

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – May 2018

Welcome to the fourth issue of *Happenings* for 2018. 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

NSW Baptism

John Rumble was baptised at the Southcoast church (Wollongong/Windang) on April 18. He and his wife **Stacy** have been and are studying with **Travis** and **Kiala Powell**.

Melbourne Baptisms

On Sunday, March 4 **Katrina Mak** (nee Soo) was baptised by her husband **Tim-Joe Mak** at the Belmore Road congregation. They were just married in February and had been having pre-marital counselling and Bible study for several months before that. It was a great time of rejoicing for all at Belmore Road.

At the West Heidelberg congregation **Mark Giuricich** was baptised on Sunday April 22.

Project Barnabas

Christians from Coffs Harbour, Canberra and Melbourne travelled to Bairnsdale, Victoria to participate in Project Barnabas on March 27-29. 38 people attended and lessons were presented by **Graham Wall**, **Roberto Quintanilla** and **Marvin Ancell** from the book of Nehemiah. New friendships were formed along with encouraging fellowship and ideas about how to build the body of Christ based on the vision and courage of Nehemiah. Project Barnabas is a bi-annual program which aims to encourage small congregations. The Coffs Harbour brethren have previously shared fellowship with brethren at Darwin and Ballina

Tassie Lectureship

The 24th Annual Eastern Shore Lectureship is set for May 3-5, with speakers from around Australia, NZ, and the USA, on the topic of Defending Gender: God's roles for the sexes. The address is 18 Carbeen Street, Mornington, phone 0439 210 392.

Sydney Picnic

The Eastside congregation hosted the ANZAC Day picnic at the Auburn community picnic area. About 120 people attended the picnic which was blessed with good weather. Fellowship in games, lunch and singing was enjoyed by all. Next year the Hawkesbury congregation has offered to host the picnic.

Women's Singing Class

The next session at the Macquarie (Sydney) church will be on Monday May 7 at 7.30pm. If you would like to join the women's singing class, please contact Stephanie Klempfner, email sklempfner@gmail.com or phone (02) 9878 0207.

Songfest

Jules Cseszko has informed us that the Autumn



Songfest 2018 is planned for Saturday May 12 at 2.30pm at the Monash University Religious Centre Chapel.

Fifty-N-Over Retreat

This is planned for this year during May 4-7, at "Merroo" at Kurrajong, NSW. The Theme will be "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". with speakers **Bob Marks**, **Peter Tickner**, **Frank Cunningham**, **Ray Davidson** & **John Gray**.

Papua New Guinea

Stephen Collins from the Warwick, (Queensland) church plans to lead another PNG Mission Trip in June, leaving Australia on June 22 and returning on July 7. They are still in need of financial support. The cost would be \$1,500 for individuals and they would need to be able to use their gifts to contribute to the team, not necessarily in Teaching or Preaching. In the small village of Kapini there is a faithful servant, **Sephron Joram**. 5 years ago Sephron was the preacher and evangelist for the Wau church. Due to Wau being very unstable because of various local area conflicts, increased cost of living and diminished financial support, Sephron consulted with us about leaving Wau and returning to his home village. He was greatly distressed with this request as it would mean leaving the Wau church to its own devices. We prayed with him and encouraged him to take his family home and continue the work there, and told him that Papa God knows all and that the Wau church would be OK.

Sephron made the decision to return to Kapini and start a work there. It should be noted that the area has a very strong Lutheran following. So he set to work with his Bible, the Holy Spirit, Jesus and God as his companions and preached the Gospel. In the past 5 years he has not only started a church in Kapini, but in a number of other villages in the area.

Many people started attending his lessons and studies and the Lord added to their number those who were being saved, so much so that Sephron received death threats from the Lutherans for "taking their members". Sephron with his beautiful spirit, gentle heart and immense faith continued to teach the truth in love and worked through the troubled times and God has continued to add to the number. Just this past weekend 4 people were baptised. There are in excess of 70 Christians in the area.

5 years on and after his much pleading with us, this year in June, Lord willing the team will travel to Kapini to support Sephron and the other brothers and sisters. Anybody wishing to contribute or take part can contact **Steve Collins** on 0408 934 349 or email at glenallyn1@bigpond.com or **David Payne** 0468 719 025 or paynedt@me.com.

Youth & Young Adult Camp

Camp Soul, organised by the Southwest (NSW) church is planned for May 25-27 at the Long Point Christian Conference Centre, 20 Wills Road, Long Point, Ingleburn. The cost is \$115 for those living within NSW and \$100 for those from interstate. The theme for the camp is: Cybertalk: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly with **Jonathan Frank** as the guest speaker. If you plan to attend you need to RSVP by May 11 with a \$50 deposit. Contact: **Frank Cunningham** swcoc1@hotmail.com or phone 0459 749 776 or 0418 618 415.

Victorian Work

Roberto Quintanilla continues his work with churches in Melbourne and throughout the state. In the first 3 months of 2018 he visited ten churches: Bairnsdale, West Heidelberg, Western Melbourne, Mooroolbark, Belmore Road, Yackandandah, Greater Dandenong, Southeast, Frankston and Mirboo North as well as making a visit to Eastside (Sydney) and Coffs Coast (Coffs Harbour) in NSW.

CALENDAR

May 3rd–5th

**Lectureship @ Eastern Shore,
Hobart**

May 4th–7th

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

May 7th

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

May 12th

**Autumn Songfest 2018 @ Monash
University, Melbourne**

May 25th–27th

Camp Soul @ Long Point, NSW

July 18th-22nd

**MSOBS Lectureship @
Macquarie church, Sydney**