

# HAPPENINGS

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

Welcome to the latest edition of *Happenings*. Many 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

### ***Western District Lectureship***

This will be hosted by the Blacktown (Sydney) church on October 12-14. The topic is “Technology: Addiction, Distraction or Aid?” and the speakers are: **Peter Van der Laan, Stuart Penhall, Jonathan Frank and George Little**.

### ***New P O Box***

The South East congregation in Melbourne has a new mailing address: PO Box 319, Endeavour Hills, VIC 3802.

### ***Door-knocking***

**Henry Kirkwood** and **David Carr** of the Hunter Valley (NSW) church have started a bit of door-knocking in the vicinity of the new meeting place at Bruce St, East Maitland. This is to help introduce the church to the local community. The approach is relatively non-threatening, and has the added goal of trying to find children who might come to Bible classes. The first day of door-knocking saw them find a teenager and TAFE student who lived right next door to the Bruce St Community Hall, and who said she was excited to again be reminded of her Sunday school days of years ago, and who would talk to her friend about both of them coming along.

### ***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. The speaker (via Skype): **Andrew Bowens** from Gotha Church of Christ, Florida, USA. The day’s theme is, “Join Team Jesus for the Spiritual Olympics”. They invite all to come and join them from 9.30am–2pm. Lunch provided. Contact: **Frank Gnanam** (07) 5529 7743.

### ***Scarecrows again***

The Kurrajong (NSW) church will again be participating in the annual Kurrajong Scarecrow Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 & 28. They will have scarecrows on display, be giving away free pens, balloons, fridge magnets and information about Christianity. A free lunch will be provided on both days. The church welcomes brethren from other congregations to visit and share in the outreach.

### ***Saving Light Series***

This Series hosted by the Heidelberg West (Melbourne) church is planned for October 11-14, on the theme, “Is Jesus the Answer?”. **Peter Tickner** from the Macquarie church will be the featured speaker.

### ***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 allowing the successful applicant to walk to work, avoiding the daily commute. Interested applicants should forward their resume and cover letter to the leadership group, Blacktown church of Christ, PO Box 281, Blacktown, NSW 2148.

### ***Gold Coast Appeal***

In recent weeks, the Gold Coast (Qld) Church of Christ mailed Letters of Appeal to all churches of Christ in Australia inviting individuals and families to re-locate to the Gold Coast to work with the congregation, to build it up physically and spiritually. For more information and/or if you have not received this letter please contact **Frank Gnanam**: [fgnanam@gmail.com](mailto:fgnanam@gmail.com) or (07) 5529 7743 or 0414 216 476.

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

**Ben Bray** from the Eastside (Sydney) church will be speaking on "Hospitality" on October 28 at 5.30pm at the Warringah church.

### ***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***

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

### ***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. If you would like to join them in this Barnabas project or find out further information phone (02) 6652 4549, or email [lancell50@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lancell50@optusnet.com.au).

### ***Retreating Ladies***

"Experience the Blessing of Covenant" at a Ladies' Retreat to be held on November 9-11 at the Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Banksia Conference Rooms, 13 Mari St, Alexandra Headland, Qld. Cost for the weekend is \$150 with a pre-registration with a \$50 deposit by September 30. For enquiries and registration forms contact **Ronya Johnson** at [ozibelle@tpg.com.au](mailto:ozibelle@tpg.com.au) or **Karen Cavanaugh** at [Karen@cabinetsonline.com.au](mailto:Karen@cabinetsonline.com.au).

### ***Challenge Camp***

Camp Challenge theme for this year is "Drawing Closer to God!" The event is planned for December 27-January 1 at the Lutanda Centre, 761 Springwood Rd, Yarramundi, near Richmond, NSW. Guest speaker is **Eddie Legg** from the Malaga church in Perth. Early Bird Rate applies if you book with a \$50 deposit before November 13: Adult (18+) - \$340; 13 - 17 years - \$325; 4 - 12 years - \$315; 1-3 years - Free. There are reduced rates for families with teenage or younger children. Bookings (with details) must be made and a deposit paid by 4th December if you want to be at camp! For enquiries contact **Bob**

**Marks** at [bobmarks.au@gmail.com](mailto:bobmarks.au@gmail.com) or see the website: <http://www.campchallenge.org.au/>.

### ***Blacktown Blossoming***

Sixty-five ladies attended the Blossoms Day at the Blacktown (Sydney) church on September 22. The aim of the day was to encourage all the women to bond with each other, have a closer relationship through unity and love, and to grow as sisters in Christ. Seven ladies spoke and covered the following topics: Growing in unity and love, Journaling your spiritual thoughts, Balancing Physical health & Spiritual health, Poems, Sponsor a child and Somalia.

## **CALENDAR**

### **October 11th-14th**

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

### **October 12th-14th**

**Western District Lectureship @ Blacktown, Sydney**

### **October 27th-28th**

**Scarecrow Festival Outreach @ Kurrajong, NSW**

### **October 28th**

**Youth & Young @ Heart @ Warringah, Sydney**

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

**Camp Challenge @ Yarramundi, NSW**

## **2013**

### **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**