

# The Stream

## Celebrating the Wesleyan Theological Stream August 2011



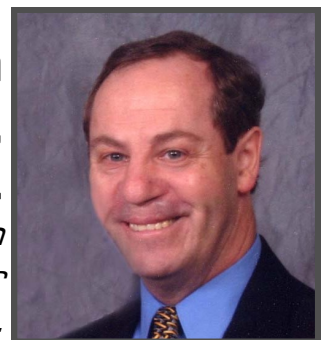
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Dr Joel Green is ordained as an elder in The United Methodist Church. He has pastored churches in the U.S. (Texas and California) and the North of Scotland Mission Circuit of the British Methodist Church. Before coming to Fuller Theological Seminary in 2007, he served for ten years on the faculty and administration of Asbury Theological Seminary. He has written or edited more than 30 books, including *Seized by Truth: Reading the Bible as Scripture* and *Reading the Scripture as Wesleyans*.

**Dr. David McEwan**  
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Dr McEwan also serves as the Director of the new Australasian Centre for Wesleyan Research. Born in Scotland but resident in Australia for forty years, his book, *John Wesley as Pastoral Theologian* has just been published by Paternoster.

**Thursday 11 August - Saturday 13 August 2011**

**Cost**  
**\$40**

Single session  
\$10 Adult  
\$5 Students/Seniors

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The merits of a Wesleyan/Arminian theological worldview over other theological worldviews is a continuing discussion. Certainly the Wesleyan theological view with emphases on grace, free will, holiness and the partnering of evangelism and social engagement has been influential in Aotearoa/New Zealand church history - and continues to assert influence in the New Zealand church today.

Do you have a conviction that God's grace enables you to choose to believe in God, even though you yourself are helpless to save yourself? Do you experience the gift of the Holy Spirit giving you assurance of your salvation and that He enables you to live a life of obedience and holiness to which God calls? Do you have a burning conviction to always evangelise but equally to be involved in the world as "salt and light." If you answer "yes" to these questions you are likely a Wesleyan by theological conviction and should plan to attend this stimulating Stream conference.

## Programme

East City Wesleyan Church Centre 219 Burswood Dr, Burswood/Botany (off Ti Rakau Drive).

### Thursday 11 August, 7:30pm

Dr Joel Green: "Scripture and the Way to Heaven: The Nature of Scripture for Wesleyans". *Followers of Jesus in the Wesleyan tradition come to Scripture for more than information; we come to Scripture ready to be transformed by an encounter with the living God. This shapes what we think about the nature and authority of Scripture.*

### Friday 12 August, 9:30am

David McEwan: "The Trinity and the Church: A Wesleyan Reflection on the Nature of the Church as a Gathered Community". *A Wesleyan perspective on the Trinity - a loving communion of the three persons - impacts our understanding of the church as a community formed by God's invitation to 'Come'.*

### Friday 12 August, 1:00pm

Dr Joel Green: "Scripture and the Way to Heaven: Reading Scripture as Wesleyans". *Followers of Jesus in the Wesleyan tradition come to Scripture ready to be transformed by an encounter with the living God. Although no "method" or "procedure" can guarantee that this transformation will take place, there are some habits and sensibilities we can cultivate.*

### Friday 12 August, 7:30pm

(Youth and Young Adults) "Exploring Your Questions through Wesleyan Theology". *Our visiting professors answer theological questions submitted by young people; answers given from a Wesleyan perspective [Note; using the link to facebook, at [www.wesleyan.org.nz](http://www.wesleyan.org.nz), young people are invited to submit questions. A range will then be selected for answers]*

### Saturday 13 August, 9:30am

Dr Joel Green: "Scripture and the Way to Heaven: A Missional Approach to Reading Scripture for Wesleyans". *Followers of Jesus in the Wesleyan tradition come to Scripture ready to be transformed by an encounter with the living God. As our companion on the journey of salvation, Scripture moves us to think and act in ways that serve God's mission in the world.*

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Dr David McEwan: "The Trinity and the Church: A Wesleyan Reflection on the Nature of the Church as a Gathered Community". *A Wesleyan perspective on the Trinity impacts our understanding of the church as being a 'church with a mission', a community formed by God's commandment to 'Go'.*

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Registration fee \$40. (Includes outline worksheets and morning and afternoon teas)

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