

HAPPENINGS

News of churches of Christ in Australia - August 2006

Thanks for your positive response to last month's edition of *Happenings*. At that time I made no promises to continue the work, but I have decided to keep going because of the encouraging reaction. Remember that we are dependent on news from readers to make this paper informative, so please send what you consider newsworthy. Thanks especially to those who helped and have offered help! 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** or **(02) 9878 3008**. Ted Paull

99 Not Out!

On July 11, Sam Sampson of the Albany (WA) church celebrated his 99th birthday! Sam, described as "a shy farming gentleman", was part of the nucleus which established the City Beach congregation and later the Darling Range church after his baptism in 1966. He took every opportunity to share the gospel. In 1979 he and his wife Emma established the Lord's church in their home when they moved to Albany. After Emma died he married a Christian lady, Irene, in 2002. An active member of the Albany church, Sam still goes out to visit the elderly, because he knows they can benefit from such fellowship!

Baptisms, Visits at Belmore Rd

Amber Drew & Ainsley Jackel were baptized into Christ in June during a visit by 5 Texas A & M students to this Melbourne congregation. They conducted a camp for young people at Wilson's Promontory. The church was also blessed by a visit from Allan McNicoll from the Austin Graduate School of Religion who taught on the History of the Lord's Supper & Worship in the early church.

Abneys' Itinerary

Bob & Melba Abney have arrived safely in Melbourne where they will be until August

10th. They then go on to Perth (Aug 10-20), then to NSW where they plan to work with Eastside (Aug 21-29), Bankstown (Aug 30-Sep 6), Hawkesbury (Sep 7-12), Hunter Valley (Sep 13-17) and Gosford (Sep 18-26).

Barkers to Ukraine.

Bill, Rahila & Nathan Barker of the Wynnum (Brisbane) church left on July 4 to spend one month in the Ukraine. They are helping with the orphan work known as Jeremiah's Hope where Andrew Kelly, former Blacktown church member serves. The brethren there provide a half-way house for orphans leaving the state run orphanage while they attend trade school, and provide training in life skills which helps prevent these young people from turning to crime. They also help those younger ones still at the orphanage. The Barkers will be helping build a facility for the new intake of orphans and also helping with teaching them.

10 Years at Southeast

The Southeast (Melbourne) church has been in existence for ten years and will be marking that with a lunch on August 20. They are actively searching for a place to lease permanently to provide more facilities for Bible school and youth activities.

Youth & Young...

Sixty-eight people attended the Youth & Young at Heart gathering at the Warringah (Sydney) church on Sunday evening July 30. Graham Wall of the Macquarie congregation presented a very practical lesson on "Natural Evangelism". Next month's meeting will be on August 27 when Scott Brown of the Gosford church is due to speak on "Trust in the Lord!".

Bible Roadmap School

This web-based course is now in its 16th year of operation and has conducted over 25,000 correspondence courses during that time. It is currently looking for on-line teachers to help out with taking students through the course. If you would like more details send an email to David Adkins at david@brs.org.au. You can view the web site at www.brs.org.au.

Restorations

Kerry & Diana Bain of the Albury (NSW) church report that Narelle & Joanne (daughters of the Kilgours, former Blacktown members) were recently restored and are living at Wingello (near Moss Vale). It would be great for them to receive a visit from brethren. You can get details from the Bains at kerryjbain@bigpond.com.

Macquarie Lectureship

Brethren from 13 NSW congregations, the ACT and from four USA churches participated in the Lectureship to hear lessons from seven Aussie and US preachers on the theme of "Perfection—Fantasy or Reality?" during July 12-16 at the Macquarie (Sydney) church. More than 150 people attended.

M.S.O.B.S. Classes

After the lectureship, students have begun regular third term classes including Romans & Galatians, Prison Letters, Lesson Preparation & Presentation and Practical Teaching, taught by David Carr, Bob Marks, Peter Tickner and Ted Paull.

Hunter Valley Youth Rally

On August 23rd over 25 young people from various congregations around Sydney and NSW attended the Hunter Valley Christians Youth Rally. An afternoon full of fun and games, singing and prayer, food and fellowship was followed by some thoughts by Joshua Turner on "Not Giving In To Temptation", following Jesus' example in John 17.

TV Advertising

Mersey Bluff, Devonport, Tasmania has been advertising their congregation on the radio for years. They have also been advertising monthly in the *Devonport Times*. Now they are planning to try large screen T.V. in a public place, instead of their newspaper ads. This is called "Community Channel" advertising. The screen will be in the local post office and 20-second messages advertising the church will flash on the screen every few minutes.

Wollongong Visit

In July, Jason and Nicole Whaley, Shawn & Kendra Griffith and Jon & Sara Grizzle, assisted by Dale Hartman, visited the Wollongong (NSW) area to investigate possibilities for working for the Lord there in the future. During the trip they worshipped with the Wollongong congregation, and expressed a willingness to work with them in this endeavour.