

# HAPPENINGS

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

The months pass quickly when things are *Happenings!* Please email news 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 an email copy of *Happenings* please let us know. Ted Paull

### *Perth Baptisms*

On Thursday September 12 at the Malaga congregation three souls were added to the Lord's church. After many years of seeking the truth and a brief study about forgiveness and continuing in the Christian life, **Christine Tsakaris** and her sister **Annette Tsakaris** and Christine's daughter, **Rachel Dusci**, were baptised into Christ.

### *Melbourne Baptism*

At the new Mooroolbark congregation which began meeting at the beginning of this year they have had their first baptism. **Carol Yourey** was united with Christ on Sunday September 22.

### *Cairns Baptism*

On Saturday September 21 **Ramona Sariman** was baptised into Christ at Freshwater Creek. She wanted to be baptised in the river, like the Lord.

### *Coffs Harbour Baptism*

At the Coffs Coast (NSW) congregation **Alex Dow**, the husband of one of their founding members- **Daphne Riccobone**, was baptised into Christ in September. He and Daphne were recently married and now they are united in the most important of all ways, in Christ. They will be living in Alora, Queensland, which is about five hours drive north of Coffs Harbour.

### *Songbooks Supplied*

The Gladstone Central (Qld) church reports that it took just two weeks from the request from the Gladstone (Qld) congregation in last month's *Happenings* for all their songbook needs to be offered. These have now arrived. They send their thanks to those who helped!

### *Sydney Y & Y @ H*

The next Warringah Youth & Young at Heart evening will be held Sunday, October 27 at Table 33, Area 3 at Manly Dam commencing at 5.30pm. Light refreshments will be served. Enquiries bobmarks@hotmail.com 0414238581.

### *Revive Camp*

Youth and young adults from New South Wales, rural Victoria, Queensland and Melbourne made up the 53 campers who searched the scriptures for their true identity. Based on Ephesians 1, **Benny Tabalujan** showed how God answers our deepest fears by reassuring us of our acceptance, blessedness and inheritance. Empowered by God, each Revive participant was led into discovering that God has prepared good works beforehand that they should walk in them, Ephesians 2:10.

### *Blossom 2013*

Blacktown (Sydney) ladies day--Blossom 2013-- will be held on October 12, 10am-3pm. You can arrive anytime after 9am for registration. The topic will be: "Building Generational Bridges". Morning tea and lunch will be provided. A Facebook page has now been set up for this Blacktown Ladies Day. Click onto Events and all the details are there for you to RSVP and you could also send the invite to your family and friends using the details there. Teenage girls and women of all ages are encouraged to attend. Contact: **Hellen George** on 0419 647 404 or email [hellen\\_zims@live.com.au](mailto:hellen_zims@live.com.au) or **Colleen Golafshan** on 0430 447 770 or email [colleen@freak.com.au](mailto:colleen@freak.com.au).

### *Ladies Retreat*

The 2013 Brisbane Ladies Retreat is planned for October 25-27 at the Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headland, on the Sunshine Coast QLD. The theme will surround the topic of "Seeking Justice, Loving Mercy and Walking Humbly with God." Cost for the weekend is \$160. If you plan to attend, a \$60 deposit is due by September 20th. For registration forms and information about direct deposit, where to post forms, and details, email **Ronya Johnson** on [ozibelle@tpg.com.au](mailto:ozibelle@tpg.com.au). It is sure to be a great weekend, and there is NO age limit, on either end!

### *Saving Light*

The Saving Light series this year at the Heidelberg West (Melbourne) church will be taught by **Ian Coker** from Townsville and will feature lessons on "The Family." The date will be October 10-13. Subjects will be: "Can broken homes be rebuilt?"; "How to grow a lasting marriage"; "Keys to successful parenting"; "How to navigate the teenage years"; and "How to build a strong family."

### *VBS*

The Coffs Coast (Coffs Harbour) congregation held a Vacation Bible School in the school holidays, September 23-25. Each day, approximately 23 children attended. The theme: "Respect for God, Others and Yourself" was based on the book of Daniel. The finale of the VBS included a parent's evening where a tour was provided showing aspects of Daniel's life. A movie that included interviews with the African parents was also premiered that night. Lots of fun, roaring lions, and learning new songs was had during the 3 days. The congregation would like to thank **Mary Nelson** and **Gip Woothitha** for helping the congregation co-ordinate this event.

### *Family Retreat*

The Malaga (Perth) church of Christ would like to welcome all to their 2014 Family Retreat on Friday February 28 to Monday March 3. Please contact **Sonya Parker** (sonyalk@yahoo.com or 0401 394 894) for more information and a registration form.

### *Challenge Camp*

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. Details are at [campchallenge.org.au](http://campchallenge.org.au).

### *Ladies' Day*

The ladies of the Belmore Road (Melbourne) congregation are holding their annual Ladies' Day at the Sky High Restaurant on Mount Dandenong, from 9:30am to 3pm on October 12. **Jenny Ancell** from Coffs Harbour will lead the devotional.

### *Mission*

The North East congregation in Adelaide will hold a one-day mission with **Brett Christensen** from Melbourne speaking on the topic, "Is it True What They Say?" They meet at the Library Building in Wilkinson Road, which runs off Kesters Road, Para Hills at 10am on Sundays and in a nearby home at 95 Billabong Street at 7:30pm on Wednesday nights.

### *Sydney Studies*

At the Eastside church of Christ. **Tim Murdoch** and **Peter Mandalidis** have been meeting in a cafe near Town Hall for Bible study and fellowship for over a year. At the end of the meeting a month ago the owner and the barista both requested a FriendSpeak study and have enrolled in the course. **Erin** and **Lily** are both from South Korea and are improving in English and in their understanding of the Bible through this program. Please pray that these women open their hearts and minds to the gospel.

### *China Wedding*

**Siheng Wang** another FriendSpeak student in Sydney obeyed the gospel after switching from FriendSpeak to a Bible study two years ago. Shortly after Siheng's baptism he had to return home to China where he now resides. Siheng has contacted **Peter Mandalidis** and requested that he come to China to conduct a Christian wedding ceremony and has paid for his air fare and arranged his accommodation whilst in China. The wedding is on October 15, 2013.

### *Melbourne Singing*

The congregation in Heidelberg West is hosting SpringSing 2013, an afternoon of singing on Sunday, October 6, from 2:00pm. This year "The Exodus" is the theme.

## **CALENDAR**

### **October 6th**

**SpringSing 2013@ Heidelberg West, Melbourne**

### **October 10th-13th**

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

### **October 12th**

**Blossom 2013 @ Blacktown, Sydney**

### **October 12th**

**Belmore Rd Congregational Ladies Day @ Mt Dandenong, Vic**

### **October 20th**

**Mission @ North East, Adelaide**

### **October 25th-27th**

**Brisbane Ladies' Retreat @ Alexandra Headland, Sunshine Coast, Qld**

### **October 27th**

**Y&Y@H @ Manly Dam, Sydney**

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

**Camp Challenge @ Tahmoor, NSW**

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

**2014 Family Retreat @ Perth, WA**