	<p>Balance appears to something we are all trying to achieve. Yet in our responsibilities at home, work and church, relationships and down time with family and friends, a balanced life seems impossible.</p> <p>As women, we have so many things on our plate. How do we manage it all?</p> <p>In this seminar, we will look at what Jesus has to say about balance - and as the true master of life, we find that He debunks the balance myth! And even better - He gives us a far-surpassing way.</p>
8	Gemma Mayfield	Prayer Without Ceasing (Repeat from 2016)	<p>An interactive workshop with group work, in which will we will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus' teaching on prayer • Practical considerations that will help us to 'pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests' (Ephesians 6:18) • Ways to pray from the Psalms, and from prayers in the New Testament
9	Joanne Lock	Guilty Conscience - Help Or Hindrance?	<p>What is guilt and the purpose of a guilty conscience? How can it help or hinder a Christian?</p> <p>This workshop will explore the role of our God-given conscience, and consider how it can be either an unreliable voice or an indispensable and gracious gift of the Spirit of God at work in us.</p>
10	Karina Hudson	Blended Not Shaken (Repeat from 2016)	<p>Karina is the founder of this ministry for single and step families. She runs support groups in various locations of South Australia and has authored four books for children and families affected by divorce.</p> <p>This workshop will address the need for specific, grace filled ministry and the ways in which churches and individuals can aide this process as well as provide helpful tips for those who have been closely affected by separation, divorce and remarriage.</p>

11	Katy Annis	1:1 Bible Reading	<p>Reading the Bible 1:1 with someone is a great tool for evangelism, discipleship and personal Christian maturity. However, at times it can feel like an overwhelming or even daunting task. This workshop will explore both the joys and challenges of 1:1 Bible reading, while also being practical and interactive.</p>
12	Katy Smith	Understanding The Biblical Story	<p>The Biblical story begins with a sovereign creator who, by his command, causes the heaven and the earth to come into being, and concludes with a new heavens and a new earth.</p> <p>This seminar will explore how this story progresses from creation to a new creation with the outcome that participants will be able to grasp how the whole of the biblical story hangs together as a whole from the Old to the New Testaments. We will also talk together about how the Biblical story informs and shapes our worldview living in a secular culture and our place in this story.</p>
13	Kerry Aland	Body Image	<p>Have you ever asked questions like: Do I have the right look? Am I too fat or thin?</p> <p>Our culture suggests that our outward appearance is everything, and that beauty in men and women is defined by the carefully sculpted, tanned and immaculately groomed models we see daily. We begin to feel inadequate when we realise that our bodies do not match up.</p> <p>How are you feeling about your body right now? Do you feel good about your appearance because you do fit the cultural ideal? Or are you very aware that you don't measure up, and therefore are a little disappointed or even embarrassed about the way you look?</p> <p>This workshop on Body Image will discuss this very real issue as we, together, seek to find freedom in Christ regarding our views on self-image.</p>

14	Laura Maddock	Affirming One Another	Expressing affirmation to others doesn't always come easy. We fail to say the kind thing or blurt out the wrong thing. We can be wary of fuelling pride in others or of our own pride when others affirm us. But we also know that words are powerful for building each other up in our faith. This workshop will explore these tensions. It will be an opportunity to explore how we can use our words to affirm others, to refresh them and honour God.
15	Mandy Krueger and Caitlin Ellery	Hospitality As Mission	Hospitality – practical generosity that honours Jesus At the heart of hospitality is God's grace. Jesus welcomed us into His kingdom and we too have been called to welcome others into our hearts, church families and homes. Come and discover what the Bible has to say about the true meaning of hospitality and how we can practically open our lives to others, wherever we are and whatever stage of life we are at. This workshop is suitable for women of all ages.
16	Meredith Lockery	Raising Great Girls	Peer pressure. Eating disorders. Family tensions. Social Media. This workshop will explore ways of raising daughters who know that they are loved and can stand up for themselves and others.
17	Naomi Beames	Waiting Well: Waiting On The Lord	<p>Waiting is a big part of life - waiting to finish school, waiting to get a job, waiting to meet someone and get married, waiting for kids to come, and waiting for retirement age to finish work and get the superannuation payout. Or waiting for sickness to be over, and waiting for suffering and grief to pass.</p> <p>Life is all about waiting yet how do we as Christians wait well? What does it mean to wait well and wait on the Lord? What does God want us to do while we are waiting and as Christians what should we be even waiting for?</p> <p>The Bible has a lot to say about waiting - and is so counter cultural as our western world is all about instant personal gratification.</p> <p>In this workshop we will look at people in the Bible who waited well as practical tips of how God wants us to wait well.</p>

18	Open Doors	Persecuted Women In The Church	Hanlie will walk through the particular challenges African women face as a result of their faith by sharing the stories of a few women. This workshop will give you clearer insight on how you can be praying for these women. You will also be invited to write letters of encouragement to women within the persecuted Church during this workshop and explore practical ways you can partner with Open Doors in continuing to support our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.
19	Rachel Trenholm	Mothers Running on Empty (Repeat from 2016)	<p>"Come to Me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest".</p> <p>Jesus invites us to come to him and receive rest, but as busy mothers we often struggle to find time to even draw near. Rachel will talk about her journey of drawing near to God through the different seasons of motherhood and hopes you will come away with a renewed desire to respond afresh to his invitation!</p>
20	Robyn Watson	Loving And Caring For Those You Know Who Identify as LGBTQ	<p>How do you respond when a member of your family or a close friend shares with you that they are lesbian or gay or Bisexual or transgender or Queer? How can our church communities be safe places for people who identify as LGBTQ? How do we walk the tightrope of truth and love as we love and care for all Gods people and reach out to those who don't know Him?</p> <p>These big questions need to be asked as we move forward in a culture that sees Christianity at best as irrelevant and at worst as evil and bigoted.</p>
21	Tab Broxholme	Seeing God Transform Kids From Hard Places	<p>Tab has been living and working in East Asia for 8 years and now heads up a team aiming to see the end of child abandonment and supporting those who have been abandoned. Every child she works with has attachment issues and, regardless of whatever other disabilities they have, it's at this level that the team really seeks to see God transforming and healing brokenness.</p> <p>This will be a great elective for anyone raising or working with kids from hard places (coming from the foster system, adopted or having experienced trauma of any kind). We'll look at God's word, and work</p>

			<p>through a brief overview of the principles of TBRI (tm) Trust Based Relational Intervention to see how we can Empower, Connect and Correct in ways that build healthier, calmer kids who are able to build stronger, deeper relationships and find their place in God's world.</p>
22	Tamra Purton	<p>Reaching Internationals With The Gospel</p>	<p>Whether it is international students, refugees or migrants, God is bringing the nations to our workplaces, neighbourhoods and churches. These are fantastic opportunities to love our neighbour and take the gospel to all people.</p> <p>This workshop will open your eyes to the opportunities and help give you confidence to build cross-cultural friendships and share the good news of Jesus in a culturally sensitive way.</p>