

Revival News



Canberra

June/July 2008

Pastor's Desk:

Hi all,

We use the word 'revival' in our name – and for a very good reason. We preach an active God - a God who is continually making all things new. And our walk also needs to be continually refreshed (2 Cor 4:16), so that we can share God's good things with those with whom we fellowship, work and associate.

May each of us have a deep heart's desire that all of our friends and family, whether they are saints yet or not, can be revived to a life that is to go on forever.

So at our next prayer and fast on Saturday afternoon 16th Aug, we'll be talking and praying about renewing revival. Both north and southside churches will be combining at Chandler St from 2pm till 7pm.

Bring the whole family – crèche and activities for young children will be available.

Jesus said that when He left His disciples that they would need to fast, so that's what we're doing. Being obedient to our calling, supporting each other, and growing in grace.

Please also consider beginning your fast early in some way - evening meals; anything sweet; TV etc. Anything that will allow you to spend more time in the Word and prayer before we actually come together.

I was challenged by a statement I heard recently 'Friends don't let friends go to hell'. If you've been feeling a little flat spiritually, or maybe you've allowed things to drift such that you find it hard to share your good news about Christ, then this is the place to be. If you're on top of the world, then come and share your testimony.

May God richly bless your walk and our work together. P Dave



Felicity & Marko's engagement

Barb & Brian at Christmas in July



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Canberra Updates: Chandler St & Southside

Soul Sistas Weekend in Nowra

The theme of the camp this year was 'Blessed are the Peacemakers' and we had a great time sharing discussion over the Word of God about various aspects of this topic: The importance of loving yourself and being at peace with yourself so you can be a peace with others; forgiveness and sharing the gospel of peace.

Among many highlights of the weekend was the chance to pray for one another and share simple fellowship with like-minded sisters in Christ. We also had a lot of fun - a car rally took us on a scenic tour of the region - with many memorable moments. The interlude at the TREAT factory was a definite highlight, and the rally finished at the Tea House looking out over the Shoalhaven region.

The weekend culminated in our visit to the Nowra RF for the Sunday meeting and a lovely fellowship lunch.

Thank you to EVERYONE who worked so hard to organise this weekend - it was a blessing to all who went and we can't wait till next year!!

Christmas in July at Southside

This was a great night of fellowship and many visitors came and enjoyed the evening - a catered spit roast, a silver and white décor, music & items by Jo & Bridget, Jake, Renee & Amy and presents for all distributed by a friendly polar bear. Thanks to Vicki & team for organising this enjoyable event. A picture says a thousand words, so here are the pics:

Mens weekend

The guys came from Canberra, Tumut, Wagga, Bega, Moruya and Goulburn, for a great time of fellowship at Greenhills. The focus of the weekend was a challenge to be effective leaders in all aspect of their lives.

Coming Events

- 11 Aug - Prayer & Fasting Saturday at Chandler St. 2-7pm
- Queanbeyan Outreach - 23 Aug
- Campfire Concert Southside - 30 Aug
- NSW Rally Newcastle 'This is the refreshing' - Sept 13/14
- Hungi at Gundagai - 20 Sept.
- Teens camp, led by Michael Till - Sept 28 - Oct 4
- Kids camp, led by Joe Hall - Oct 4- 9
- Howmans Gap camp, organised by Albury Fellowship - Oct 3-5
- Council meeting Oct 30 - NSW pastors Oct 31
- 50:30:10 Celebration weekend - Nov 1 & 2
- Womens weekend (SiS) - Nov 21-23
- Longbeach Christmas camp - Dec 27-Jan 2



John & Solomon at Christmas in July

Engaged! Congratulations to

Tanya Monahan & Brett Connell
Leah Liebke & Ben Kaminski
Sokothery & Chanta
Felicity Edwards & Marko Matosevic
Susie Allan & Cameron Jose

Welcome back

Scott & Naomi after three years in the USA

Canberra Website

The Canberra website is now up and running. www.canberrarevivalfellowship.com.au. All those involved have done an outstanding job - it has full details of all activities, news, as well as ministry in note form, MP3 format, resources available for purchase, this newsletter in colour, as well as identifying our fellowship and our beliefs for those who are not members of our church

Bank account details for Tithes & Gifts:

Please check and make sure your tithes & gifts are going to the General a/c (and that they are marked Belco or Southside - or details of specific gifts to support projects in Vanuatu). For gifts to the building fund (tax benefits) please contact Janice.

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News & Testimonies



November – Celebration

This year is a notable one for Canberra - 50 years since the assembly here started; 30 years since the opening of our Belconnen Hall; & 10 years since Southside fellowship started.

There's a special weekend on the program that follows the Council meeting here on Friday 31 October and NSW pastors joining them on Saturday.

Both assemblies will join together on Saturday night and Sunday, and we expect to have many returning for the weekend who have moved away.

If you see yourself in a co-ordinating or helping role in any of the following areas, please advise the contact people.

Outreach: letterboxing, street witnessing etc. - Alan D

Invitations: (names/addresses) – P.Bob/Anne

Billets/ accommodation:

Saturday Nostalgia Night: at Southside: BBQ, display & presentations, music & items, supper – P.Mike/Angela

Sunday at Chandler St: Special meeting, lunch for a big crowd, afternoon items & presentations – P.David/Fiona

This will be a lot of fun, nostalgia and excitement as we appreciate our past and look to the future – start finding your best memorabilia for our trip down memory lane.

November – Womens weekend (SiS)

Because of the Celebration weekend, we have moved our SiS weekend to the weekend of 21-23 November. If you'd like to coordinate or help in any of the following, please let Anne or Angela know:

Invitations & application forms: Anne

Money & Names, Chandler St:

Money & Names, Southside:

Saturday activities:

Saturday night:

Communion meeting:

We'll all get together over a coffee possibly Sunday arvo 21/9 to brainstorm. (Theme suggested by Kelly Richards 'Women with Altitude')

Christmas Camp

We've had an enthusiastic response to our Christmas Camp at Longbeach, after the success of our first camp there last year. There are only four cabins left, so you will need to make your bookings ASAP.

Aynslie's Testimony - Southside

I was brought up in a non-Christian home - as a child I sometimes felt I was being 'looked after' but didn't know it was God. When I was older and went out to dances, pubs or discos, I found them empty and shallow and always felt like 'is this all there is to life?' Inside I was yearning for something and didn't know what it was. I was divorced by 23, with a small child to bring up. In those years the Lord blessed us and protected and provided for us without me knowing it was .

Some time later my mum found the Revival Fellowship and invited me along. All I remember of that first meeting was speaking in tongues – it shocked me and I just wanted to run out, but because I had come with mum, I stayed. It was very foreign and strange and I felt uncomfortable, but I noticed that people were very happy and friendly - I could see they had something. I kept coming to meetings over the next year and realised I had found the truth, God was real, and the Bible is His word. I was baptised by immersion in September 1983 and at Christmas camp I received the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues.

For six years I was involved in all the meetings and every other activity – 'youngies', waitressing for dinners and weddings, suppers on Sunday nights, working bees, Christmas camps, kids camps, outreaches and conventions. The two things I was not doing enough of were praying and reading the Bible. I found prayer difficult, my mind always wandered, so I gave up trying. I also couldn't understand the Bible that well. Eventually I fell away, but I now know that if I had been praying and reading the Word enough, the things that bothered me would probably have been dealt with. Easy to say in hindsight

Over the years I never stopped knowing, in the back of my mind, that God is there and Jesus is the way. I just did nothing about it. Whenever something bad happened I would become afraid, thinking Jesus could come back and I was not right with him.

I always wanted to remarry and finally met and married Brian. I would have liked to return to fellowship after that but didn't think I had the time to spare or the energy to put into it, because I knew that it couldn't be a half hearted thing. When my Dad died suddenly it brought home to me what was really important in life – I wanted to come back to the Lord and I did, about sixteen months ago.

It has been easier than I expected because I pray daily and read my Bible, and listen to it on my I-pod when I am walking. Prayer is much easier now – I have a prayer list and favourite scriptures that I glance at while praying. It helps me keep on track. I've had many answers to prayer, including the 'peace of God' when I would ordinarily be worried sick, and as a nurse, sometimes can speak to my patients and colleagues about the Lord.

My husband Brian came to his first meeting in February 07, and in July was baptised. I had been praying & fasting regularly about that – the Lord does indeed give us the desires of our hearts (Psalm 37:4).

I have learned the Holy Spirit does you no good if you don't use it and pray daily! There is no better life than living for the Lord. He is my reason for living and filled the emptiness I had inside all those years. Praise Him. **Aynslie Taylor**

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Convention in Fremantle

A time blessing and fellowship was enjoyed at Convention. The theme was 'Just as Promised' and we heard many testimonies of God's miraculous provision and healing power. Thirteen people were baptised during the weekend, with many receiving the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues and we heard man.

P. Bob presented an update on Vanuatu; Joanne, Bridget & P. David did an excellent item, and we had a video promo for the Convention in Canberra 2009 (thanks Mick and Lauren).

In Africa, we now have fellowships in 10 countries. In Kenya there are now 52 assemblies and 1300 saints, Zambia has 690 saints and 7 assemblies and a work established in Zimbabwe this year, with 80 people baptised already.

Ps Ron Carslake encouraged pastors and well-grounded Australian leaders to come and help settle and train up African leaders. In 12 months the work in Africa has grown from 6 countries to 10 - indicating how much help is needed.

Te Puke, New Zealand

P. Bob recently returned from a week in Te Puke where the local Revival Fellowship, a happy group of about 30 saints under the leadership of Pastor Alan Butler has been kept busy with revival amongst seasonal workers in the kiwi fruit industry. Some thousands of people from Pacific islands, including Vanuatu and the Solomons, come to NZ every year to work. They export millions of trays of kiwi fruit every year.

By mid July, forty four Ni-Van men and women had received the Holy Spirit and fifteen were baptised. We expect that many of those returning to Vanuatu during the next two months or so to join our fellowships in Vila and Santo.

Vanuatu

Thanks to those who have supported the needs in our two assemblies in Tanna & Santo. Pastor Jeffed and the saints at Green Point have put in the water pipe to the village and built and stocked the small shop.

In Santo Pastor Willie and church members have built the shelter on his land and I have received detailed quotations for the supply of materials to complete the two roomed house and build toilets.

We need a further \$3,000, and if you can assist over the next three Sundays (envelope in the tithe bag or bank transfer to the General a/c identifying the gift as 'Vanuatu, Santo', that would be appreciated.

The Vila assembly support Pr Willie with a monthly amount of \$175.

P. Kevin & Lesley Quirk in Brazil

Lesley and I just got back from the new Hall opening at Gadelha, Brazil. They're doing very well here. They had 82 baptisms last Sunday. They had over 250 new people at the Hall Opening last night... 17 got baptised. They're up to 99 baptisms so far for the week, and it's only Thursday. Praise the Lord.)

Church Council Composition

Ps Russell Gay and Ps Steve Gillespie recently resigned from Council, and on behalf of the fellowship Ps Kuhlmann expressed his appreciation for their work and contributions. Pr Ron Carslake (Capetown) has been appointed to the Council representing Africa, and for the present the following liaison pastors have been appointed - Pr Bill Allen (North Queensland), Pr Terry Coles (South Queensland) and Pr Mark Hall (Northern NSW).

News from Coober Pedy

11th August 2008 marks our 25th anniversary. About thirty people attended a gathering I held here where 5 people requested Baptism. In May 1984 my wife Valerie and I purchased a small underground home and moved from Adelaide to live and work in this remote opal mining town, and to minister to the small group.

Over the years we have had the privilege to preach the Gospel to residents, tourists from many parts of the world, to baptise and see many indigenous people receive the Holy Spirit, and to be a destination for members of various Revival Fellowships to come for witnessing and 'R & R'. (To date we have seen 347 Baptisms).

As the township has such a small population (around 3500), it is impractical and unworkable to have a large single event or gathering to mark the passage of 25 years. We plan a brochure highlighting the development of the town from primarily an opal mining outpost to encompass worldwide tourism, with on one side the dates of significant events (water, power, roads, hospital, etc.) and highlight the date of our beginnings. The reverse will be the Good News of the Gospel. Hopefully residents will be interested to see that our meetings and presence predates many things now taken for granted here.

We want to place on record our gratefulness for so much support over the years. Thanks to fellow Pastors for encouragement, thanks to so many saintly friends who have spent time with us to keep us going, thanks to visitors who have assisted with ministry allowing me to have the involvements I have been privileged to have in PNG, Bali and elsewhere, thanks to all brothers and sisters who have prayed for us.

Especial thanks to my wife, children and grandchildren who have had to forgo much to allow all this to take place. May God bless you all abundantly. I believe that the harsh, remote conditions have provided a very special insight for us in life.

This has been an amazing adventure that we are happy to share with anyone if it can engender faith.

Keep on rejoicing and serving! **Hebrews 6:10, Proverbs 25:25.** Paul, whilst imprisoned, wrote the wonderfully inspirational thoughts of **Philippians 4:11/13.**

God bless, Pastor Deane Clee.