

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – April 2012

Welcome to the latest edition of *Happenings*. If you contributed to this month's issue—we thank you! Please email news to tedpaull@hotmail.com, or mail it to **P O Box 41 NORTH RYDE NSW 1670** or ring **(02) 9888 9664, (02) 9878 3008** or **(02) 9878 1078**.
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Southwest baptisms

The Southwest (Campbelltown, NSW) church family had double the reason to rejoice recently when on March 3rd **Lavina Quillam** was baptised into Christ at the annual family retreat in Douglas Park, followed a week later on March 10th with **Margaret Kennedy** also being baptised into Christ. Seeds were planted, many watered and God gave the growth.

Melbourne baptisms

The Belmore Road church rejoices with **Jessica Guan** and her husband, **Nai Lin**, who were both baptised on Tuesday evening, 20 March 2012. Hooray! Both have been visiting their Chinese worship assembly for some time since they relocated from Hobart to Melbourne. They had previously studied the Scripture with **Greg Wells** in Hobart and are also friends with the **Ibbetsons** at Belmore Road congregation. **James Chan** had continued the Bible studies with Jessica and Nai Lin before their baptism. Continue to pray for and help nurture this couple in their spiritual walk.

Church Meetings

The group in Ipswich (Qld) meets at the home of **Ashley & Robyn Pickering** at 7 Gibbon St EAST IPSWICH and the contacts are **Brian & Lana Schilling** (07) 3389 7900.

Sam & Karen White and their family are holding meetings in their home at 5 Hibiscus Drive, Valla Beach, NSW

on Sundays at 10.15am and Wednesdays at 7pm and are now working in the Nambucca Heads-Urunga area close to their home.

Joshua and **Jane Marks** have moved away from Mole Creek (Tas) so meetings there have ceased.

On April 8, the Hunter Valley (NSW) church begins meeting at the new location of Bruce Street Community Hall, 22-24 Bruce St, East Maitland, at the new time of 10.15am.

Websites

The **SouthEast** church in Melbourne have a great new website: <http://www.peopleofGod.org.au> which emphasises the status and role of Jesus. It was constructed by **Heather Cox** of the Coffs Coast church who does this for congregations. Contact Heather to find out the cost: heathermarycox@gmail.com.

The **Sunshine Coast** church now has a website where they will be posting Bible study material they hope will be of use to others. The address is: <http://sunshinecoastchurch.org/>

Camp Harmony

For a relaxing weekend of Christian fellowship at a family friendly camp you can participate during April 6-9 at 58 Harmony Rd, Gympie. For information contact **Selwyn Smith** selwyn.smith@ymail.com or (07) 5483 5468.

Autumn Songfest

This will be a gathering of hearts and voices for God, with song leaders from around Melbourne. It is planned for Thursday, May 10 at 7:30pm at Box Hill Town Hall, Whitehorse Road.

Sydney - Youth & Young @ Heart

On March 25 Michael van der Laan from the Blacktown church told the gathering some of what he did in Peru helping out less fortunate people and reminding us that the truly poor of the world are those who do not know Jesus! Josh White is the speaker for 5.30pm at the Warringah church on April 29.

Anzac Picnics

The Anzac Day picnic in Perth will be in Kings Park at the Synergy Children's playground starting at 11am. Bring: lunch, drinks, chairs/blankets and expect to join in the fun & fellowship.

In Melbourne the Anzac Day picnic is planned for Jells Park, in the Stringybark Picnic area, from mid-morning.

The Southwest church will be hosting the annual area wide Anzac Day Picnic in Sydney on April 25th at Auburn Botanic Gardens at 10.30am. This will be an opportunity to catch up with brethren from around the state, hear some news, praise God and relax.

Retreat

The annual Cataract Camp youth and young adult retreat hosted by Southwest (NSW) will be held on the weekend of May 25–27. The theme this year is “You Are God’s Field”. Cost is \$70 for the weekend, which covers accommodation and all meals. For more information contact Jonathan Frank on email Jonathan@southwestchurch.org.au or phone 0411 148 210 or Frank Cunningham (02)46 271011 or email frank@southwestchurch.org.au

CALENDAR

April 6th-9th

Camp Harmony @ Gympie, Qld

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Camp Barnabas @ Bridport, Tasmania

April 6th-9th

Autumn Camp @ Lake Nillahcootie, Vic

April 9th

Hunter Valley (NSW) church @ new location

April 25th

Anzac Day picnic @ Jells Park, Melbourne

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Anzac Day picnic @ Auburn Botanic Gardens, Sydney

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Anzac Day picnic @ Kings Park, Perth

April 29th

Youth & Young @ Heart @ Warringah, Sydney

May 4th-7th

Fifty-n-Over Retreat @ Meroo, near Kurrajong, NSW

May 10th

Autumn Songfest @ Box Hill Town Hall, Melbourne

May 25th-27th

Youth & Young Adult Retreat @ Cataract River Ranch, NSW

June 30th-July 5th

Aboriginal Mission @ Brewarrina, NSW

July 6th-8th

Camp Connect @ Burleigh Heads, Qld

July 9th-16th

Aboriginal Mission @ Moree, NSW

July 11th-15th

MSOBS Lectureship @ Macquarie church, Sydney