

# ***HAPPENINGS***

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

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### ***Melbourne Baptisms***

On July 14 **Harvey Abbott** and **Alison Sadler** gave their lives to Jesus by being baptised into Him. This couple have been attending the Belmore Road congregation for some time and are engaged to be married on October 18!

### ***Port Pirie Baptism***

**Meng Chye Toh** was baptised by **Daniel Chan** on July 27 at Solomontown Beach, Port Pirie. **Daniel** had moved to Port Pirie (SA) following graduation from university in Adelaide. **Meng** and **Daniel** are both pharmacists in Port Pirie. You can see a video of the baptism at [www.facebook.com/portpiriechurchofchrist](http://www.facebook.com/portpiriechurchofchrist).

### ***Canberra Baptism***

**James (Jim) Ponsonby** sought God's forgiveness in baptism on July 7 at the Canberra (ACT) congregation.

### ***Southwest Anniversary***

On the weekend of July 5-7 the Southwest (NSW) church of Christ celebrated 30 years of sharing God's love in Sydney's Southwest. The weekend was celebrated with much reminiscing and friendships renewed. The original mission team of both **Hartman** families, the **Powells**, and the **Kessees** taught lessons on discipleship, encouraging the congregation to press on. Over 200 past, present members and friends of the Southwest church came together to celebrate this wonderful milestone. People travelled from Perth, Brisbane, Canberra and Sydney to attend.

### ***Singing Workshops***

**John Wiegand**, song-leader and hymnbook editor from San Francisco, plans another trip to Australia in August to conduct singing workshops. He will be accompanied by **Tom & Judy Nowlin** and **Suella Helmholtz** from the USA and **Nancy Wu Won** and **John Cooper** from the Belmore Road church in Melbourne. They will be leading the workshops at Malaga (Perth) on August 10-13 and Cairns (Qld) on August 16-18. Please contact these churches if you are interested in attending.

### ***Bible Quiz***

The Southwest (NSW) church has organised its annual Bible quiz for Saturday August 10 starting at 6pm for youth and young adults. This year it will be on 1 & 2 Timothy. Participants are invited to stay overnight for the Sunday morning meeting when **Kyle Keese** will be teaching, and for lunch following. For information contact **Eric Hamilton** at [eham4christ@gmail.com](mailto:eham4christ@gmail.com).

### ***Malaga Move***

After a year of renovating, the Malaga (Perth) church moved into its new facilities at 66 Westchester Street, Malaga. Around 200 people shared in song, the Lord's supper, prayer, lessons and lunch on July 21. **Paul Tyers** took a leading part in finding and renovating the facility—with help from many brethren. The new building has an auditorium seating 300+ and there are eight classrooms. The congregation has grown from about 80 seven years ago to over 200 now.

### **Revive Camp**

Camp Revive 2013 begins at 7pm on Friday September 20 and ends at 1:30pm on Sunday September 22. The location is Lyrebird Park, 510 Beenak Rd, Yellingbo, Victoria and the cost is \$110 for Victorians and \$100 for others if you let them know by September 6. After that date the cost will be \$120. Guest speakers are **Benny & Pauline Tabalujan**. The theme is: "The Born Again Identity-Who am I?" For information email [camprevive@belmoreroadchurch.org.au](mailto:camprevive@belmoreroadchurch.org.au) or ring **Rachael Cornock** 0435 526 429 or **Laura Payne** 0468 719 023.

### **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."

### **MSOBS Lectureship**

The annual Macquarie School Of Biblical Studies Lectureship was held during July 10-14 this year at the Macquarie (Sydney) church. The theme was "Treasure in Clay Jars". A special highlight was the involvement of the original team from the Southwest (Campbelltown) congregation who had returned for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation's beginning. As well as the overseas visitors, brethren from 21 Australian congregations attended at the Lectureship. About 20 of the former MSOBS students returned for the refreshing that the Lectureship provides. Overall, more than 200 people attended during the five days.

### **Qld Lectureship**

The "Set on a Hill Lectureship 2013" is planned by the Gipps St church in Toowoomba on the theme of "Leadership". The date is September 27-29. Guest speakers are **Barry Smith** and **Bennie Pinkley** from the USA. For information contact [preachchrist@hotmail.com](mailto:preachchrist@hotmail.com) or phone (07) 4630 1505 or 0431 365 531

### **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).

### **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 bridges between the older generation and the younger generation in the church". Morning tea and lunch will be provided. For enquiries please phone **Hellen George** 0419 647 404.

### **Coffs Search**

After worshipping at the CWA Hall for 6 years, the Coffs Coast (Coffs Harbour, NSW) brethren are now having to find new premises. This is turning out to be quite a challenge as many halls are booked. The brethren request people's prayers for an appropriate venue to be found. The church will be conducting a VBS on September 23-25.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **August 10th**

**Bible Quiz @ Southwest, NSW**

#### **August 10th-13th**

**Singing Workshop @ Malaga, Perth**

#### **August 16th-18th**

**Singing Workshop @ Cairns, Qld**

#### **September 5th-19th**

**Mission Trip to Papua New Guinea**

#### **September 20th-22nd**

**Revive Camp @ Yellingbo, Vic**

#### **September 27th-29th**

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

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

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

#### **October 12th**

**Blossom 2013 @ Blacktown, Sydney**

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

**Camp Challenge @ Tahmoor, NSW**