

# ***HAPPENINGS***

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

Welcome to the latest edition of *Happenings*. Thanks to all who contributed! Please email news to [tedpaull@hotmail.com](mailto:tedpaull@hotmail.com), or mail it to **P O Box 41 NORTH RYDE NSW 1670** or ring **(02) 9888 9664, (02) 9878 3008** or **(02) 9878 1078**. If you would like to receive an email copy of *Happenings* please let us know! Ted Paull

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### ***Southwest baptism***

The congregation meeting in Ambarvale, NSW, welcomes to the family, **Jacob Todd**, who was washed in the blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and added to the kingdom and the Lord's church at SouthWest on Sunday, July 22.

### ***Melbourne baptisms***

At the Belmore Road church they had two baptisms in a week. **Madam Zhao**, neighbour of one their longtime sisters, **Tjing Krause**, was baptised on Tuesday July 17. She had been studying the Bible with **James** and **Sarah Chan**. Then on Wednesday night, July 18, **Christopher Campbell**, was baptised by his dad, **Ian**. Now all four of the Campbell children have been baptised!

### ***New Assembly***

On Sunday 8th July the inaugural meeting of the church in Bendigo, Victoria, was held at 10.30a.m. in the home of **Ashwin** and **Melody Snell**, former members of the Heidelberg West church who moved to Bendigo with their two daughters earlier this year. **Elaine McLeod**, formerly of the Footscray West church and then of Heidelberg West, who is now living at Bendigo also attended attend the worship service, along with Melody's parents, **Tony** and **Marilyn**, who are here from India for the rest of this year. **Geoff** and **Joan Thomas** from the Heidelberg West congregation were there also. Some men from congregations in Melbourne plan to visit to assist in leading worship services. Contact is Ashwin Snell, mobile 0415 650 812.

### ***New Property***

The Malaga church in Perth completed the purchase of its new building at 66 Westchester Road, Malaga in July. Renovations are now underway with a prospective occupation date of early October.

### ***Revive Camp***

This is planned for September 28-30 at Candlebark Farm, 531 Healesville-Kooweerup Rd, Healesville, Victoria. Guest speakers are **Jonathan & Kim Frank**. The theme is: "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 **Leslie Smith** on 0420 587 992 or **Ruth Xu** at [camprevive2012@belmorerdchurch.org.au](mailto:camprevive2012@belmorerdchurch.org.au).

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

**Christian Barholz** spoke on "Motivation" at the Warringah church on July 29. This month **Grant McFarland** from the Eastside church is the speaker planned for August 26 at 5.30pm.

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

This will be hosted by the Blacktown (Sydney) church on October 12-14. The topic is "Technology: Addiction, Distraction or Aid?"

### ***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.

### ***Coffs Coast Building Fund***

The Building Fund of this NSW church originated from a conversation with a member of the Ballina church, **Pearl Slender**. Pearl remembered the time her father, **Cecil Shepherd**, helped build the Kurrajong church building (in 1948) with the help of local people. Pearl suggested that starting a fund could give Christians an impetus to help. About 18 months ago, the congregation agreed to start. The first donation was from a lady who attended a singing workshop, thanked them for their hospitality and donated \$900. They now have a little over \$4,000. Some members have sold things and donated money. One Christian from Sydney donated \$1,000. Most of the money has come as small contributions from the local members. They already have an architect, builder and plumber who are prepared to give free labour. Any offers of help whether it is financial or practical will be valued. Contact: 0419 500 231 or P O Box 1205, COFFS HARBOUR, NSW 2450

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

The Gold Coast (Qld) church will be sending out a Letter of Appeal to churches of Christ in the coming months. This is not a financial appeal. The church invites individuals and families (young and mature) 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 or (07) 5529 7743 or 0414 216 476.

### ***MSOBS Lectureship***

Brethren from 19 congregations participated in this Sydney Lectureship during July 11-15. Lessons on the theme "Go...and Learn", Matthew 9:13, were presented by 16 men and 5 ladies.

### ***Bible Quiz***

The Southwest (NSW) congregation plans its annual Bible Quiz for Saturday August 11 on the book of Joshua. This will be at the East Campbelltown Hall, Waminda Ave & Macquarie Ave. Contact: **Jonathan Frank**, the\_globetrotter2003@yahoo.com.au or mob 0411 148 210. Sunday meetings are at the

Muru Nanga Mai Centre, (also known as Ambarvale Youth Centre) Wickfield Circuit, Ambarvale (behind Aldi, next to the Masonic Centre).

### ***Skype Study***

The Gold Coast (Qld) church has commenced a skype ministry with brethren from the Elmore Church of Christ (Alberta, USA). Once a month, these brethren conduct the Sunday morning Bible Study and deliver the Sermon via skype. The first session of the ministry was held on July 1, 2012. For more information contact **Frank Gnanam**, fgnanam@gmail.com or (07) 5529 7743.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **August 11th**

**Bible Quiz @ Southwest, NSW**

#### **August 26th**

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

#### **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**

#### **November 9th-11th**

**Area-wide Ladies Retreat @  
Alexandra Headland, Sunshine  
Coast, Qld**

#### **November 15th-18th**

**Eastside congregational camp @  
Collaroy, Sydney**

### **2013**

#### **January 16th-21st**

**North Coast Enrichment Seminar  
@ Coffs Harbour, NSW**

#### **March 1st-4th**

**Malaga Family camp @  
Serpentine, WA**