

# HAPPENINGS

## *News of churches of Christ in Australia – February 2012*

Welcome to the latest edition of *Happenings*—the first for the year. We are pleased to be starting another 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**. Ted Paull

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### ***Perth Baptisms***

At the Malaga congregation, **Dedeh** was baptised into Christ on Wednesday morning, December 21. She had been visiting on Sunday for some time. At the same congregation, **Rachel Povey**, a close friend of **Rebecca Dobrich**, was also baptised, during January!

### ***Sydney Baptism***

**Shenair Davis** was baptised at the Blacktown congregation on Wednesday morning, November 23.

### ***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).

### ***Gold Coast - Youth & Young @ Heart***

This is on Sunday, February 26 from 9.30am until 2.30pm at the Gold Coast Church of Christ, Nerang Bicentennial Community Centre, 833 Southport-Nerang Road, Nerang. Guest speaker for the day will be **Jonathan Frank** from the Southwest church at Campbelltown. He plans to speak on "Loving Your Neighbour With Their Love Language". Enquiries to **Frank Gnanam**, 0414 216 476.

### ***Darwin meetings***

**Keven and Carmen Jones**, from Brisbane, are living in Darwin for the next two years and would be delighted for anyone to join them for worship! Their contact numbers are 0429 424 492 or 0405 814 321. **Leighton Bestmann**, Carmen's brother, also meets with them.

### ***Summer School***

Topics for Macquarie School of Biblical Studies' Summer Session in Sydney are: Feb 7-10 "The Church in the NT" taught by **David Carr, Peter Tickner, Les Totman and Bob Marks**; Feb 14-17 "Lessons from the Prophets" taught by **Ted Paull**. Classes are planned to be held during 10am-3.30pm. Lunch will be provided each day.

### ***Coffs Harbour workshop***

An enjoyable one day workshop presented by **Alan and Debby Rowley** from the Belmore Road church in Melbourne was held by the Coffs Coast church on December 11, 2011. The workshop examined scriptural keys towards effective communication and integrating skills of advocacy and enquiry within congregations. Approximately 30 people attended. The sessions included both role-plays and hypotheticals in practising effective dialogue.

### ***Youth & Young @ Heart***

**Ben Bray** from the Eastside (Sydney) church will be the speaker for this youth session on the topic of "Second Choices" at the Warringah congregation on February 26 starting at 5.30pm.

### ***Camp Barnabas***

This is planned for Bridport, Tasmania during April 6-9, 2012. The cost this year 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).

### ***Preacher moves***

**Les Totman** finished his work with the Blacktown (Sydney) church at the end of January. From February 1, 2012, Les will be heading a new approach to the ministry based out of the Bankstown congregation. Although his full support will be provided by Bankstown, Les will also be working closely with Wollongong as well. His role will be to minister to both congregations seeking opportunities to share the gospel wherever he can. The Bankstown congregation welcomes Les and Lavinia back to the church as they work together to give others the opportunity to hear the gospel and pray that this new work together will be pleasing to God.

### ***Autumn camp***

The 2012 session of this camp is on the theme of "It's Not the End of the World!" at the usual location of Lake Nillahcootie in Victoria. The date is April 6-9. For information contact **Brett Christensen** on (03) 9776 6215.

### ***Retreat***

Bookings for the Fifty-n-Over Retreat close next month on March 20, 2012. This is planned to be held at Meroo Christian Centre at Kurrajong NSW on May 4-7. Guest speaker will be **Ray Davison** on the subject, "God's Great Garden". To register and for any enquiries contact **Alan Bottle** at [alan.bottle@hotmail.com](mailto:alan.bottle@hotmail.com) or phone (02) 9671 2243.

## **CALENDAR**

### **February 7th -17th**

**MSOBS Summer session @  
Macquarie church, Sydney**

### **February 26th**

**Youth & Young@Heart @  
Bicentennial Community  
Centre, Nerang, Qld**

### **February 26th**

**Youth & Young@Heart @  
Warringah, Sydney**

### **March 2nd-5th**

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

### **April 6th-9th**

**Camp Barnabas @ Bridport,  
Tasmania**

### **April 6th-9th**

**Autumn Camp @ Lake  
Nillahcootie, Vic**

### **May 4th-7th**

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

### **July 11th-15th**

**MSOBS Lectureship @  
Macquarie church, Sydney**