

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia - March 2016

Welcome to the latest issue of *Happenings* for 2016! 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 your personal email copy of *Happenings*, please let us know. Ted Paull

Canberra Baptism

Jaal Hanley was baptised into Christ in Lake Burleigh Griffin by his father **Alister** on Thursday December 10 last year. The family moved to Canberra from Bundaberg, Qld, where Jaal's grandparents, **David and Gloria Hanley**, live.

Melbourne Baptism

On Sunday December 20 last year, **Joy Tabalujan** was immersed into Christ in the family swimming pool after studying with her father for some time. This was a wonderful event for her parents **Benny & Pauline** and the whole Belmore Rd church.

Perth Baptism

Good news from the Malaga congregation, is that **Brandon Phuthi**, son of **Uteng & Juliet**, was baptised into Christ on Tuesday, February 2.

Sydney Baptism

After several months of diligent study, **Lisa Xu** was baptised into Christ on Wednesday evening February 17 at the Macquarie church.

Indian Harvest

Peter Mandalidis of the Eastside (Sydney) church spent four weeks in Kakinada, as part of a team effort that resulted in 34 people being baptised into Christ. The local preachers planted the seed, Billy Kumar and Peter watered and God gave the increase.

Autumn Camp

The 41st Victorian Autumn Camp at Lake Nillahcootie, near Lima South in Central Victoria is planned for March 25-28 (Easter week-end). Theme for the lessons is "Stories of Faith" and the guest speaker is Trevor Major from New Zealand. If you need to know more, you can ring **Brett & Lesley Christensen** on 03 9776 6215 or email: camp@peopleofGod.org.au.

Tassie Camp

Camp Barnabas, is planned for Bridport, on the north-east coast of Tasmania. The date is March 25-28. Theme for the event is "Matthew 4:19 Jesus said, 'Come, follow Me!'" The guest speaker will be **Tristan Grant** from the Macquarie church in Sydney. For more information and enquiries please contact **Greg Wells** via Facebook or on 0408 146 748.

Southeast Series

During March 31 to April 3 **Trevor Major** from Auckland, New Zealand will present a series at the Southeast, Melbourne church focussing on how we got the Bible and why we can trust it.

Eastside Changes

At the Eastside (Sydney) church from the first Sunday in February until the last Sunday in April, the new format on Sunday is: The worship service begins at 9.30am and ends at 10.45am followed by Bible classes starting at 11 am and finishing at 12 noon.

Church Camp

The Belmore Road church is having a congregational camp on March 11-14 at the Manyung Recreation Camp in Mt Eliza, Victoria. The guest speaker will be Les Totman from the Bankstown church in Sydney and he will be speaking on the Topic of "A Broader Outlook: Broader than Sunday mornings and Broader than the local congregation."

NSW Retreat

The 50-N-Over Retreat is planned for April 29-May 2 this year, again at "Meroo" near Kurrajong. Theme for the week-end is, "He Gave Me a Song!" Five speakers will be presenting the lessons. If you have further enquiries please contact **Alan Bottle** on 02 9671 2243 or 0422 106 065, or **Warren Thorburn** on 02 9825 3775 or 0414 893 330.

Barnabas at Ballina

On the weekend of the April 15-17, a group of Christians from Coffs Harbour (NSW) is going up to spend time with and to encourage the Ballina congregation. This is the 3rd Project Barnabas venture. If anyone would like to join with them on this great weekend of fellowship, they would love to have you. Please contact **Marvin Ancell** on 02 6652 4549 or **Satish Samuel** 02 6658 6039 for further details.

NSW Combination

The Southwest (Campbelltown) and Windang (Wollongong) brethren had a combined worship service on Sunday, February 21, enjoying a fellowship lunch/picnic together after worship and some games in the park. Both congregations are planning to meet together a few more times during the year to encourage and build each other up as they reach-out for Christ in their particular areas.

Retreat

The Youth and Young Adult Retreat, Camp Soul, conducted by the Southwest (NSW) congregation is planned for May 27-29. The venue is the Long Point Christian

Conference Centre, 20 Wills Rd, Long Point, Ingleburn. Contacts: **Frank Cunningham** 0418 618 415 or stand_firm@hotmail.com or **Kyle Keese** keese.kyle@gmail.com or 0436 237 977.

Revive

This year's Camp Revive is planned for September 23-26 at Yellingbow in Victoria.

Books

Paul & Rachel Burns have a religious bookshop in Coffs Harbour and have some books which might interest members of the church. You can contact them on 02 5606 1827 or 0414 242 982.

CALENDAR

March 4th-7th

**Malaga Family Camp @
Serpentine, WA**

March 11th-14th

**Belmore Rd congregational Camp @
Mt Eliza, Vic**

March 25th - 28th

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

March 25th - 28th

**Camp Barnabas @ Bridport,
Tasmania**

March 31st – April 3rd

**Series on How We Got the Bible @
Southeast, Melbourne**

April 15th-17th

Project Barnabas @ Ballina, NSW

April 25th

**Anzac Day Picnic @ Auburn
Community Picnic Area, Sydney**

April 25th

**Anzac Day Picnic @ Jells Park,
Wheelers Hill, Melbourne**

April 29th-May 2nd

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

May 27th-29th

**Youth & Young Adult Retreat @
Southwest, NSW**

July 13th-17th

**MSOBS Lectureship @ Macquarie,
Sydney**

September 23rd-25th

Camp Revive @ Yellingbo, Victoria