

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia—December 2008

Welcome to this month's *Happenings*! Thanks to those who have sent news for this paper for this month. We appreciate the help received this year! If you want to send information please email it to **tedpaull@hotmail.com** either in **text or Word files**, or mail it to **P O Box 41 NORTH RYDE NSW 1670** or ring **(02) 9888 9664, (02) 9878 3008** or **(02) 9878 1078**.
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Tassie Baptism

Brethren from the Lindisfarne church of Christ gathered on the beach at Sandy Bay on Sunday November 23, to witness the baptism of **Hannah Wells** and then sang songs and prayed together.

Youth and Young-at-Heart

About 88 Youth and Young-at-Heart were present for the meeting at the Warringah (Sydney) church on November 30 to hear **Andrew Burns** preach on "Worship in Spirit and in Truth." In January Warringah hosts its annual Warringah Youth Day on January 18 commencing at 2.30 pm. **Adam Frank** will be the speaker for that occasion at 6pm.

MSOBS Graduation

Graham Wall will be graduating from MSOBS after 3 years of training with this programme conducted by the Macquarie (Sydney) church. They have invited brethren to join him on February 8, 2009 at 2pm to thank him for his work and encourage him in his future service. Graham has chosen David Carr to be the speaker on this occasion.

PNG Help

To assist those evangelizing in Papua New Guinea, the Malaga (Perth) congregation will be supplying five loudhailers to PNG congregations to enable them to teach in their local market places. This will enable people to hear clearly the Good News about Jesus. Also along with these it is planned to follow with Bibles. The church has asked Christians to pray for our brethren in PNG.

MSOBS Special Session

Marvin Ancell will be teaching four days of special classes at the Macquarie church beginning on February 3, 2009. He will be teaching a series of lessons on "Practical Congregational Development". Session times are: February 3-6, 10am-2.30pm.

Ballina Help

Youth from the Toowoomba (Queensland) congregation plan to spend the week-end of December 6 and 7 with the Ballina (NSW) church, delivering leaflets offering the "Searching For the Truth" DVD. They are also planning to lead the whole worship service and encourage

the brethren with their fellowship over the weekend.

Friendship

The Belmore Road (Melbourne) church plans to host a: "Friendship Day" on Sunday, December 7 at 9:30am-12noon followed by a luncheon. They have publicised it as a time to "Come along to Sunday School and have lots of fun getting to know our friend JESUS."

Sydney FriendSpeak

The FriendSpeak program being conducted by the Eastside (Sydney) church has now reached 15 people who are in or have applied to join the program. The church has had to say to the last four applicants that they have no extra workers available so they are now on a waiting list. Current teachers are **Graham Wall, Dan Bray, Claire Whitcombe, Damon Britton, Beverley and Peter Mandalidis**. The program has yielded its first visitor to their meetings on November 30, a Moslem man from Iran who is showing an interest in Christianity.

Saving Light Series

Brethren from West Heidelberg and other congregations around Melbourne enjoyed a time of edification and fellowship at the 16th Saving Light Series held on November 6-9 on the theme "Historical Evidences for Jesus." **Graham Wall** and **Roberto Quintanilla** presented some fine lessons around this topic. Eight non-Christian visitors also attended.

CALENDAR

December 7th
Friendship Day @ Belmore Road, Vic

December 17th-21st
Youth Camp @ Woodman Point, (near Perth) WA

December 27th-January 1st
Camp Challenge @ Vision Valley, NSW

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January 4th-9th
Camp Gidawarra @ Gold Coast Hinterland, Qld

January 5th-11th
Camp Warana @ Myrtle Park, Tas

January 18th
Youth Day @ Warringah, NSW

February 3rd-6th
Special Session with Marvin Ancell @ MSOBS, Macquarie, NSW

February 8th
MSOBS Graduation @ Macquarie, NSW

April 2nd-5th
Fifty-n-Over Retreat @ Meroo, NSW