

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – March 2015

Greetings to all our readers! 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 an email copy of *Happenings* please let us know.

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Melbourne Baptism

Mathew Zych was baptised into Christ on Monday, February 23. He had been learning about the faith from a Canadian website, www.bible.ca ("The Interactive Bible"), and contacted brethren in Melbourne, requesting to be baptised.

Sydney Seminar

This year's Bankstown family seminar has been scheduled, God permitting, for September 25-27 (the second weekend of the school holidays). The possible theme is: "Family Life & Spiritual Development: The Hurdles".

NSW Retreat

This year's Fifty-N-Over Retreat is Friday 1st May to Monday 4th May 2015 on the theme of "REJOICING". The cost of the Retreat is: Friday 1st May to Monday 4th May = \$240; Friday 1st May to Sunday 3rd May = \$180. They would encourage everyone to stay until Monday afternoon if at all possible. If anyone requires single accommodation a \$50 surcharge will apply. For those travelling further than 300 kilometres a discount of \$25 is applicable. Further enquiries: **Alan Bottle** (02) 9671 2243 or 0422 106 065; **Warren Thorburn** (02) 8197 2671 or 0414 893 330.

Bruce Passes

Bruce Rossiter passed away as the result of a heart attack on the night of April 22-23. He had been a member of the Blacktown church, Sydney for the past 40 years and taught many lessons. He was also an elder when the church had these shepherds. The memorial service on February 28 was conducted by former Blacktown member **David Payne**.

NSW Camp

The Southwest (Campbelltown) congregation is planning its Youth & Young Adult Camp for May 29-31. It will be again held at the Long Point Christian Conference Centre, Ingleburn. The theme for the week-end is "improveyourselfie". Speakers will be **Travis Powell** (Wollongong), **Roberto Quintanilla** (Kurrajong), and **Peter Tickner** (Macquarie).

Camp Barnabas

This "Camp of Encouragement" is planned for Bridport, in north-east Tasmania during April 3-6. **Bob Marks** from the Warringah church in Sydney will be the guest speaker on the theme, "He's got the Whole World in His Hands!" For more details contact **Greg Wells** on (03) 6228 5616 or gk.wells@bigpond.com or **Barry Hume** at barryhume@bigpond.com or (03) 6326 1601.

Queensland Lectureship

The 'Set on a Hill Lectureship' in Toowoomba will be happening this year from September 25th to September 27th.

Congregational Camp

The Belmore Road congregation's annual family camp, "CampING", will be on the weekend of March 7-9, a three day weekend in Victoria. **Stephen Wilson** from the church which meets at Wellington Point in Brisbane will be the main speaker, addressing the theme: "Ready, Get Set, Go! – Created for Good Works". The weekend is held at Camp Manyung, overlooking the bay in Mount Eliza, south of Melbourne.

Picnic

The Southwest congregation is hosting the Anzac Day picnic at Auburn Community Picnic Area, Sydney this year on April 25. They will be cooking a sausage sizzle and request those attending bring salads, drinks and desserts to share.

W A Family Camp

The Family Retreat this year organised by members of the Malaga (Perth) congregation is set for Friday 17th–Sunday 19th April. It will again be held at Serpentine Camping Centre, 22 Transit Road, Jarradale, about 60km SE of Perth. You can contact **Sonya Parker** (sonyalk@yahoo.com or 0401 394 894) for more information.

Victorian Camp

This year will be the 40th Victorian Autumn Camp, held over the Easter long weekend, April 3-6. This will be the 12th year the Autumn Camp has been held beside Lake Nillahcootie, 40 kilometres south of Benalla, and the teaching theme will be "If I Had to Pick a Favourite..." The cost for an adult for four days & nights is \$175. Registration with a deposit is due by March 19. Registration

applications are available from **Brett & Lesley Christensen** through the Facebook event, camp@peopleofGod.org.au, or you can ring them on (03) 9776 6215.

Enrichment Seminar

The Coffs Coast (Coffs Harbour, NSW) congregation plans to conduct the North Coast Enrichment Seminar beginning with a welcome and devotional on the evening of Friday April 17 followed by two days of lessons and worship at the Bayldon Community Centre, Toormina. The theme of the lessons will be "Healthy Relationships – Healthy Families". Guest Speakers are **David Payne** from the Belmore Road church in Melbourne and **Steve Wilson** from The Point congregation in Brisbane.

CALENDAR

March 7th-9th

Belmore Rd congregational camp @ Mt Eliza, Vic

April 3rd-6th

Victorian Autumn Camp @ Lake Nillahcootie, Vic

April 3rd-6th

Camp Barnabas@ Bridport, Tas

April 17th-19th

2015 Family Camp@ Serpentine, WA

April 17th-19th

North Coast Enrichment Seminar@ Coffs Harbour, NSW

April 25th

Anzac Day Picnic @ Auburn Botanic Gardens, Sydney

May 1st-4th

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

May 29th-31st

Southwest Youth and Young Adult Camp @ Ingleburn, NSW

July 8th-12th

MSOBS Lectureship @ Macquarie, Sydney, NSW

September 25th-27th

Family Seminar @ Bankstown, Sydney, NSW

September 25th-27th

Lectureship @ Toowoomba, Qld