

# HAPPENINGS

## *News of churches of Christ in Australia – December 2011*

Welcome to the latest edition of *Happenings*—the last for the year. The next is due to be published in February next year. Please email news to [tedpaull@hotmail.com](mailto: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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### ***ACT Baptism***

The Canberra congregation welcomes **Laura Kirkpatrick**, eldest daughter of **Raymond** and **Liz**, who was baptized into Christ on November 11.

### ***Melbourne Baptisms***

The Belmore Road congregation reports four baptisms in recent weeks! While they were on holidays to visit family in USA, **Rob Permezel** and daughter **Julia Permezel** were baptised on October 9 to the delight of **Jennifer Permezel** (wife of Rob and mother of Julia) who has been a Christian for many years. **David Choong** was baptised on November 7 and finally **Mr Yang**, who has been worshipping with the Chinese brethren, was baptised on November 13.

### ***Challenge Camp***

Bookings (with all registration details supplied) MUST be made and a deposit paid before 5th December if you want to be at camp! For enquiries contact **Bob Marks** at [bobmarks@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmarks@hotmail.com).

### ***Southeast weekend***

This Melbourne congregation will have their yearly "Awesome Weekend" at Phillip Island on the weekend of the December 2-4. This year they will look at "Healthy Habits", both physical and spiritual.

### ***Youth Day***

The Warringah (Sydney) church's annual Youth Day is scheduled for Sunday January 15, 2012 when plans are for **Roberto**

**Quintanilla**, of the Kurrajong church, to speak on the topic of "Get your swagger back" Romans 12:1-2. The programme will start with a BBQ at 2.30pm, include beach volleyball and a youth service at 6pm.

### ***Family Retreat***

The Malaga (Perth) brethren are organising a family retreat at the Serpentine Camping Centre, Jarrahdale during March 2-5, 2012. Contact: [tyers.paul@gmail.com](mailto:tyers.paul@gmail.com).

### ***Saving Light***

The 19th Saving Light Series held at Heidelberg West (Melbourne) church in November was described them as "possibly one of our best series". It was well attended by their own members and brethren from other congregations, and they also had 10 visitors from the community, mostly as a result of radio advertising and the brochures they distributed.

### ***Retreat***

Bookings for the Fifty-n-Over Retreat close on March 20, 2012. This is planned to be held at Meroo Christian Centre at Kurrajong NSW on May 4-7. To register and for any queries contact **Alan Bottle** at [alan.bottle@hotmail.com](mailto:alan.bottle@hotmail.com) or phone (02) 9671 2243.

### ***Camp Barnabas***

This is planned for Bridport, Tasmania during April 6-9, 2012. The cost is \$95 for adults; 11-17yo \$85; 5-10yo \$65. For information contact **Barry Hume**: (03) 6326 1601 or [barryhume@bigpond.com](mailto:barryhume@bigpond.com).

### **Summer School**

Macquarie School of Biblical Studies in Sydney plans a two week summer school beginning on February 7, 2012. Each week will have a separate topic and a number of teachers will be involved.

### **Ladies Retreat**

On the week-end of November 5-6 about 15 ladies from the Warringah (Sydney) church as well as some former members met for an inspiring retreat on 1 Corinthians 13:1-8. Organised by **Pam Cohn**, the retreat was held at the William Arnott Lodge at Elanora Heights.

### **HIM workers**

The Belmore Rd (Melbourne) congregation has three HIM (Helpers in Missions) workers who arrived in August. They have successfully obtained their 2-year religious worker visas and are now able to stay and work with the church until August 2013.

### **Youth & Young at Heart - Sydney**

**Tristan Grant** of the Macquarie church spoke at the Warringah church on November 27 on the topic of "Trusting in the Lord."

### **Church History ALBANY-SOUTH COAST, W.A.**

In late 1977 Sam & Em Sampson (at 72 years of age) sold their Perth house and moved to Albany to establish a congregation of the Lord's church in that city, the first meeting of ten people being held on January 1, 1978. Albany is about 400km south of Perth and today has a population of about 36,000.

The congregation met in their home in Chester Pass Rd for the next 6 years and has met in seven public locations since then. In January 1984 Ron & Fay Bainbridge and their children moved from Perth to begin four years of work with the church, then moving back to Perth to work with the Embleton church for three years, returning to Albany in December 1990. Ron has worked with the church ever since, sometimes with support, at other times working on local farms.

In 1985 the "A Better Life" Bible study correspondence course was launched as an evangelistic effort for the whole state of W.A.

In 1990 Ron began writing a weekly column called "Discovering A BETTER LIFE" in *The Farm Weekly*, Western Australia's largest rural newspaper. This has since appeared in up to 25 different secular newspapers throughout Australia during the past 21 years. Over 400 letters were received from readers in the first year!

At the end of 1993, Moya Godfrey moved from Perth to Albany to assist the church with visiting and secretarial help, taking a year off to attend Macquarie School of Biblical Studies in Sydney in 1995.

Early in 1996, the church was invited to present a weekly Bible message on the local community radio station and in 1997 a 30 minute message was added, then in 2001 a 5 minute broadcast was also added. This outreach increased responses from W.A. and interstate even more.

The church has had all-too-brief assistance from visiting Australian and USA brethren over the years. In 2010 the Malaga church in Perth began three-monthly week-end visits by 10-15 members which has greatly encouraged the church.

Ron and Moya have made several country and interstate trips to contact and encourage readers and listeners.

Ron is now 73 years of age and he and the church are eager to have younger men to assist with the work. If you would like the help in any way please contact Ron on (08) 9841 8418 or [abl-alb@omninet.net.au](mailto:abl-alb@omninet.net.au).

### **CALENDAR**

**December 27th-January 1st**

**Camp Challenge @ Yarramundi,  
NSW**

**2012**

**January 1st-6th**

**Camp Gidawarra @ Gold Coast  
hinterland, Qld**

**January 15th**

**Youth Day @ Warringah, Sydney**

**March 2nd-5th**

**Malaga Family Camp @  
Serpentine Camping Centre, WA**

**April 6th-9th**

**Camp Barnabas @ Bridport,  
Tasmania**

**May 4th-7th**

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