

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia – June 2012

Welcome to the latest edition of *Happenings*. This issue is the completion of six years of my editing of this newsletter. (It helps me to appreciate the decades of effort put in by Stephen Randall!) Please email news to 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!
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Adelaide baptisms

The Central Metro church, which meets in the suburb of Wayville, reports two baptisms for this year, **Daniel Wang** on January 7 and **Hui Xia (Summer)** on May 19.

Ballina Baptism

The congregation in Ballina (NSW) rejoices with **Ross Walker** who was baptized at Shores Bay on Sunday afternoon, May 20.

ACT Baptism

On May 24 **Supi Malai** was baptized by **Mark Jennings** of the Canberra church. Supi had been studying weekly for some months in the Jennings home. The brethren are very excited and very thankful.

Sydney Baptism

At the Macquarie congregation **Ray-Dene Emroodt** was immersed for the forgiveness of sins on Sunday morning May 20.

Perth Baptism

The angels in heaven rejoice over the baptism of **Curzio Pensa** on May 22 at the Malaga congregation.

Sydney - Youth & Young @ Heart

About 66 people were present for **Mark Whitcombe's** lesson on "Sacrifice" at the

Warringah church on May 24. This month **Jonathan Frank** from the Southwest church is the speaker planned for June 24 at 5.30pm.

Ladies Retreat

An Area-Wide Ladies Retreat is planned for November 9-11 at the Alex Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headlands on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. For more information contact **Ronya Johnson** at ozibelle@tpg.com.au.

Perth Retreat

Ladies of the Malaga church are planning a time of devotion, prayer, singing and getting to know their fellow sisters on Saturday June 30, entitled "Women in God's Service."

Retreat

Over 90 youth and young adults attended the annual Cataract Camp weekend (May 25-27th) hosted by the Southwest (NSW) church of Christ, with attendees travelling from Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, Canberra and many NSW congregations. The theme of camp was "You Are God's Field" with the youth and young adults being challenged to share their faith in their everyday life and also to seek opportunities to serve their home congregations. The speakers were **Graham Wall, Roberto Quintanilla, Tristan Grant, and Joel Gough**.

MSOBS Lectureship

At the Macquarie (Sydney) church, this lectureship is planned for July 11-15 on the theme: "Go...and Learn!" **Dale & Sheila Hartman** are featured speakers.

Resources

Graeme & Carol Offer usually spend the summer in Victoria and the winter in Queensland, and they are now in Cairns where Graeme preaches regularly for the church, as well as assisting at Innisfail and Townsville. He has compiled a CD with commentary notes on every chapter of the NT from Acts-Revelation, comprising over 1500 pages and more than 250 studies in both MS-Word and PDF formats. It also includes studies on the Life of Paul, the Eldership, and "Piecing the NT Together." He would be happy to mail a copy to anyone requesting this at goffer@netspace.net.au.

Gabriel Hauber of the Sippy Downs church on the Sunshine Coast (Qld) was recently interviewed about the church which meets in their home by Mary-Lou Stephens on the ABC. The audio recording can be found at <http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/2012/05/soul-train-home-church.html>.

Brad Johnson of the Cleveland (Brisbane) church has a range of materials including sermons and Bible class lessons for adults and children, personal study materials and songs, including video and audio materials. They can be found at http://www.clevelandchurch.org.au/Clevelandchurch/Resources_List.html.

Ron Graham in Bundaberg has compiled a website with over 1,000 studies including many verse-by-verse or chapter studies of Bible books. The site may be browsed at www.simplybible.com.au on a PC or mobile device.

Bible Quiz

The Southwest (NSW) congregation is planning to hold its annual Bible quiz for all congregations on Saturday August 11. This year the quiz will be on the book of Joshua. For more information contact **Jonathan Frank**, mob 0411 148 210 or the_globetrotter2003@yahoo.com.au

CALENDAR

June 24th

Youth & Young @ Heart @ Warringah, Sydney

June 30th-July 5th

Aboriginal Mission @ Brewarrina, NSW

July 6th-8th

Camp Connect @ Burleigh Heads, Qld

July 9th-16th

Aboriginal Mission @ Moree, NSW

July 11th-15th

MSOBS Lectureship @ Macquarie church, Sydney

August 11th

Bible Quiz @ Southwest, NSW

November 9th-11th

Area-wide Ladies Retreat @ Alexandra Headlands, Sunshine Coast, Qld

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January 16th-21st

North Coast Enrichment Seminar @ Coffs Harbour, NSW