

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – December 2015

This the last issue of *Happenings* for the year! Since we do not publish in January, the next issue is planned for February 2016. Please email your 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 your personal email copy of *Happenings*, please let us know. Ted Paull

Perth Baptism

At the Malaga congregation **Neville Hewitt** submitted to God through a faithful repentant baptism into Christ on Saturday November 21.

Victorian Baptism

At the Border church, which meets at Yackandandah, **Jenny Blackburne** was baptised into Christ on Sunday November 15.

Brisbane Baptism

From the Cleveland congregation comes the good news of the baptism into Christ of **Chelsi Coker** on Saturday November 14.

Sydney Baptism

At the Eastside congregation there was the baptism of **Nicholas Bargholz** on Friday November 6.

Family Camp

The Malaga (Perth) church is again planning a family camp for next year and the date is March 4-7, 2016, and the location is the Serpentine Camping Centre. They would love to have more campers from other congregations! The theme for the camp is: "Spreading the Good News!" The cost is: Adults - \$144; Children - \$139. Please contact **Sonya Parker** at **sonyalk@yahoo.com** for more information and registration.

Summer Singing

From Hobart, Tasmania comes the news of an afternoon opportunity to tell the story of the Life of Christ through a capella song and Scripture. Entitled "SummerSong" the event is planned to begin at 4.30pm on Saturday December 12 at the Richmond Town Hall. Guests are invited to stay for a barbecue afterwards starting at 6pm. Contact: **James Young** on 0449 178 715 or **jamesjessyoung@gmail.com**.

Summer Camp

Camp CHALLENGE (Christians Having A Loving Learning Encouraging Nurturing Godly Experience) runs from December 27 to January 1 at Kiah Ridge Conference Centre, Tahmoor, NSW. This year's theme is to be "We are the Light of the World." The theme for New Year's Eve celebrations is to be "Black and White." Final registrations are due by December 11. If you want more information, you can always check the website: <http://www.campchallenge.org.au>. Further enquiries: **Bob Marks** at **bobmarks@hotmail.com** or 0414 238 581

Retreat

The 50-N-Over Retreat is planned for April 29-May 2 next year, again at "Meroo" near Kurrajong, NSW.

Youth Day

The Youth Day at the Warringah church in Sydney is planned for the afternoon of Sunday, January 17, 2016. It will start with lunch at 2pm followed by beach volleyball and an evening service from 6pm. Further enquiries: **Bob Marks** at bobmarks@hotmail.com or 0414 238 581.

Men's Challenge

36 men and boys ranging in age from 6 to 76 recently went on a three-day trip from Melbourne, Vic to Jindabyne, NSW during November 20-22. The trip had spiritual, physical, relational and emotional dimensions and benefits. The physical task was for the group to walk 23km to the summit of Mt Kosciusko and return to Charlotte Pass. They successfully completed this task, helping and serving each other along the way. People came from the congregations meeting at Belmore Road, Southeast, West Heidelberg, Albury-Wodonga (Border church) and Ballarat and travelled together in hired buses from Melbourne. On the return trip a spiritual and relational highlight was assembling for worship with the Border church in the home of **Matthew & Beth Bain** in Yackandandah. The worship was led by men from Southeast, Belmore Road and West Heidelberg. The Border congregation put on a wonderful lunch for all the men. This event was very encouraging and unifying for all the people involved and has served to build stronger ties amongst the brethren meeting in Victoria. Many of the men are keen to return to 'the mountain' in 2016 for a repeat trip!

Camp Warana 2016

This is on again at Mrytle Park, Tasmania during January 4-11 on the theme, "There is Nothing New Under the Sun!" Contact: **James Young** on 0449 178 715 or jamesjessyoung@gmail.com.

Southwest

Two recent events were held by the church meeting at Ambarvale, NSW:

On November 14 the church took part in the annual Fishers Ghost street fair in Campbelltown, setting up a stall and handing out flyers about the Lord's church, Bible tracts and DVDs about Jesus and His church, and frisbees. Many conversations were had with passers-by and invitations to Bible studies and worship were offered.

On November 28 Southwest also hosted a Give-Away-Day at the Rosemeadow/Ambarvale neighbourhood centre. Local families were given the opportunity to get free clothing, toys and household goods. This was also an opportunity for the church members to interact with the community and share information about the Lord's church.

CALENDAR

December 12th

SummerSong @ Richmond Town Hall, Tas

December 27th-January 1st 2016

Camp Challenge @ Tahmoor, NSW

January 3rd-8th

Camp Gidawarra@ Natural Bridge, Qld

January 4th-11th

Camp Warana@ Myrtle Park, Tas

January 17th

Youth Day@ Warringah, Sydney

March 4th-7th

Malaga Family Camp @ Serpentine, WA

April 29th-May 2nd

50-N-Over Retreat @ "Meroo", Kurrajong, NSW

May 27th-29th

Youth & Young Adult Retreat @ Southwest, NSW