

# ***HAPPENINGS***

## ***News of churches of Christ in Australia – December 2013***

Thanks to those who let us know when good things are *Happenings!* Please email news to [tedpaull@hotmail.com](mailto: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

### ***Queensland Baptism***

The Morayfield church meets in the local high school about 50km north of Brisbane and they happily report the baptism of **Pam Burstall** on Sunday afternoon, December 1.

### ***Darwin Invitation***

Earlier this year the Coffs Coast (Coffs Harbour, NSW) church organised a group to go to Darwin, NT, to encourage that congregation over the Easter week-end. The Coffs brethren are planning to invite the Darwin brethren to Coffs Harbour in mid-2014 to help them with encouragement and instruction.

### ***Challenge Camp***

There are less than 30 days until camp begins again! Camp Challenge will be held at a new location this year: Kiah Ridge Christian Conference Centre, 25 Bargo River Road, TAHMOOR, NSW 2573. The theme is: "We're in this Together!—Eternity for Me, You, Us and Them". Date for the camp is December 27, 2013 to January 1, 2014. The closing date to register and pay your \$50 deposit is Friday, December 13. Details are at

campchallenge.org.au. Enquiries: **Bob Marks** 0414 238 581. If you would like to sponsor someone else to go to camp please Bob know.

### ***Fair Invitations***

On Saturday November 9 the Southwest (NSW) church took part in the Campbelltown community's Fisher's Ghost Street Fair. Handing out over 300 flyers and 300 advertising Frisbees to the community. Many good conversations were had and invitations to Bible studies and worship were distributed. The Southwest brethren would also like to thank those brothers and sisters in Christ who went along to encourage and join in shining the Lord's light on the day.

### ***Summer Session***

The Macquarie School of Biblical Studies conducted by the Macquarie (Sydney) church is planning a Summer Session during February 2014. This will be four days of lessons on the exciting topic of "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God!" These will be presented by **Marvin Ancell** of the Coffs Coast church.

### ***Philippines Help***

**Leighton Bestmann** of the church meeting in Darwin has just returned from his sixth trip to the Philippines assisting the brethren of the Las Pinas congregation just south of Manila on the island of Luzon. As well as being very poor, the brethren there also have the difficulty of earthquakes and typhoons so any help would be appreciated. If you would like to consider helping you can contact Leighton by email at [leighton.bestmann@nt.gov.au](mailto:leighton.bestmann@nt.gov.au) or by phone on 0418 203 228.

### ***Venue Change***

The Hawkesbury (NSW) congregation is now meeting at the Skillshare building, 23 Bosworth Street Richmond. Worship is at 10.00am followed by Bible study. Enquiries: **Roy Courtney** (02)45783958.

### ***Family Retreat***

The Malaga (Perth) church of Christ would like to welcome all to their 2014 Family Retreat at the Serpentine Camping Centre, 22 Transit Road, Jarradale, about 60km SE of Perth, on Friday February 28 to Monday March 3. Registrations with a \$30 deposit are due by December 8. Contact: **Sonya Parker** ([sonyalk@yahoo.com](mailto:sonyalk@yahoo.com) or 0401 394 894) for more information and a registration form.

### ***South East weekends***

The South East (Melbourne) congregation in Melbourne recently had two special consecutive weekends. The first was **Steve Wilson's** series, "Pressing on to

Maturity" (as reported in last month's issue of Happenings). This series of seven sessions began on Thursday night and concluded on Sunday morning, November 24. The session titles were: The "Big Story"; Jesus' Story as My Story; When the Church Loses its Way; Doing Church Versus Being Church; Cross-shaped Leadership in the Church; The Body of Christ: Chosen, Broken, Given; The Body of Christ: All for One and One for All. Those who attended (including some from other congregations in Melbourne) were challenged to pursue being the kind of people Christ calls us to become, individually and collectively.

The following weekend was the congregation's annual weekend away on Phillip Island. This year's lessons and activities centred around the theme of "Teamwork".

These two weekends worked together well to give members plenty to consider and put into practice, both personally and congregationally.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **December 2nd**

**New Venue@ Hawkesbury  
NSW**

**December 27th, 2013-January 1st,  
2014 Camp Challenge @  
Tahmoor, NSW**

#### **January 6th-10th**

**Camp Gidawarra @ Natural  
Bridge, Qld**

#### **January 19th**

**Youth Day @ Warringah,  
Sydney**

#### **February 28th-March 3rd**

**2014 Family Retreat @  
Serpentine, WA**