

# ***HAPPENINGS***

## ***News of churches of Christ in Australia – December 2014***

A big welcome to the last edition of *Happenings* for 2014! Don't forget, we do not publish a January edition. Please email your news to [tedpaul@hotmail.com](mailto:tedpaul@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.

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### ***W A Baptisms***

The Malaga (Perth) church rejoices with the angels in heaven over the decision of **Jason Lake** to become a Christian. Jason was baptised into Christ on Thursday evening November 7.

On Tuesday evening November 18 at 7 pm the Lord added another soul to the kingdom in the waters of baptism at the Busselton Jetty. Her name is **Narelle Jenks** and she has been attending the Bunbury congregation for the last 18 months with her son **Jacob**.

### ***Sydney Baptisms***

**Katie McArthur**, daughter of **Geoff & Anne McArthur**, was baptised into Christ on Sunday, November 23. They worship with the Blacktown church.

At the Eastside church, **Leah Realgo** obeyed the Lord in baptism after completing the FriendSpeak course and the Open Bible Study. Leah was baptised Sunday, November 2 and was supported by her flat-mates **Jay & May Sabio** and her friend **EV Valerio**.

### ***Brisbane Baptisms***

**Sam Poole**, young son of **Tim & Debbie Poole**, was baptised on November 16. They meet with the church at Holland Park. That congregation has also had

another baptism, that of **Alexandra Watson**, daughter of **Garth & Taryn Watson**, grand-daughter of **Doug & Miriam Weston** and great grand-daughter of **Keith & Elvis Moore** on Saturday November 29.

### ***Seed Sowing***

The Southwest (NSW) church recently participated in two events to sow seed in their area:

During November the church took part in the annual Campbelltown Fishers Ghost street stall festival. They took the opportunity to hand out flyers about the Lords church, invite people for worship and have some conversations about God.

They also held their annual Give Away Day, reaching many of the needy in the community with toys, clothes and household items donated by the Southwest brethren. This was another opportunity to invite people and talk about the Lord's church.

### ***Free Tassie Camp***

Warana Christian Camp is in its 40<sup>th</sup> year and to mark this milestone there will be no camp fees! It will again be held at Myrtle Park near Launceston in North-East Tasmania on January 5-12, 2015. Enquiries: **Alex McPherson** on (03) 6427 7771 or [jomcpherson@hotmail.com](mailto:jomcpherson@hotmail.com).

### ***Leaving Australia***

Three brethren who have been helping churches on the outskirts of Sydney are returning to the USA in December. They are **Jason & Nicole Whaley** from the Wollongong church and **Eric Hamilton** from the Southwest congregation.

### ***Youth Day at Warringah***

The Warringah church in Sydney is planning another Youth Day on Sunday, January 18, 2015.

### ***Challenge Camp***

This is planned for the usual date of December 27-January 1. It will again be at Kiah Ridge Christian Conference Centre, at TAHMOOR, NSW. Theme for the camp is "The Best is Yet to Come" (How to Live in the Everyday with your Eyes on the Prize!). Contact: <http://www.campchallenge.org.au>.

### ***W A Family Camp***

The Family Retreat next year organised by members of the Malaga (Perth) congregation is set for Friday 17th–Sunday 19th April. It will again be held at Serpentine Camping Centre, 22 Transit Road, Jarradale, about 60km SE of Perth. You can contact Sonya **Parker** ([sonyalk@yahoo.com](mailto:sonyalk@yahoo.com) or 0401 394 894) for more information.

### ***Queensland Camp***

Camp Gidawarra is planned for January 4-9, 2015 at Natural Bridge in the Border Ranges. Theme for the six days is: "Leviticus: The Contagious Holiness of God" with guest speaker **Kevin Youngblood**.

### ***Singing workshop***

Twenty-one men and women from ten congregations attended the song and worship leading workshop at the Macquarie (Sydney) congregation on Saturday November 15. **John Cooper** from the Belmore Rd (Melbourne) church conducted the training session. The Eastside (Sydney) church benefitted from John's song leading on the following day.

### ***Congregational Weekend***

The Southeast (Melbourne) congregation is again having an "Awesome Weekend" for its members on Phillip Island in the first week of December. The teaching theme is always about "Our Walk with God" and this year they will focus on their relationships in the family of God. **John Cooper** from the Belmore Road church will be going as a guest teacher.

## **CALENDAR**

### **December 27th-January 1st, 2015**

**Challenge Camp @  
Tahmoor, NSW**

### **January 4th-9th**

**Camp Gidawarra @  
Natural Bridge, Qld**

### **January 5th-12th**

**Warana Christian Camp @  
Myrtle Park, TAS**

### **January 18th**

**Youth Day @ Warringah,  
Sydney**

### **April 17th-19th**

**2015 Family Camp@  
Serpentine, WA**