

# HAPPENINGS

*News of Churches of Christ in Australia – February 2020*

Welcome to the first issue of *Happenings* for 2020. If you have news, please send it 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 your personal email copy of *Happenings*, please let us know. Ted Paull

## *Adelaide Baptism*

In December we reported that at the Adelaide Metro Church of Christ **Tina**



**Agustin** put on her Lord in baptism on December 1. Here is a photo of that.

## *Queensland Baptism*

**Bessie MacDonald** was baptised in Cairns on Sunday by **Vani Iago**. She has been



meeting with the Cairns church for some time, and invited some of her family to witness her baptism. 47 attended worship that day.

## *Windsor Lectureship*

The Windsor (NSW) church has planned its Lectureship for March 20-22 on the theme:



## **GOD'S PLAN FOR THE CHRISTIAN HOME**

20 - 22 March 2020 (Friday - Sunday)

Annual Lectureship by the Windsor Church of Christ

504 George St, South Windsor 2756 NSW

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“God’s plan for the Christian Home”. Speakers include **Daniel Smith, Chris & Michelle Herd** and **Stan Crowley**.

## *Women’s Singing Classes*

The next women’s singing classes at the Macquarie (Sydney) church are due to be held on Monday February 3 and Monday March 2 at 7.30pm.

## *Camp Challenge*

Due to bushfire damage to some of the property, Camp Challenge was unable to be held in December-January, but the buildings were not damaged, so plans are for the next year’s camp to proceed on the usual date of December 27-January 1.

### ***Combined Worship***

During December, 28 people from the Cairns church hired a bus and went to Townsville (a 350km trip) to worship together. They left at 4:00 am on Sunday morning to be at worship on time. They also included some of their family and friends -- about 10 visitors whom they had invited. **Vani Igo** preached for the assembly, with around 45 people present, and they enjoyed a meal together afterwards. A combined meeting is planned again for several times in 2020.

### ***Sydney Youth Day***

Almost 80 people gathered for the Youth Day at the Warringah church on Sunday afternoon and



evening January 19. **Andrew Hastings** presented a lesson on *Perseverance* and **Jolits Samuel** led the singing.

### ***Bushfire Fund***

Two families of the Bairnsdale (Victoria) congregation have been greatly affected by the fires and lost their homes and possessions. They are **Greta & Kevin Perry** and **Tessie & Ian Cochrane**. (Tessie and Ian also lost their wildflower business). The Bairnsdale church is receiving funds to help these two families. Donations can be made to the Bairnsdale church bank account (Bairnsdale Church of Christ, CBA, BSB 063 501, account number 00903009). Your transaction reference to include 'Emergency Relief' and please send an email to confirm to [bairnsdalechurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:bairnsdalechurchofchrist@gmail.com). These funds are to be only used to support Tessie & Ian and Greta & Kevin.

### ***Melbourne Visit***

**Vani Igo**, an evangelist currently living in Cairns (but formerly of Papua New Guinea) and his wife **Millie** will be in Melbourne February

22-March 1. Vani will speak at two home BBQs in Mount Waverley on consecutive Saturday evenings (22nd & 29th) and preach at Southeast and Heidelberg West churches. For more information, contact **Graeme Offer**, [goffer@netspace.net.au](mailto:goffer@netspace.net.au).

### ***Victorian Camp***

The 45th Victorian Autumn Camp at Lake Nillahcootie is planned for April 10\_14. The theme is "Have You Seen Jesus?" For more information, contact **Brett & Lesley Christensen**, [camp@peopleofGod.org.au](mailto:camp@peopleofGod.org.au).

### ***Congregational Retreat***

The Belmore Road church retreat is on March 6-9 at the YMCA Camp Manyung in Mount Eliza.

### ***Intensive Course***

Klesis is conducting a course on the Drama of Scripture at the Belmore Road church building on May 1-3. Cost is \$55 for materials and refreshments. Information: [www.klesis.com.au/equipmta](http://www.klesis.com.au/equipmta).

### ***50-n-Over***

The Retreat is on May 1-4 at Merroo Christian Centre @ Kurrajong on the theme "More than Enough". Speakers are **Bob Marks, Frank Cunningham, Peter Tickner/John Gray, David Mowday** and **Charles Hadfield**. Prices are: \$280pp for 4 days & \$190pp for 3 days. (Twin share). Enquiries: **Alan Bottle**: 0422 106 065. [alan.bottle@hotmail.com](mailto:alan.bottle@hotmail.com) or **Warren Thorburn** [w.thorburn@yahoo.com.au](mailto:w.thorburn@yahoo.com.au) or 0414 893 330.

## **CALENDAR**

### **February 3rd**

**Women's singing class @ Macquarie, Sydney**

### **March 20th-22nd**

**Annual Lectureship @ Windsor, NSW.**

### **April 10th-14th**

**Victorian Autumn Camp @ Lake Nillahcootie**

### **May 1st-3rd**

**Drama of Scripture Course @ Belmore Rd, Melbourne**

### **May 1st-4th**

**50-n-Over Retreat @ Kurrajong, NSW**