

# ***HAPPENINGS***

## ***News of churches of Christ in Australia – November 2015***

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### ***Melbourne Baptisms***

At the Belmore Road congregation **David Chao**, a university student who has been visiting Belmore Road church for some time, was baptised into Christ on September 20.

The Heidelberg West congregation reports the baptism of **Gina Kembrey** on Sunday, October 11 the last day of their Saving Light series. She has been attending worship and Bible studies for some months.

On the same day **Jodene Staiger** was also baptized into Christ. She was in palliative care, suffering from cancer. She died on October 23 and was buried on October 30. Her conversion to Christ gave her much peace during her final days.

### ***Saving Light***

The Saving Light Series held in October at the Heidelberg West (Melbourne) church was once again a great experience. **Les Totman** presented some tremendously thought-provoking lessons on the topic of "Eternity". The series was very well supported by the Heidelberg West brethren as well as brethren from other congregations around Melbourne and even interstate. There

were also several visitors from the general community.

### ***Singing afternoon***

Brethren in Melbourne plan to gather for an afternoon of singing titled "SpringSing 2015" starting at 2pm hosted by the brethren at the Heidelberg West congregation. For information contact **Guyula Cseszko** on 0437 564 179.

### ***Summer Camp***

Camp CHALLENGE (Christians Having A Loving Learning Encouraging Nurturing Godly Experience) runs from December 27 to January 1 at Kiah Ridge Conference Centre, Tahmoor, NSW. This year's theme is to be "We are the Light of the World." The theme for New Year's Eve celebrations is to be "Black and White." If you register and pay a deposit by November 17 the cost is Adults - \$370; Teens - \$355; Children - \$210; 0-4yo - free! Final registrations are due by December 11. For more information, check the website: <http://www.campchallenge.org.au/> Further enquiries: **Bob Marks** at [bobmarks@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmarks@hotmail.com) or 0414 238 581.

### **Retreat**

The 50-N-Over Retreat is planned for April 29-May 2 next year, again at "Meroo" near Kurrajong, NSW.

### **Family Camp**

The Malaga (Perth) church is again planning a family camp for next year and the date is March 4-7, 2016, and the location is the Serpentine Camping Centre. They would love to have more campers from other congregations! The cost is: Adults - \$144; Children - \$139. Please contact **Sonya Parker** at [sonyalk@yahoo.com](mailto:sonyalk@yahoo.com) for more information and registration.

### **Victorian Camp**

Revive Camp in Victoria was conducted during September 18-20. Participants numbered more than fifty and came from Melbourne and Horsham in Victoria, Sydney, Coffs Harbour and the Central Coast in New South Wales, Perth, WA, Brisbane, Queensland, Canberra, ACT and New Zealand. "Growing for Good: Above All that We Ask or Think" was the theme from Ephesians chapter 3.

### **Website**

The Macquarie (Sydney) congregation is reconstructing its website. It also has a new address: [www.macquariechurchofchrist.org](http://www.macquariechurchofchrist.org).

### **Workshops**

The one day *Connecting Children with God* workshops conducted in Melbourne (at Belmore Road) and Brisbane (at Holland Park) were very well attended. Thirty-two people from four congregations in Victoria and Tasmania attended the Melbourne workshop and 40 people from four Queensland congregations attended the Brisbane workshop.

### **Bible Studies**

Module 3 of the Klesis Bible Program was run as a six-day intensive course during August 17-22 in Melbourne at the Belmore Road church's building. The subject was *New Testament Textual Studies: Luke-Acts* which is a Harding University undergraduate subject and was taught by Nathan Guy. Fourteen students attended from 6 different churches in Victoria, NSW, ACT and Kuala Lumpur.

### **Camp Warana 2016**

This is on again at Mrytle Park, Tasmania during January 4-11 on the theme, "There is Nothing New Under the Sun!" Contact: **James Young** on 0449 178 715 or [jamesjessyoung@gmail.com](mailto:jamesjessyoung@gmail.com).

## **CALENDAR**

### **November 15th**

**SpringSing 2015 @ Heidelberg West, Melbourne**

### **December 27th-January 1st 2016**

**Camp Challenge @ Tahmoor, NSW**

### **January 3rd-8th**

**Camp Gidawarra @ Natural Bridge, Qld**

### **January 4th-11th**

**Camp Warana @ Myrtle Park, Tas**

### **March 4th-7th**

**Malaga Family Camp @ Serpentine, WA**

### **April 29th-May 2nd**

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