

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – May 2017

Welcome to the fourth issue of *Happenings* for 2017. 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

Melbourne Baptism

Faith Tabalujan was baptised by her father, **Benny Tabalujan**, in their bathtub at home on Anzac Day evening, Tuesday, April 25. Faith is in Year 10 at school and has been attending the Belmore Road church with her parents, **Benny & Pauline**, since she was little. The angels in heaven rejoice and so does the church on earth!

ACT baptism

Aiden Ellero of Canberra was baptised on the evening of Thursday April 6, in front of 30-or-so witnesses. Aiden lives in a group house with two other young church members, and they have seen his interest in the gospel flourish over the last year.

Western Fellowship

A small group of Christians have been gathering on Sunday afternoons in the western part of Melbourne for some time. Initially they began meeting once a month. More recently, they have been meeting twice per month. The group, presently facilitated and spurred on by **Graham Wall** and **Roberto Quintanilla**, have included members from the Heidelberg West and Belmore Road congregations in Melbourne. It is hoped that one day the group will develop into a church planting. Currently, all 8 churches of Christ meeting in Melbourne are located in the eastern half of the greater Melbourne metropolitan area.

Victorian Songfest

Autumn Songfest this year is on Saturday, May 20, and will be at the Belmore Road building in Mont Albert North, from 5pm. Contact **Gyula Cseszko** on (03) 8711 8532 for more information.

Saving Light

This series of lessons at the Heidelberg West (Melbourne) congregation is planned for October 5-8 with **Peter Tickner** as the guest speaker.

Picnics

More than 160 people participated in the Anzac Day picnic at Auburn Community Picnic Area, Sydney. This included brethren from 12 NSW churches plus one Queensland, one NZ and one USA congregation.

In Melbourne, Anzac Day was a washout, but about a dozen brave souls gathered under a shelter at Jells Park.

Combination Camp

On the second weekend in March, the Southwest and Bankstown (NSW) congregations had joint weekend camp at The Venue Conference Centre, at Bellambi, north of Wollongong. The theme was "Connect" and the weekend was spent with both congregations getting to know each other better and building relationships. The activities involved devotionals and much singing and recreational games. They were joined on Sunday by the Windang (Wollongong) congregation, with men from each congregation leading the worship.

Lesson Series

Steve Wilson from Queensland taught a series at Southeast (Melbourne) from Friday April 21 to Sunday April 23. Called "Following Jesus Together", it was a follow-up to a series ("Pressing on to Maturity") he taught there in 2013. This series focused on passing on the leadership and example of Christ in families and the body, and every Christ-follower's response in relation to more mature followers.

Victorian Camp

Fifty people (plus day visitors) from nine congregations in NSW, ACT and Victoria attended the Autumn Camp over the Easter long weekend.

Women's Singing Class

This is on again, on the first Monday in May, the 1st, at 7.30pm at the Macquarie church building in Sydney. If you or your friends would like to join the women's singing group, please contact **Stephanie Klemfner**, phone (02) 9878 0207 or email sklemfner@gmail.com. They would love to have women of any age join them! Some participants are 50+, some are not yet teenagers.

Youth & Young adult retreat

This event is organised by the SouthWest (NSW) church and is planned for May 26-28 at the Long Point Christian Centre, in Ingleburn. The theme for this year is "Rising Up!" The cost is \$110 for NSW residents and \$105 for interstate participants. If you plan to attend, you need to RSVP with a \$50 deposit by May 12. Contacts: **Frank Cunningham** 0418 618 415 or stand_firm@hotmail.com or **Kyle Keesee** 0435 237 877 or keesee.kyle@gmail.com.

Students help

Students from Harding University, USA, will be in Victoria for the first two weeks in June. Among other activities, they will spend a weekend with the Bairnsdale brethren, and on the other Sunday they will be with the Belmore Road congregation and the western suburbs fellowship group.

Tassie Lectureship

The Eastern Shore (Hobart) church is holding its 22nd consecutive lectureship, on the theme of "Holy Wholly" - Lessons from 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22. The event begins at 12noon on Thursday May 4 and continues until the evening of Saturday May 6. Speakers will include **Alan Fowell, James Williams, Daniel Smith, Todd O'Donnell, Brett Rutherford, Kah Kin Hon, Glen Tattersall, Charlie Di Palma, Ian McPherson, Kevin Stokes** and **Andrew Young**.

Moree Mission

Mission Moree is on again in 2017 and the dates are July 3-8. This is an opportunity to spend five days working with Aboriginal children in the NSW town of Moree. Go to <http://www.ozgraceandpeace.com/mission-moree-2017-1> for more information or you can contact **Brad Johnson** at bradjohnson@tpg.com.au.

MSOBS Lectureship

This event in Sydney is planned for July 12-16 this year and guest speakers will include **Dale & Sheila Hartman** and **Tim Lewis**. Singing will be led by **Jules Cseszko**.

2018 Camp

Camp Warana for next year is on January 8-13 at Myrtle Park. For more information, you can contact **Glen Tattersall** phone 0419 374 426 or balfourcoc@bigpond.com.

CALENDAR

April 28th-May 1st

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

May 1st

**Women's Singing Class @
Macquarie, Sydney**

May 4th-6th

**Lectureship @ Eastern Shore,
Hobart, Tas**

May 20th

**Autumn Songfest @ Belmore
Road, Melbourne**

May 26th-28th

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

July 3rd-8th

Mission Moree @ Moree, NSW

July 12th-16th

**MSOBS Lectureship @
Macquarie, Sydney**

September 23rd-24th

**Family Seminar @ Bankstown,
Sydney**

October 5th-8th

**Saving Light Series @ Heidelberg
West, Melbourne**

January 8th-13th, 2018

**Camp Warana @ Myrtle Park,
Tas**