

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – May 2014

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Victorian Baptism

At the Belmore Road (Melbourne) congregation, **Cindy Wu** was baptised into Christ on March 15 by **James Chan** after several Bible studies.

WA Baptism

Rekesha (Rikki) Dicks was added to the Lord's church through baptism on Monday afternoon, April 7. This was at the Malaga (Perth) congregation.

Sydney Baptisms

From the Eastside church of Christ comes news that **James Zhang** (UniNSW student) and **Irene Cristiano** were baptised into Christ on Saturday, April 19 at Clovelly pool. Both had come to know and obey the Lord through the Open Bible Study.

Island Camp

Camp Splash (Serving, Playing, Learning and Seeking Heaven) is planned for North Stradbroke Island, Queensland on June 7-8. This is for children in grades 3-10 and their parents are also encouraged to attend. The cost is \$75 for children and \$85 for adults, which includes food, accommodation and water-taxi transfers to the island. Details are available from **Brad Johnson** at bradjohnson@tpg.com.au or call 0410 441 654.

Bankstown Seminar

The Bankstown (Sydney) congregation's seminar confirmed for September 19-21 is a "Family enrichment weekend". Guest speakers will be **David Payne, Peter Tickner, Brett Christensen, Roy Courtney**, and **Bob & Lynne Marks**.

Youth Camp

Southwest (NSW) church invites all youth and young adults to Camp Soul, Youth and Young Adult Camp, May 23-25 at Long Point Conference Centre, Ingleburn. Theme for the week-end is: "Back to Basics--Back to Jesus". **Kent & Nancy Hartman** will be teaching at this camp. The cost is \$105 for people from NSW and \$95 for those from interstate. Registrations with \$50 deposit are requested by May 9. For more information contact **Frank Cunningham** on (02) 4627 1011 or email frank@southwestchurch.org.au or **Eric Hamilton** on 0418 618 415.

Blacktown Lectureship

The Blacktown (Sydney) church plans its one-day Western District Lectureship for the new date of Saturday, October 18 on the theme of "Worship: Simple, Spiritual and Solemn". **Les Totman** from the Bankstown church will present lessons on: "Are You Drifting?", "Why Should We Worship in Spirit & Truth?" and "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

Ladies' Day

The Morayfield church in Brisbane is planning a Ladies' Day on Saturday, August 30. For details email **Sarah Lee** at morayfieldcoc@hotmail.com.

Fifty'n'Over

The Fifty-n-Over retreat is planned for May 2-5 at the Merroo Christian Centre, Merroo Road, Kurrajong. The theme is, "A Builder in God's House." Contacts: **Alan Bottle** (02) 9671 2243 or 0422 106 065 and **Warren Thorburn** (02) 8197 2671 or 0414 893 330.

MSOBS Lectureship

"Faith in Operation" is the theme for the MSOBS Lectureship in Sydney planned for July 9-13. **Dale & Sheila Hartman** are scheduled to visit again for this event, **Russel Bell** will also be returning to Australia for the week and **David & Chris Payne** from Melbourne will also be teaching.

Annual Lectureship

The Eastern Shore (Hobart) congregation is planning its 20th Annual Lectureship on May 1-3. This year's theme is: "The Whole Counsel of God - 20/20 Vision from Acts 20." Speakers from Australia are **Ian Coker, Steve Keddie, Glen Tattersall, Ian McPherson** and **Peter Thomson**; from NZ **Todd O'Donnell, Trevor Major** and **Allan Fowell**; and from the USA **Kevin Rutherford**.

Picnics

Anzac Day picnics were held in three cities with the following attendances: Melbourne – 18; Perth – over 100; Sydney – about 180.

Lake Nillahcootie Camp

At the Victorian Autumn Camp 85 people attended, representing 14 different congregations from 4 states (including the ACT). Teachers spoke on

the theme "What Does the Bible Say about Work, Rest and Play?"

Legends

On April 27-29 **Trevor Major** from South Auckland NZ delivered a series of talks for the Bayswater (Melbourne) church titled, "Urban Legends". He dealt with some popular but fallacious notions which run contrary to the faith.

Teaching Offer

Barry Hume from the Eastside (Launceston) church taught at the Victorian Autumn Camp then at Canberra for a week. He is offering to preach, teach Bible classes and personal studies at churches around Australia. He also provides a booklet with notes for study and reference to each participant.

CALENDAR

May 1st-3rd

Annual Lectureship @ Eastern Shore, Hobart

May 2nd-5th

Fifty'n'Over Retreat @ Kurrajong, NSW

May 23rd-25th

Youth & Young Adult camp @ Ingleburn, NSW

June 6th-9th

Barnabas Project for Darwin @ Coffs Harbour, NSW

June 7th-8th

Camp Splash @ North Stradbroke Island, Qld

July 9th-13th

MSOBS Lectureship @ Macquarie, Sydney

August 30th

Ladies Day @ Morayfield, Brisbane

September 19th-21st

Family Enrichment Week-end @ Bankstown, Sydney

October 18th

Western District Lectureship @ Blacktown, Sydney