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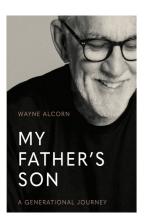
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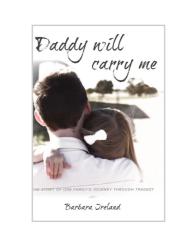
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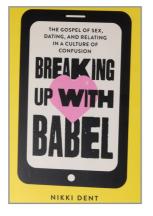
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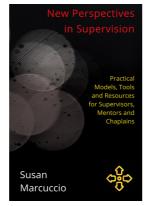
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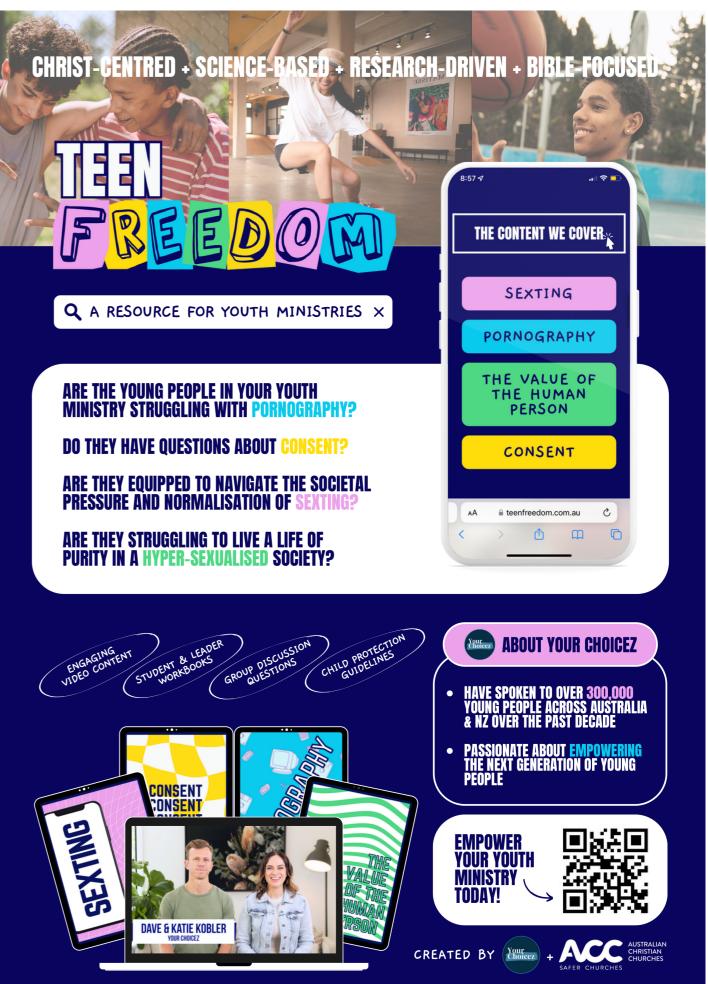
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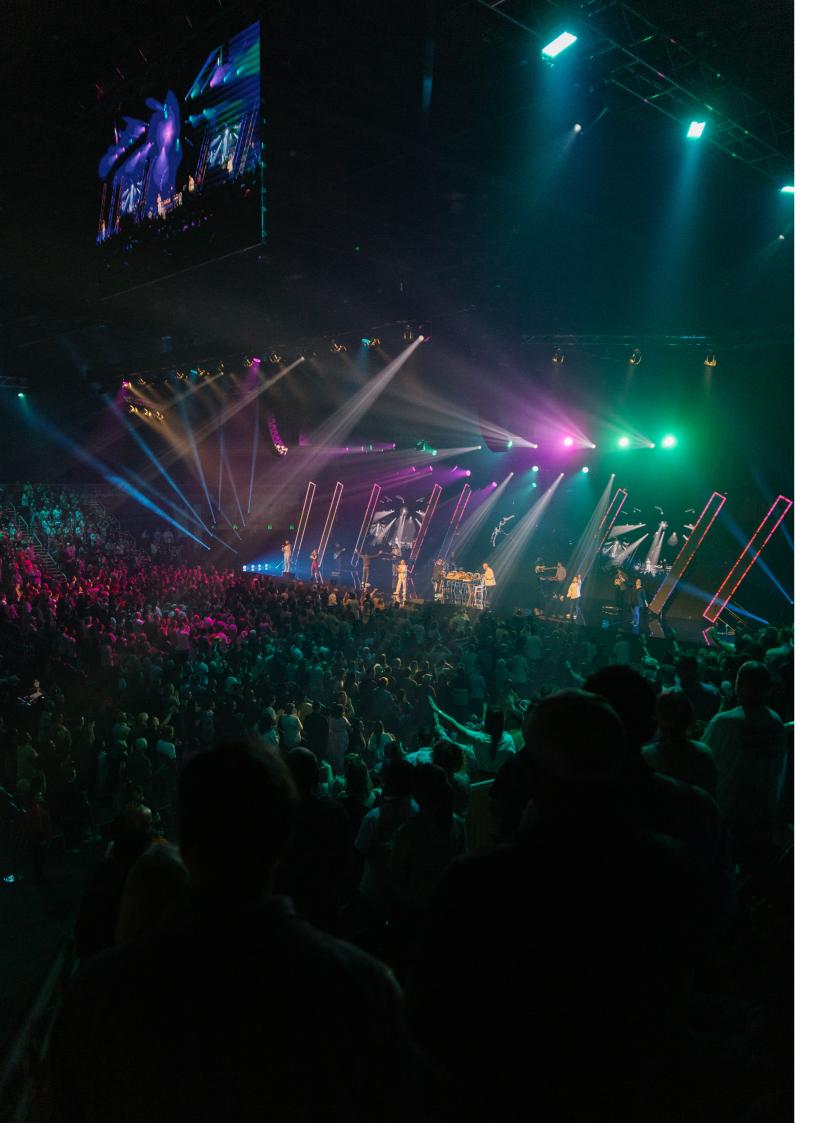


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Tips to Host a Great Event

Church events hold a special place in our lives, bringing us together and allowing us to deepen our faith. But let's face it, organising these events can be quite the challenge, consuming our time and energy. That's why, as someone who shares your passion for church activities, I'd like to offer you some simple tips for when you plan your next event.

I'm incredibly passionate about the gathering of believers. The ultimate goal is to create spaces where people can encounter God. So how do we achieve that? I believe it starts with intentional planning and outworking of vision and mission. It's about being prayerful and sensitive to what God wants to do through us during the planning and delivery of the event.

Let's embark on this journey together, putting our hearts into every detail, and creating an event that will leave a lasting impact on the lives of those who attend. So, here are a few friendly pointers to help you plan and execute events within your church:

* Start with a Clear Purpose and Vision

The first step is to clearly define the purpose and vision of your event. What are you hoping to achieve? Once you have a clear idea, you can build the rest of your event around this foundation.

When we embarked on planning the ACC National Conference with the theme of "Outpouring", we had a specific outcome and practical elements in mind. This guided our decision-making process, from the branding, songlist and guest ministry to the kids' program and everything in between.

* Build Around a Theme

Having a theme is a great way to ensure your event has a clear purpose. It can be as simple as a word or phrase that captures the essence of what you want to convey.

* Plan Ahead and Get Organised

It may sound obvious, but planning ahead and staying organised is crucial. Sometimes, despite our best intentions, we can become overwhelmed. That's why creating a detailed timeline of tasks to be completed before, during, and after the event is essential. It keeps us on track and ensures everything is done. At conference, we had a team motto: "There will always be something to solve, fix, or change. Let's not have it be something we could have addressed earlier." This mindset helped us stay ahead of potential issues.

BY ESSIE BLASE



CREATING A SPECIAL OPENING

Storytellers Co were honoured to work alongside artists across the state in producing the ACC23 Conference opener. Based on Joel 2:28, we as artists prayed and created with an expectation that God was going to move people from dry places to experiencing a fresh outpouring.

We all know the classic scene from *Chariots* of *Fire* with that incredible piece of music that automatically makes you want to jump on your feet and pretend to run in slow motion. This scene has nothing glamorous or fancy, but it moves people from spectating to participating. It inspires and calls people to significance.

I highlight this because this scene has key ingredients for an effective conference opener – moving people from spectating to participating in something significant. The significant place we wanted to move people toward was an open heaven!

Every time the cast got together, we spent time in prayer and worship, allowing God to hover over the piece we were creating. It was important that the piece reflected the scripture, representing young and old, men and women, all people being refreshed in the outpouring of God's Spirit. It was a powerful declaration to make over conference, using a range of creative expressions.

May I encourage you to pick up your own creative tools of design, composition, dance, and media when creating your own event opener. However, keep in mind that the goal is not to entertain, be glamorous, or fancy, but to move people toward the place you are believing you want to go. Our desire was to move people toward experiencing an outpouring.

- Bethany Carlos, Storytellers Co.

* Creativity

Creativity is a powerful gift that can bring life to an event! It has the ability to captivate hearts and minds and evoke emotions. Through creative elements such as music, art, design, and storytelling, you can create an atmosphere where attendees encounter God in fresh and profound ways. Bethany Carlos from Storytellers Co shares some of the behind-the-scenes detail of the ACC23 opener (left).

* The Attendee's Experience

The ultimate success of your church event or conference hinges on the experience of the attendees. To create an engaging and meaningful experience, consider the following:

* **Program** When planning your event schedule, aim for a perfect blend of sessions, breakouts, and free time. Give your attendees opportunities to connect with one another, build relationships, and share experiences. By finding the right balance, you'll ensure they don't miss out on any important sessions while still having ample time to mingle and enjoy the event.

* *Hospitality* plays a crucial role in making attendees feel valued and well-informed. Consider providing refreshments to keep their energy levels up and their taste buds happy.

* **Comfortable seating** goes a long way in ensuring they can fully engage with the sessions without any discomfort. * **Kids program:** Don't forget to offer a well-organised and engaging kids program to cater to families attending the event.

* **Venue preparation**: Lastly, maintaining a clean and inviting venue will make everyone feel right at home.

Organising a successful church event or conference requires careful planning and execution. By starting with a clear purpose and vision, planning ahead, staying organised, and focusing on creating a positive attendee experience, you can host an event that leaves a lasting impact. So, embrace the challenge, rally your team, and let's make this event truly extraordinary!

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