

# ***HAPPENINGS***

## *News of churches of Christ in Australia – May 2016*

This is our latest issue of *Happenings* for 2016! Please email your news to **tedpaull@hotmail.com**, or ring **(02) 9888 9664**, **(02) 9878 3008** or **(02) 9878 1078**, or mail it to **P O Box 41 NORTH RYDE NSW 1670**. If you would like to receive your personal email copy of *Happenings*, please let us know. Ted Paull

### ***NSW Baptisms***

From the Blacktown congregation comes the good news of the baptism of **Josh (Jay) Rutene** on Monday May 2. His mother and sister are Christians in New Zealand and Josh contacted the Blacktown brethren stating that he wanted to give his life to Christ and he believed he needed to be baptised.

On Monday April 4, **Colin Maurice-Jones**, wife of **Gwenda** of the Warringah church, was baptised into Christ at the Macquarie church building. Colin is in palliative care at the Greenwich hospital and was brought in an ambulance by two paramedics for the baptism. He was thrilled to be able to do this (as were those from Warringah, Merrylands and Macquarie who witnessed the baptism) and gave his grateful thanks to all who assisted in arranging this.

### ***Singing***

Southeast congregation in Melbourne is having its annual "Autumn Songfest" at 2pm on Saturday, May 21, at the Essex Park Community Place, 16 Essex Park Drive in Endeavour Hills. Brethren from all congregations are invited to attend. Contact **Jules Cseszko** on (03) 8711 8532 for more information.

### ***Barnabas at Ballina***

The Ballina (NSW) church wants to thank the Coffs Harbour church for organising and participating in the Barnabas project at Ballina on April 15-17. They are also grateful to visiting brethren from Brisbane and Sydney and to **Ted Paull** for presenting the lessons.

### ***Sydney Picnic***

About 100 brethren from at least 10 congregations met at the Auburn Community Picnic Area on Anzac Day. They enjoyed a time of fellowship in conversation, singing, praying, eating and playing together. Thanks are expressed to the Blacktown church family for organising this event.

### ***Seminar***

At the Belmore Rd (Melbourne) congregation a Church History Seminar is planned for the afternoon of May 15 at 2-5.15pm. It will be taught by **Dr Keith Stanglin** from the Austin Graduate School of Theology, Austin, Texas, USA. There will be two sessions on the following topics: Session 1 – The Importance of Studying Church History; Session 2 – Persecution & Martyrdom in the Early Church.

### ***Cleaning Up***

The Kurrajong (NSW) church organised their third Clean Up Australia Day event on the afternoon of Sunday, March 6. The event was held in the village memorial park and 10 people participated, including 6 children from the local Girl Guides. Everyone who joined in was welcomed to the church building afterwards for afternoon tea. This provided a good opportunity for members to be in contact with the community.

### ***Melbourne Picnic***

Just over forty brethren from five congregations gathered for a lovely day at Jells Park, Wheelers Hill for a picnic on Anzac Day.

### ***Retreat***

The Youth and Young Adult Retreat, Camp Soul, conducted by the Southwest (NSW) congregation is planned for May 27-29. The venue is the Long Point Christian Conference Centre, 20 Wills Rd, Long Point, Ingleburn. Theme for the weekend is: 'UNDEFEATED!', based on 1 Corinthians 15:57 "...thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" This will include lessons on Truth Wins, Humility Wins, Love Wins and Faith Wins. Cost for the retreat is \$105 for NSW residents and \$95 for those from interstate. Contacts: **Frank Cunningham** 0418 618 415 or [stand\\_firm@hotmail.com](mailto:stand_firm@hotmail.com) or **Kyle Keese** [keese.kyle@gmail.com](mailto:keese.kyle@gmail.com) or 0436 237 977.

### ***Sydney Lectureship***

The annual MSOBS Lectureship is planned for July 13-17 on the theme, "Healthy Teaching for a Healthy Church." **Dale and Sheila Hartman** will be visiting guest speakers.

### ***NSW Retreat***

There were almost 70 people at this year's 50-n-Over retreat held at Merroo Conference Centre, April 29 to May 2. Under the theme of "He Gave Me a Song", five well-known hymns were considered for their meaning along with the circumstances that provoked their writing.

### ***Revive***

This year's Camp Revive is planned for September 23-26 at Candlebark Farm, Yellingbo in Victoria. The guest speaker is Eddie Legg and the theme is "Be transformed...by the renewing of your mind!" The early bird pricing if you register by September 9 is \$130 for Victorians and \$110 for others. After that date the full price is \$150 for Victorians and \$130 for others. For more information you can email [infocamprevive@gmail.com](mailto:infocamprevive@gmail.com), or phone **Dale Christensen** on 0403 793 353 or **David Tabe** on 0431 057 397.

## **CALENDAR**

### **May 15th**

**Church History Seminar @  
Belmore Rd, Melbourne**

### **May 27th-29th**

**Youth & Young Adult  
Retreat @ Ingleburn, NSW**

### **July 13th-17th**

**MSOBS Lectureship @  
Macquarie, Sydney**

### **September 23rd-25th**

**Camp Revive @ Yellingbo,  
Victoria**

### **September 24th-25th**

**Family Seminar @  
Bankstown, Sydney**