

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia - February 2016

Welcome to the first issue of *Happenings* for 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

Melbourne Baptism

Shannon Orloff was baptised into Christ in December. His parents and brothers have been a part of the Southeast congregation for some years, and Shannon is now a part of the flock there too.

Adelaide Baptisms

The church family at Metro had three baptisms in three weeks late last year: **Kenneth & June Kuan** were immersed with Christ on Saturday November 28 and **Justin Pickering** was united with his Saviour in baptism on Sunday December 13.

Perth Baptism

Rachael Harris was baptised on Sunday night, January 17. The brethren at the Malaga congregation are celebrating with the Harris family and the heavenly host as they are rejoicing over her decision to obey the gospel.

Sydney Baptism

At the Macquarie congregation **Teresa Yung** put on her Lord in baptism on Saturday January 9. She has been attending meetings at the Macquarie church and having personal Bible studies for most of last year.

Youth Day

Youth Day at the Warringah church on the afternoon and evening of January 17 in Sydney was described as “an amazing day

God gave us!” The 24th edition of the event included wonderful weather, a great crowd of 82 smiling faces, fine food and fellowship, great singing led by **Sean Kelly** from the Macquarie church, and an encouraging lesson delivered by **Kyle Keesee** from the Southwest congregation. Participants came from the Sydney area and from as far away as the Blue Mountains, Canberra and Coffs Harbour!

Autumn Camp

The 41st Victorian Autumn Camp at Lake Nillahcootie, near Lima South in Central Victoria is planned for March 25-28 (Easter week-end). Theme for the lessons is “Stories of Faith” and the guest speaker is Trevor Major from the South Auckland church in New Zealand. Full fees for the weekend are: \$185 for adults, \$130 for 10-15yo, \$95 for under 10s. You can get more information and application forms via the Facebook page: Autumn Camp at Lake Nillahcootie. If you need to know more, you can ring **Brett & Lesley Christensen** on (03) 9776 6215 or email camp@peopleofGod.org.au.

Simple Site

The website simplybible.com is now a teenager. It has been online 13 years running. Last year users in more than 25 nations logged over 1.2 million pageviews. The majority of users were on mobile phones. During the year simplybible.com was upgraded to 100% mobile friendly.

Tassie Camp

This year is the 20th anniversary of Camp Barnabas, which is held at Bridport, on the north-east coast of Tasmania. The date is March 25-28. Theme for the event is "Matthew 4:19 Jesus said, 'Come, follow Me!'" The guest speaker will be **Tristan Grant** from Sydney. For more information and enquiries please contact **Greg Wells** via Facebook or on 0408 146 748.

Trevors at Southeast

Two Trevors will be guest speakers for the Southeast church in Melbourne:

Trevor Williams, from Nottingham, UK and editor of "The Christian Worker" magazine in the UK will be a guest speaker at Southeast on March 21.

During March 31 to April 3 **Trevor Major** from Auckland, New Zealand will present a series focussing on how we got the Bible and why we can trust it.

Summer Camp

For more than 40 years Christians have been having a loving, learning, encouraging, nurturing experience at Camp CHALLENGE from December 27 to January 1. This past camp saw nearly 100 full-time participants, from 5 states, gather together at Kiah Ridge Christian Centre in Tahmoor, NSW. Nearly half of the campers were involved in the educational programme, teaching on the theme "We Are The Light of The World." Many more were involved in organising and running the fun afternoon and evening activities. Special thanks to those who worked so hard behind the scenes, especially **Andrew Hastings, Peter Tickner, Lucrecia Borgia** and **Bob & Lynne Marks**.

NSW Retreat

The 50-N-Over Retreat is planned for April 29-May 2 this year, again at "Meroo" near Kurrajong. Theme for the week-end is, "He Gave Me a Song!" Five speakers will be presenting the lessons. The Retreat will

begin at Hanna Park, North Richmond with a (BYO) picnic lunch on Friday 29th April @ 1:00pm for those who are able to attend. The cost is as follows: Friday 29th April to Monday 2nd May = \$250; Friday 29th April to Sunday 1st May = \$190. If anyone requires single accommodation a \$50 surcharge will apply. For those travelling further than 300 kilometres a discount of \$25 is applicable. First time attendees will receive a further incentive of a \$50 discount for those staying for 4 days and a \$30 discount for those staying 3 days. Registration with a deposit of \$50 is required by March 18. If you have further enquiries please contact **Alan Bottle** on 02 9671 2243 or 0422 106 065, or **Warren Thorburn** on 02 9825 3775 or 0414 893 330.

CALENDAR

March 4th-7th

**Malaga Family Camp @
Serpentine, WA**

March 25th - 28th

**Victorian Autumn Camp @
Lake Nillahcootie, Vic**

March 25th - 28th

**Camp Barnabas @ Bridport,
Tasmania**

March 31st – April 3rd

**Series on How We Got the Bible
@ Southeast, Melbourne**

April 25th

**Anzac Day Picnic @ Auburn
Community Picnic Area, Sydney**

April 29th-May 2nd

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

May 27th-29th

**Youth & Young Adult Retreat
@ Southwest, NSW**

July 13th-17th

**MSOBS Lectureship @
Macquarie, Sydney**