

# HAPPENINGS

## *News of churches of Christ in Australia – November 2013*

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### **Melbourne Baptism**

At the Belmore Road congregation in Box Hill North, a young university student by the name of **Jake Moxey** gave his life to Christ on Sunday October 27. Jake had been coming along to Belmore Road throughout 2013 and has been studying the Bible over the last few months.

### **Venue Change**

As from December 2, the Hawkesbury (NSW) congregation we will be meeting at the Skillshare building, 23 Bosworth Street Richmond. Worship will be 10.00am followed by Bible study. The reason for the change is that the Seniors Centre will be closing for refurbishment and the addition for a community hall in front of it. Enquiries: **Roy Courtney** (02) 4578 3958.

### **Gospel Mission**

The congregation of the Lord's church at Kurrajong (NSW) will be having a series on "Something To Think About" with lessons presented by **Les Totman** of the Bankstown church during November 22-24. The lessons are: Friday 7.30pm "Why Bother?" (The relevance of God, Christ, the Bible & Christianity); Saturday 7pm "Where's The Evidence?" (The evidence for the above); Sunday 9.30am "What Are We Talking About?" (The nature of Christianity. What is Christianity about as a way of life?); 11am "What's The Point?" (Why be a Christian? What are the positives/benefits of following Christ?) Light refreshments will be provided after each session. Everyone is welcome! Enquiries: **Roberto Quintanilla** 0404 784 146.

### **Worker Chosen**

The elders at the Belmore Rd (Melbourne) church are pleased to announce that **James Chan** will be supported by Belmore Rd from November 2013 for one day a week. James will work alongside **David Payne** and will focus on the growing ministry with the Chinese brethren and outreach to the Chinese community.

### **Melbourne Lessons**

The Southeast congregation invites all to a series on "Pressing on to Maturity: Seriously Pursuing Christianity in the 21st Century" during November 21-24. The lessons, to be presented by **Steve Wilson**, are about becoming the people God wants us to be.

Days & times:

Thursday 7.30pm

Friday 7.30pm

Saturday 10am-2.30pm

Sunday 9.45am to 12.30pm

All lessons will be at Essex Park Community Place, 16 Essex Park Drive, Endeavour Hills, except for Friday evening which will be at the Senior Citizens Hall 41A Latham Crescent, Dandenong North.

### **Family Retreat**

The Malaga (Perth) church of Christ would like to welcome all to their 2014 Family Retreat at Serpentine on Friday February 28 to Monday March 3. Registrations with a \$30 deposit are due by December 8. For information contact **Sonya Parker** ([sonyalk@yahoo.com](mailto:sonyalk@yahoo.com) or 0401 394 894) for more information and a registration form.

### ***Saving Light***

The 21st Saving Light Series was held at the Heidelberg West church in Melbourne during October 10-13. The theme for the series this year was "Family", which is also the theme the church has been concentrating on during 2013. The speaker was **Ian Coker** from the church in Townsville, Qld. Ian presented five wonderful lessons around the Family theme, with a focus on building strong homes and families and raising children and teenagers. The lessons were well received by both members and visitors as they were full of practical, scripturally based information to better equip the audience to encourage and maintain godly homes and families.

### ***Blossom 2013***

This Ladies' Day was described as "an amazingly successful day." The ladies from the Blacktown congregation took up the challenge to produce an event for all age groups, full of love, encouragement, teaching and variety. **Nicole George**, one of their youth, was MC for the day, **Lyn Wilson** used her artistic/craft skills and talks were presented by **Janie Penhall, Margaret Van der Laan, Yvonne Rossiter, Jessica Morris, Kimberly Frank, Kathrine LoBasso** and **Hellen George**. Another similar day is planned for 2014.

### ***Adelaide Camp***

The Metro church of Christ held a Bible camp during October 4-7. Approximately 45/50 people attended the four day event with campers from Canberra, Port Pirie and Malaysia. The camp theme was Christian Joy. **Raymond Kirkpatrick** from the Canberra church family was the guest speaker at the Sunday morning worship. A great time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. A big "thank you" is given to **Ray Chivers** for organizing the event.

### ***Challenge Camp***

There are less than 60 days until camp begins again! Camp Challenge will be held

at a new location this year: Kiah Ridge Christian Conference Centre, 25 Bargo River Road, TAHMOOR, NSW 2573. The theme is: "We're in this Together!—Eternity for Me, You, Us and Them". Date for the camp is December 27, 2013 to January 1, 2014. To get a discounted rate you need to register and pay a \$50 deposit by November 11. Details are at [campchallenge.org.au](http://campchallenge.org.au). Enquiries: **Bob Marks** 0414 238 581.

### ***China Wedding***

The wedding of **Siheng Wang**, a brother in Christ from the Eastside (Sydney) congregation, and his wife **Zimo** went well with 300 wedding guests. Many of which heard the Word of the Lord for the very first time during the wedding ceremony conducted by **Peter Mandalidis**. China's population is now 1.6 billion and most have never heard the Word (Luke 10:2).

### ***PNG Mission Trip***

The Papua New Guinea mission trip with five Australian brethren and two from PNG worked in the Waria Valley and Wau during September 5-19. It was organised by **Tom Bunt** and led by **Steve Collins**. There were 17 baptisms in the Waria Valley during the campaign and the plan is to return to the Waria in 2015 to strengthen the congregations there.

## **CALENDAR**

**November 21st-24th**

**Special Lessons@ Southeast,  
Melbourne**

**November 22nd-24th**

**Gospel Mission@ Kurrajong NSW**

**December 2nd**

**New Venue@ Hawkesbury NSW**

**December 27th, 2013-January 1st, 2014**

**Camp Challenge @ Tahmoor,  
NSW**

**January 19**

**Youth Day @ Warringah, Sydney**

**February 28th-March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**2014 Family Retreat @  
Serpentine, WA**