

# HAPPENINGS

## *News of churches of Christ in Australia – November 2012*

Welcome to the latest edition of *Happenings*. Sincere thanks to those who supply us with news! Please email news to [tedpaull@hotmail.com](mailto: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! Ted Paull

### ***NSW Baptism***

**Alex Wilson** was baptised by **Dan Bray** on the Central Coast on October 6. They have been friends since primary school in Bathurst and Alex was groomsman for Dan's wedding and lived with Dan before he was married. During this time they had four months of intensive study, and Alex has been considering his decision since then.

### ***Tassie Baptisms***

From Latrobe comes great news of the baptism on October 14 of **Jackson Marks** and his sister **Sarah Marks**. **Joshua** and **Jane Marks** are very blessed parents with all of their children now being part of the family of God.

### ***PNG Trip***

**Tom Bunt** is planning another mission trip to Papua New Guinea for September-October 2013. Tom will not be going due to lung and heart troubles, but the team will be led by **Steve Collins** from the Warwick (Qld) church, who has made five trips already. About a dozen members (mostly from the Point [Brisbane] church) will be doing manual work on church buildings, as well as preaching and teaching in the Waria Valley.

### ***Gospel Mission***

A series of meetings with preaching on First Principles is planned by the Kurrajong (NSW) church as follows:

Friday, December 14th - 7pm followed by light refreshments;

Saturday, December 15th - 5:30-8pm with light refreshments in between;

Sunday, December 16th - 9:30am-12noon followed by lunch.

Speakers will be **Stephen Males**, **Dan Bray** and **Roberto Quintanilla**.

### ***India Trip***

**Roger Donnelley** (Belmore Rd, Melbourne) and **Peter Mandalidis** (Eastside, Sydney) have just returned from a 3 week mission trip to India. This consisted of teaching local "preachers" at a workshop for 5 days, preaching on Sundays, visiting and preaching at local churches and conducting house meetings. They were the guests of **David K Daniel** who runs an orphanage at Sathupally, partially supported by the Belmore Rd church. They also visited 2 other orphanages sponsored by the brethren from USA which have 91 and 46 orphans. Young Christian widows are employed to take care of these children. Any church interested in assisting the work of the Lord in India please contact Roger 0468 317 258 or Peter 0439 877 643. Finally, anyone assisting **TV Samson Raj** (Hyderabad) or **Raja Vijay Kumar** (Rajahmundry), please contact Peter for a confidential discussion about their work.

### ***WA Camp***

The Malaga (Perth) church would welcome anyone from the east coast to join them for their Family Camp, March 1-4, 2013. Contact: **Sonya Parker** at [sonyalk@yahoo.com](mailto:sonyalk@yahoo.com).

### ***Saving Light***

The 20th Saving Light Series was held at the Heidelberg West (Vic) church from October 11th - 14th. It was well attended by brethren from Heidelberg and some other congregations. The church thanks **Peter Tickner** for the effort he put into preparing and presenting five fine lessons around the theme "Is Jesus the Answer?" and all the other brethren who worked to make this such a good series.

### **Scarecrows**

The Kurrajong church participated in the annual village Scarecrow Festival on October 27 & 28. Members of all ages offered friendly smiles, free pens, fridge magnets and balloons to those who passed by the Scarecrows displayed by the church. Members were also encouraged by 8 visitors from churches in Sydney, Orange and QLD.

### **Youth Day**

Gold Coast Church of Christ will hold a Youth and Young at Heart event on Sunday November 18th at the Nerang Bicentennial Community Centre where it meets. They invite all to come and join them from 9.30am–2pm. Lunch provided. Contact: **Frank Gnanam** (07) 5529 7743.

### **Destination Darwin**

Are you interested in encouraging a small congregation? A project which plans to send 20 Christians up to Darwin to encourage them over the Easter weekend in 2013 is being organised by **Marvin & Jenny Ancell** at Coffs Harbour. The date is March 29-April 1. If you would like to find out further information, check out our website [www.coffschurch.org.au](http://www.coffschurch.org.au) or email [lancell50@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lancell50@optusnet.com.au) or phone (02) 6652 4549.

### **Preacher wanted**

Blacktown (Sydney) church of Christ is seeking a full-time worker for the congregation. The package for the worker includes an on-site residence. Interested applicants should forward their resume and cover letter to the leadership group, Blacktown church of Christ, PO Box 281, Blacktown, NSW 2148.

### **Sydney - Youth & Young @ Heart**

**Ben Bray** from the Eastside (Sydney) church spoke on "Hospitality" on October 28 at the Warringah church.

### **Retreating Ladies**

"Experience the Blessing of Covenant" at a Ladies' Retreat to be held on November 9-11 at the Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headland, Qld. Cost for the weekend is \$150 with pre-registration with a \$50 deposit by September 30. Contact: **Ronya Johnson** at [ozibelle@tpg.com.au](mailto:ozibelle@tpg.com.au) or **Karen Cavenaugh** at [Karen@cabinetsonline.com.au](mailto:Karen@cabinetsonline.com.au).

### **Queensland Camp**

Camp Gidawarra is planned for January 6-11 at Bornhoffen, 3510 Nerang-Murwillumbah Road, Natural Bridge, Qld 4211 with guest speaker, **Earl Lavender**. Contact: the Facebook page for the camp.

### **WA Camp**

Almost 50 people, including members of the Malaga church plus some relatives & friends, help a camp at Pingelly (about 150km SE of Perth) on September 28-October 1. The aim was to get better acquainted with just a few structured activities including Sunday morning worship, catching yabbies and making damper.

### **Challenge Camp**

Early Bird date is almost here: November 13 for Camp Challenge. The theme is "Drawing Closer to God!" with **Eddie Legg** from the Malaga church in Perth. The event is planned for December 27-January 1 at the Lutanda Centre, 761 Springwood Rd, Yarramundi, near Richmond, NSW. There are reduced rates for families with teenage or younger children. All bookings (with details) must be made and a deposit paid by 4th December if you want to be at camp! Contact **Bob Marks** at [bobmarks.au@gmail.com](mailto:bobmarks.au@gmail.com) or see <http://www.campchallenge.org.au/>.

### **CALENDAR**

November 9th-11th

Area-wide Ladies Retreat @ Alexandra Headland, Sunshine Coast, Qld

November 15th-18th

Eastside congregational camp @ Collaroy, Sydney

November 18th

Youth & Young @ Heart @ Nerang, Qld

December 14th-16th

Gospel Mission @ Kurrajong, NSW

December 27th-January 1st

Camp Challenge @ Yarramundi, NSW

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January 6th-11th

Camp Gidawarra @ Natural Bridge, Qld

January 16th-21st

North Coast Enrichment Seminar @ Coffs Harbour, NSW

March 1st-4th

Malaga Family camp @ Serpentine, WA

September-October

Mission Trip to Papua New Guinea.