

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – June 2018

Welcome to the fifth issue of *Happenings* for 2018. If you have news please send it 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

Queensland Baptisms

Sophie Hamilton aged 14 obeyed the gospel and was baptised into Christ on Sunday May 20. She has attended the Morayfield congregation for many years with her family.

On Sunday May 27, 73-year-old **Gleniss Pilgrim** was baptised into Christ by **Tony Cronin** of the Pine Street, Gympie congregation. Gleniss lives in a nursing home where one of their members, **Roland Sizer**, also resides. Gleniss learnt that Roland attended worship on Sundays and she approached him because of her love for the Bible. Roland and Gleniss have been studying together for several months and she attended worship expressing the desire to be baptised for the remission of sins. Tony did a study with her that afternoon to check her understanding and baptised her shortly afterwards. The congregation rejoiced greatly and were encouraged by Gleniss' baptism.

Sydney Baptisms

There have been two recent baptisms in Christ at the Macquarie church:

Tiffany Huang was joined with Christ in baptism on Wednesday April 11;



Tiffany

Laura Tickner was immersed by her father **Peter** during the morning meeting on Sunday May 20. She has been meeting with this church since she was born the first time.

Laura

Special Session

Dale Hartman plans to present some special studies on the theme of "Take Up Your Cross" Luke 9:23 on the evening of June 29 (7-9pm) and the afternoons of June 30 & July 1 (2-5pm) at the Macquarie church building. The classes will involve Exploring the Gospels as a Handbook for Carrying our Cross. For information contact **Peter Tickner** 0416 134 489 or tickey211@gmail.com.

Women's Singing Class

The women's singing group will meet as usual on the first Monday in June and July and there will then be a two-month break in August and September, resuming on the first Monday in October. The next session at the Macquarie (Sydney) church will be on Monday June 4 at 7.30pm.

PNG Trip

The Papua New Guinea mission trip led by **Stephen Collins** from the Warwick, (Queensland) church plans to visit that country during June 22 to July 7. He reports that he has had some great response and support from individuals and congregations across the country from their requests for the trip. The team now consists of 7 Aussies and 4 locals. If anyone is still interested in supporting them, they could still do with some financial support. Anybody wishing to contribute can contact **Steve Collins** on 0408 934 349 or email at glennalyn1@bigpond.com or **David Payne** 0468 719 025 or paynedt@me.com.

Queensland Lectureship

The Gipps St church in Toowoomba plans its annual lectureship for September 28-30 this year on the theme "Don't Ever Give up!" Contact: www.gippschurch.com or phone 07 4630 1505 or 0437 974 138

Venue Change

The Point Church, Brisbane, will be meeting at the Wynnum church of Christ building cnr. Tingal Rd and Chestnut Street, Wynnum, commencing at 9:30am while the council hall they usually use is being renovated. It is anticipated that the Wynnum congregation will join with the Point brethren during this time, rather than their usual afternoon assembly. The relevant dates are from Sunday June 10 to Sunday July 15.

Youth & Young Adult Camp

The annual Southwest youth and young adult camp, Camp Soul, was held on the weekend of May 25-27. Over 50 youth and young adults attended the weekend travelling from Victoria, Queensland, ACT and NSW to take part. The theme was "CyberTalk-the Good, Bad and the Ugly". Lessons were brought by **Jonathan Frank** on using social media: its pitfalls, dangers and how it can be used for good; and how we should understand God's expectations of our social media use. In addition, **Nick Bargholz** led a devotional and **Christine Newton** led a ladies class.

Bible Quiz

This annual event conducted by the Southwest (NSW) church is planned for August 11-12. This is designed for those between 10 & 30 years of age. Questions this year will be based on the book of Jonah. Contact: **Frank Cunningham** swcoc1@hotmail.com or phone 0459 749 776 or 0418 618 415.

Brisbane Seminar

The Point church is hosting a series of lessons presented by Benny Tabalujan of the Belmore Rd (Melbourne) church on World Views on July 20-22. Friday and Saturday lessons will be at the Redlands College lecture theatre and the Sunday lessons will be at The Point's usual meeting place, the Wellington Point Recreational Hall. Contact: www.thepoint.org.au.

Melbourne Seminar

The Belmore Rd church plans a seminar for Sunday June 10, 2-5pm, to be taught by **Bill Richardson** from the USA. He has previously done mission work in Guatemala, Argentina, and Chile, is an elder for the Lord's church and preaches at a Spanish speaking congregation. He

plans to teach on the theme, "Rethinking Church in a Post-Christian Society": Session 1 – "Thinking that has crippled the advance of the Gospel"; Session 2 – "Rethinking the commands of Jesus for His Church in the 21st Century". Register by Friday June 1, 2018 with: **Alan Rowley** 0419 264 931 rowley@klesis.com.au.

Melbourne Singing

64 people attended Autumn Songfest, including some outsiders. Held at Monash University in Clayton, the event utilised **Tim Berman**, a hymn publisher from Texas, who came with a few others. Brethren from seven Australian congregations attended.

Brisbane Workshop

The Cleveland church presented a series of lessons taught by **Sherman McLaren** from South Africa on May 18-19 at the Wynnum church building and on May 20 at the Cleveland church's location. These were on the theme of "People with Purpose: Empowering Churches".

Macquarie Lectureship

The Macquarie (Sydney) congregation is planning its annual lectureship on Wednesday-Sunday July 18-22 with guest speaker **Dale Hartman**. Theme for the lessons is "What Pleases God!"

CALENDAR

June 4th

Women's Singing Class @ Macquarie, Sydney

June 10th

Seminar @ Belmore Rd, Melbourne

June 22nd-July 7th

Mission Trip @ Papua New Guinea

June 29th-July 1

Special Session @ Macquarie, Sydney

July 2nd

Women's Singing Class @ Macquarie, Sydney

July 18th-22nd

MSOBS Lectureship @ Macquarie church, Sydney

July 20th-22nd

Seminar @ The Point, Brisbane

August 11th-12th

Bible Quiz @ Southwest, NSW

September 28th-30th

Annual Lectureship @ Gipps St, Toowoomba, Qld