

HAPPENINGS

News of Churches of Christ in Australia – June 2020

Welcome to the fifth issue of *Happenings* for 2020. If you have news, please send it to 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

Melbourne Baptisms

At the Belmore Road church **Jerry Lu** was united with Christ on Saturday afternoon May 2. Jerry is the husband of **Susan**, who is already a Christian. Brethren from other Melbourne congregations and the Border and Macquarie churches witnessed the event on Zoom. Shortly after that, this editor received an email from **Jeanette Dyer** in the USA who had heard about this and remembered seeing the couple when she and her husband Jerry visited the brethren at Yackandandah 20 years ago!

On Friday May 29 at Frankston beach, **Minya** was baptised into Christ. She had been studying the Bible through World Bible School with the help of **Lesley Christensen** of the Southeast church. As no congregations are currently assembling in person, it remains to be seen which congregation Minya will join, but the Lord has added her to His assembly. For now, she'll have some time to meet her new brothers and sisters on "Zoom" before she meets them face to face.

Staying in Touch

Some congregations using Zoom for their meetings have not only been joined by brethren from elsewhere, but have also utilised interstate and overseas brethren as "visiting" teachers.

Indian Assistance

\$5,250 has been donated by Australian churches and individuals for the distribution to starving Christian families throughout India. David Martin (a local evangelist in Chennai, Tamil Nadu) has alerted us to the need and has organised the distribution to the preachers who in turn have sent food to the needy families. Details of the number of families who have been assisted (reports, supported by photos) have been received. All praise and glory to God who has opened the hearts of those who have given and those involved in the distribution of food to those hungry brethren in India.

Sydney/NSW Seminar

Pending developments regarding COVID-19, this year's Family Seminar organised by the Bankstown church has been scheduled for Sunday, September 27. The theme is: "A Sense of Belonging in the Family of God." **Dennis Rayner** is to teach three lessons from Colossians 3:12-14. The seminar is to be held in the hall used by the Southwest congregation (at the Ambarvale Community Centre, Wickfield Circuit). Lunch will be provided.

Bible Quiz

The Southwest (NSW) church has been holding this quiz annually for the more than 20 years. The time is set for 6-10pm, on Saturday August 8, but the choosing of a venue is subject to COVID-19 restrictions.



3 chapters, 73 verses!!

"Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your forefathers?"

Date: Saturday 8th August 2020

Time: 6:00pm to 10:00pm.

Get Studying!!!

More Details to Come

The topic will be the book of Joel, which appropriately has the statement, "Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your ancestors?" Joel 1:2.

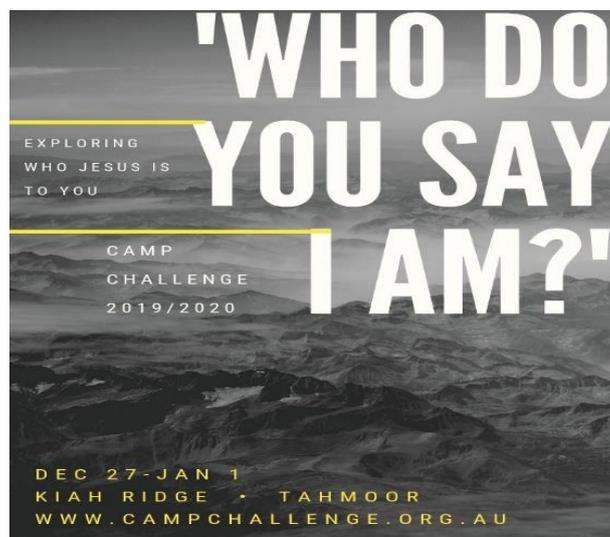


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Camp Challenge

Challenge is about: Christians Having A Loving, Learning, Encouraging, Nurturing, Godly, Experience. Camp Challenge 20/21 is planned for December to 27-January 1. The deadline

for registration will probably be December 10. On the website you will find lots of helpful information. The address is: campchallenge.org.au.



Assembly Restrictions

Most Australian states are easing restrictions on people in "places of worship", but there are still limits. For instance, in NSW the limit is 50 people, but each person must have 4m² of space, which means 200m² for this number, which is about 14m x 14m (or about 46ft by 46ft in the old money).

CALENDAR

July 15th-19th

**Macquarie Lectureship @
Macquarie, Sydney
CANCELLED**

August 8th

**Southwest Church Bible Quiz
@ venue to be announced**

September 27th

**Family Seminar @ Ambarvale,
Campbelltown, NSW**

December 27th -January 1st

**Camp Challenge @ Tahmoor,
NSW**