

# HAPPENINGS

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

Welcome to the latest edition of *Happenings*. Lots of news so thanks to all who contributed! 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

### ***Blossom at Blacktown***

The women at the Blacktown (Sydney) church are hosting a session for women on September 22, at 10am-3pm, entitled, "Blossom in Christ". It is described as "A Day of Renewal and Refreshment in your Faith". Morning tea and lunch will be provided. For information contact: **Hellen George** at [hellen\\_zims@live.com](mailto:hellen_zims@live.com) or 0419 647 404.

### ***Revive Camp***

This is planned for September 28-30 at Candlebark Farm, 531 Healesville-Kooweerup Rd, Healesville, Victoria. Guest speakers are **Jonathan & Kim Frank** on the theme: "With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility". The cost is \$145 per person with discounts for registrations by September 2 and a further discount for non-Victorians. For information contact **Ruth Xu** at [camprevive2012@belmoreroadchurch.org.au](mailto:camprevive2012@belmoreroadchurch.org.au) or **Leslie Smith** on 0420 587 992

### ***Toowoomba, Qld Lectureship***

The Gipps Street church is holding its annual "Set on a Hill" Lectureship on September 28-30 on the subject of "Stewardship". Speakers are planned to be **Charlie Di Palma, Ritchie Doña, Frank Payne, Abraham Miller** and **Chris Herd**. For information phone: (07) 4630 1505 or 0431 365 531.

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

The Gold Coast (Qld) church will be sending out a Letter of Appeal to churches of Christ soon. The church invites individuals and families to re-locate to the Gold Coast to work with the congregation, to build it up physically and spiritually. This is a wonderful opportunity for active involvement, mission work, for evangelism, for youth ministry. Contact: **Frank Gnanam**, [fgnanam@gmail.com](mailto:fgnanam@gmail.com) or (07) 5529 7743 or 0414 216 476.

### ***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**.

### ***Day for Ladies***

The Holland Park (Brisbane) church is planning a Ladies' Day on Saturday, September 15 starting at 9.30am on the theme: "...for Such a Time as This!" Esther 4:14. Cost will be \$10 with morning and afternoon tea and lunch provided. For enquiries, please ring: **Rosie O'Dell** on (07) 3341 3612 or **Danielle Johnson** on (07) 3207 5445.

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

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

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

**Grant McFarland** spoke on "Aliens" at the Warringah church on August 26. There will not be a session in September so the next is planned for October 28.

### ***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 all 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).

### **Adkins Move**

**David, Kate and Samuel Adkins** have decided that it is time to move on from the Southeast (Melbourne) congregation. They were among those who started the congregation in 1994 when it met at Dandenong North. David will be continuing his internet work with Bible Roadmap School at [brs.org.au](http://brs.org.au). If you wish to join his email list send a message to [admin@brs.org.au](mailto:admin@brs.org.au) to join.

### **Merger**

After a lot of prayer and discussion it has been decided that the Westchurch (Perth) will cease to meet at Churchlands Senior High School following the service on Sunday September 23. They plan to merge with the church at Malaga. Please keep the members of both churches in your prayers during this time of change.

### **Queensland Workers**

**Jason and Sheryl Moriarty** have been missionaries in Papua New Guinea for over 10 years, mostly in the Madang area. They have now moved to Cairns and commenced working with the church here. This is an exciting time for the Cairns church as it focuses more on outreach, particularly amongst the large PNG population in Cairns. They will be seeking some support from Australian churches and individuals. If anyone is able to help, contact them at [jason-squash-it@hotmail.com](mailto:jason-squash-it@hotmail.com) or **Graeme Offer** at [goffer@netspace.net.au](mailto:goffer@netspace.net.au).

### **Sing, Sing, Sing!**

A group of six led by **John Wiegand** from San Francisco visited 3 congregations in August to lead singing sessions and teach songs. They included some from the USA, and **John Cooper** and **Nancy Wu Won** from Melbourne. They travelled to South East and Bairnsdale in Victoria, and then to Canberra. Reports from all congregations were very positive.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **September 15**

**Ladies’ Day @ Holland Park, Brisbane**

#### **September 22nd**

**Women’s Day @ Blacktown, NSW**

#### **September 28th-30th**

**Revive Camp @ Candlebark Farm, Healesville, Vic**

#### **September 28th-30th**

**Set on a Hill Lectureship @ Toowoomba, Qld**

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

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

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

**Western District Lectureship @ Blacktown, Sydney**

#### **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**

#### **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**