

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – December 2012

Welcome to the last edition of *Happenings* for 2012! Remember, we do not publish an edition in January. Please email 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 an email copy of *Happenings* please let us know
Ted Paull

SouthWest Baptism

University student **Mischa Sumner** was baptised into Christ on November 20 at the SouthWest (NSW) congregation meeting in Ambarvale. She has been involved in personal Bible studies for the past six months.

Sydney Baptism

From the Warringah church comes the great news of the baptism of **Aaron Mckee** on November 10!

Melbourne Baptism

The SouthEast church (and the rest of us) are excited at the baptism of **Candice Labrooy** in the last week of November.

Gospel Mission

A series of meetings with preaching on First Principles is planned by the Kurrajong (NSW) church under the title of:

Life is short

Eternity Isn't

Who will you choose?

The programme is as follows:

Friday, December 14 – 7.30pm “Why are there so many Churches?” **Rob Quintanilla**; supper;

Saturday, December 15 - 5:30pm “Becoming a Christian” **Stephen Males**; 6.30pm dinner; 7.30pm “A New Covenant”-**Rob Quintanilla**

Sunday, December 16th - 9:30am “Can I be a Christian without the Church? – **Stephen Males**; 11am “What does the Bible say about Baptism?” – **Dan Bray**; Lunch.

MSOBS Summer Session

At the Macquarie (Sydney) church, the Macquarie School of Biblical Studies will conduct a Summer Session in February next year. Classes will be held at 10am-3pm with lunch provided. Studies are: February 7-8 “**Messages from the Mountain**” – **Graham Wall**; February 11-14 “**Age, Culture, and the Church**” – **Les Totman**.

CAMPS, CAMPS, CAMPS....WA...

The Malaga (Perth) church would welcome anyone from the east coast to join them for their Family Camp, March 1-4, 2013. Contact: **Sonya Parker** at sonyalk@yahoo.com.

...NSW...

The Challenge event is planned for December 27-January 1 at the Lutanda Centre, 761 Springwood Rd, Yarramundi, near Richmond, NSW. Final bookings are due by December 4. Contact **Bob Marks** at bobmarks.au@gmail.com or see <http://www.campchallenge.org.au/>.

...Tassie...

Camp Warana is planned for January 7-14 at Myrtle Park, about 30 minutes drive NW of Launceston. Theme for the camp is: “All Aboard the Kingdom Express”. The cost is: Single: \$9 per night; Family: \$17 per night. Contact: **Greg McPherson** at (03) 6245 1208 or gsmcpherson@aapt.net.au.

...Queensland

Camp Gidawarra is planned for January 6-11 at Bornhoffen, 3510 Nerang-Murwillumbah Road, Natural Bridge, Qld 4211 with guest speaker, **Earl Lavender**. Contact: the Facebook page for the camp.

Seminar

The Coffs Coast (Coffs Harbour, NSW) church is planning the North Coast Enrichment Seminar for January 16-21, 2013. Speakers for the event include **David Carr**, **David Payne**, **Brad Johnson**, and **Brett Christensen**.

Community Outreach

On Saturday November 10 the SouthWest (NSW) Church of Christ participated in the annual Campbelltown Fishers Ghost Festival by manning a stall and handing out pens, business cards, flyers and Frisbees, inviting many to their church service and lunch on the Sunday. Many of their members helped out and were blessed in sharing God's love in this work.

Anzac Picnic

The Eastside (Sydney) church is organising the ANZAC Day picnic next year on Thursday April 25. They plan to return the picnic to the sharing of food format and congregational singing and children's games, and the congregational reports will be in a printed format.

Brethren Pass On

Several faithful Christians went to their rest in November. These included: **Tahoma Labrooy** of the Southeast church in Melbourne; **Ron Wallace**, who was instrumental in beginning the Warringah, Eastside and City churches in Sydney; **Kath Dunstan**, a long-time member of the Kurrajong church in NSW; and **Mary Hobbs** who has been with the Holland Park church in Brisbane for several decades.

Destination Darwin

A project which plans to send 20 Christians up to Darwin to encourage them over the Easter weekend in 2013 is being organised by **Marvin & Jenny Ancell** at Coffs Harbour. The date is March 29-April 1. If you would like to find out further information, check out their website: www.coffschurch.org.au or email lancell50@optusnet.com.au or phone (02) 6652 4549.

Youth Day

The Warringah (Sydney) church's annual Youth Day is scheduled for Sunday January 20, 2013 when plans are for **Dan Bray**, of the Kurrajong church, to speak. The programme will start with a BBQ at 2pm, and a youth service at 6pm.

Preacher wanted

Blacktown (Sydney) church of Christ is seeking a full-time worker for the congregation. The package for the worker includes an on-site residence. Interested applicants should forward their resume and cover letter to the leadership group, Blacktown church of Christ, PO Box 281, Blacktown, NSW 2148.

CALENDAR

December 14th-16th

Gospel Mission @ Kurrajong, NSW

December 27th-January 1st

Camp Challenge @ Yarramundi, NSW

2013

January 6th-11th

Camp Gidawarra @ Natural Bridge, Qld

January 7th-14th

Camp Warana @ Myrtle Park, Tas

January 16th-21st

North Coast Enrichment Seminar @ Coffs Harbour, NSW

January 20th

Youth Day @ Warringah, Sydney

February 7th-14th

MSOBS Summer Session @ Macquarie, Sydney

March 1st-4th

Malaga Family camp @ Serpentine, WA

May 24th-26th

SouthWest Youth and Young Adult Retreat @ Cataract, NSW

July 10th-14th

MSOBS Lectureship @ Macquarie, Sydney

September-October

Mission Trip to Papua New Guinea.