

# HAPPENINGS

## News of churches of Christ in Australia – February 2017

Welcome to the first issue of *Happenings* for 2017. If you have news please send it 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 your personal email copy of *Happenings*, please let us know. Ted Paull

### NSW Baptism

At the Warner's Bay congregation near Newcastle, **Charles Williams** was baptized into Christ on December 23, 2016. Local member **Merv Squires** describes this as a great encouragement to the congregation.

### SA Baptism

The brethren at the Metro (Adelaide) church witnessed God's will being done on earth when **Luke Skipper** baptized his physical brother **Wayne** into Christ on Sunday January 8, 2017.

### Victorian Baptism

From the Heidelberg West (Melbourne) church comes news of the baptism of **Ifiko Uko** at Altona beach on Saturday January 28. **Ifiko** was born in Nigeria but now lives in Australia working as a GP.

### Over again

The 50-n-over retreat is set for Friday April 28 until Monday May 1 at Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong. The theme is: "Your Sun Is Rising". Costs: \$250.00 for 4 days, and \$190.00 for 3 days. Discounts apply for long distance travelers and first timers. A surcharge applies for those requesting single accommodation. Contact: **Alan Bottle** on 02 9671 2243 or 0422 106 065 or **Warren Thorburn** on 02 9825 3775 or 0414 893 330.

### Family Camp

The Malaga (Perth) congregation is planning a Family Camp at Serpentine on the long weekend of Friday, March 3 to Monday March 6.

### North Coast Seminar

The Coffs Coast Church in Coffs Harbour (NSW) plans to hold another North Coast Enrichment Seminar during March 17-19.



The theme will be, "Embracing Cultural Diversity within the Church". Speakers will be **Bopelo Boitshwarelo** from the Darwin church and **Charles & Darlene Coulston** who are missionaries currently working in Nairobi Kenya. The seminar will be held in the Casuarina Steiner School, 4 Gentle St., Coffs Harbour, NSW. Contact: **Marvin Ansell** on 0419 500 231 or [lancell50@optusnet.con.au](mailto:lancell50@optusnet.con.au); **Satish Samuel** 0422 778 226 or [geraldsamuel@yahoo.com](mailto:geraldsamuel@yahoo.com).

### Tassie Camp

Camp Barnabas: the Camp of Encouragement, at Bridport, in north-east Tasmania is planned for April 14-17. Fees: Under 5 free, 5-10yo \$75.00, 11-17yo \$95.00, Adults \$110, Family (2 adults + 2 children)-\$340.00, additional children-\$70. (You can arrive on 13th if you wish, for an extra \$15.) Day trippers \$10 per meal. Registration & payment due by March 14. Contact: **Barry Hume** (03) 6326 1601.

### **Victorian Camp**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the Autumn Camp at Lake Nillahcootie is planned for April 14-17 on the theme of "What if...?" For an information sheet and application form you can ring 02 9776 6215 or email [camp@peopleofGod.org.au](mailto:camp@peopleofGod.org.au).

### **Summer Camp**

Camp Challenge in NSW had record number present with almost 140 people attending. Campers focused their attention on the theme, "Tell me the story of Jesus", with inspiring lessons from



**Kent Hartman**, and group discussions that gave everyone a chance to participate and grow. There were, as usual, very special sessions for children, this year including the construction of a prison to remind them of what it cost some to tell the story of Jesus in New Testament times.

### **Indian Visit**

**Peter Mandalidis** of the Eastside (Sydney) church is again in India for a month during January 20 until February 17, working with **Billy Kumar** in Kakinada. He reports that the work is hard but fruitful with 11 people added to

the Lord's church and 700 Bibles purchased from the funds raised in Australia. They request your prayers for this work.

### **MSOBS Lectureship**

This event in Sydney is planned for July 12-16 this year and guest speakers will include **Dale & Sheila Hartman** and **Tim Lewis**.

### **2018 Tassie Camp**

Advanced notice of Camp Warana for next year (yes, 2018) is the date of January 8-13 at Myrtle Park. For more information, you can contact **Glen Tattersall**, phone 0419 374 426 or [balfourcoc@bigpond.com](mailto:balfourcoc@bigpond.com).

## **CALENDAR**

### **March 3rd-6th**

**Malaga Family Camp @  
Serpentine, WA**

### **March 17th-19th**

**North Coast Enrichment  
Seminar @ Coffs Harbour,  
NSW**

### **April 14th-17th**

**Camp Barnabas @ Bridport,  
Tasmania**

### **April 14th-17th**

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

### **April 28th-May 1st**

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

### **July 12th-16th**

**MSOBS Lectureship @  
Macquarie, Sydney**

### **January 8th-13th, 2018**

**Camp Warana @ Myrtle Park,  
Tas**