

Staff Update

Principal Graduates

Congratulations to our Principal, Rev. Neil Bernard, who graduated early this year from the Australian College of Theology with an M.A.Theol.

Neil travelled to Brisbane for one week each semester for the past three years to attend class at Malyon College, Brisbane and then return to the Bible School to begin the research for his essays.

In total he wrote over 50,000 words and, as you can imagine, spent many hours in various libraries and many more hours reading and writing, fitting it in with his role and the demands at the Bible School.

Not only did he win the LM Dart Award from Malyon for the best student to graduate with the M.A. Theol. in 2011, but also achieved the highest overall grade in all of Australia. Well done Neil! We hope you can now enjoy your Saturdays free from study.

New Staff

We are very happy to have Steve Brown join our team as the Accounts Manager. He takes on a great responsibility in keeping the rest of us on track with spending and managing student fees etc.



Steve grew up in a small central western town in New South Wales. He left school and qualified as an Aircraft Mechanic. The Vietnam War came along and he was drafted. Upon discharge he took up their offer of a scholarship and went to Teachers College. Whilst there he met his future wife Ruth.

They have three grown children, all are married and they have two delightful grandchildren who bring them great joy. He has degrees in Arts, Education and Accounting which led into the accounts position here at Capernwray. Please pray for Steve and Ruth as they settle in and grow into the staff family here at Capers.



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Prayer and Praise....

PRAISE THE LORD

For the students this Semester. So many have begun to understand more fully and claim the grace they have in the Lord Jesus. It is a privilege to share in their journey.

For Steve Brown joining the staff as Accounts Manager.

For all the LORD did in Prac Week in so many lives.

For the continual supply of volunteers who come and make such a difference at the Centre

For the 1981 Bible School Reunion that was held here over Queen's Birthday weekend.

For the ongoing improvements to the facilities at Capernwray.

PLEASE PRAY

For the students as they return home to their families and friends and some face big challenges.

For those students who are returning for 2nd Semester to continue their studies.

For wisdom as to the priorities in renovating the property. There is still so much to do.

For all the planning for next year's Celebrations

For an increase in the number of students for next Semester; at the moment we have 12 coming.

For more invitations to minister in Churches & speaking opportunities to increase.

For the staff: that we will continue to grow together, reflecting the Body of Christ

For those finalising the 'Presentation' to be sent to all Christian Schools in Australia, encouraging students to consider Bible School as an option for their Gap Year.

That God will raise up people who will be strategic to the work God is initiating here at the Centre.

Upcoming Events.....



Womens Refresh 2011 Sept 23-25th Guest speakers will be Elizabeth Thomas from NZ and Zara Pennicook. This will be a great opportunity for a refreshing weekend in the Word and with other women. For Information go to www.torchbearers.com.au and download the application form.

Summer Refresh 2012 Dec 31st - 7th Jan. Mark it in your diary. This year our team of guest speakers will be in the word to inspire you to "refresh" for the new year ahead.



Capernwray Australia 40 Years in Ministry..

Next year is going to be a year of celebration and thanks-giving as we share memories together and are reminded of the privilege and joy of being part of God's activity in the lives changed during the last 40 years. So we need your urgent help to grow our data base so past students, guests, staff and lecturers do not miss out on knowing about the celebrations. Please log on to our website and register. www.torchbearers.com.au.

Why send your son or daughter to Capernwray?

"I have personally been on all sides of the Torchbearer Bible Schools.

Firstly as a student my life was irrevocably impacted by a year at Capernwray Bible School.

Secondly, as a teacher and Principal of the School in England, I have seen countless student's lives changed and set on a firm foundation for life. Thirdly, as a parent I have seen our three children attend, on their own initiative, the year-long school at Capernwray Harbour on Thetis Island to their immense benefit and enrichment. I can think of no better investment of time or resources than a year at one of the Torchbearer Bible Schools".

Charles Price
Pastor, Peoples Church, Author

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principal's perspective



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Prac week was my highlight this semester..

One of the highlights of the semester is Prac Week. This is a week where the students put into practice what they have learned in the Lecture Room and with their ministry in the local area. In May we went to Toowoomba.

Yes, an 18 hour drive from Bowral in the two School buses. What a journey! Toowoomba was chosen primarily because of the assistance we were able to offer to some flood-affected victims. You can read more of that in Haldane's and Woodsey's Reports. My specific area of ministry was preaching at Highfields Baptist and Christlife Presbyterian churches as well as overseeing the Scripture in Schools programme. It was a great time to share with the congregations in the two churches and of course, in Baptist circles there is always someone who knows someone whom you know.

For the Scripture in Schools we were able to use the material supplied by Lost Sheep. This is excellent material and

the organisation is run by our former National Director, Stewart Bogle. We presented three different programmes: Cecil the Lost Sheep, Basil the Branch and Zac the Taxman. The children loved hearing the stories with pictures on the Smartboard.

They were taught songs by our students, a Memory Verse and were given Activity Sheets and Bookmarks. We also presented material on the goodness of God. We were fortunate to go to five different schools which meant that over 300 children attended the Scripture classes. We know the children appreciated our students, but some of the teachers also commented on the professional presentation and the Religious Instructors asked if we could come back again and again. What a privilege we still enjoy being able to share Christ so openly in our Schools. Let's pray that it continues.

Neil Bernard



Ministry takes many forms.....



TOOWOOMBA Prac Week.
I found this a very special week and made many new Christian friends who were so generous with their hospitality and practical help.

I had the opportunity to preach on 3 occasions and the LORD spoke into a number of lives then, and to others over the week. A couple of young men have been down for a week of 'Taste and See' as a result of the visit and we have had two enquiries about attending Bible School. It was encouraging to hear from one of the Ministers that many from his congregation were challenged by the visit of the team

The highlight for me was to travel to Grantham with staff and students and work alongside the farming families who had lost most of the productivity on their farms through the floods in January that you will have seen on TV. There was unbelievable devastation and loss of life that is impossible to convey in print. As we worked there, many got blisters, shed blood and had physical reactions to some of the plants! However, it was all worth it when we saw the responses from the locals.

So please continue to pray for all those up the Lockyer Valley and give thanks that what God began, He will bring to completion. Most of the manual help given was by Christian groups from all over Australia. This was a great testimony, and it was a joy to hear about, see and be part of what was happening.

Haldane

Urgent ..Urgent..

NEWS from India
PRAY WITH US:
Sudden financial need.
Leadership in one of the new schools for the poor.
To help email...
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CAPERWRAY QUEENSLAND

It was a real privilege to have Charles Price with us in Queensland once again.

Charles shared a series of inspiring messages in Brisbane from the 1st to the 3rd of April and the venue on this occasion was St Peters Lutheran College Chapel, Indooroopilly.

Charles spoke of the need for us to surrender our lives to Christ so that He might live His perfect life in us. Charles shared the that the Christian life, as Christ intended, ought not be what we can do for Christ but what He wants to do in and through us. Indeed, Charles has an amazing gift of sharing the most vital aspects of our relationship with Christ using descriptive illustrations together with a classical British sense of humour. It was great to see such a diverse group of people attend from Brisbane locals to folk from regional and rural Queensland and interstate.

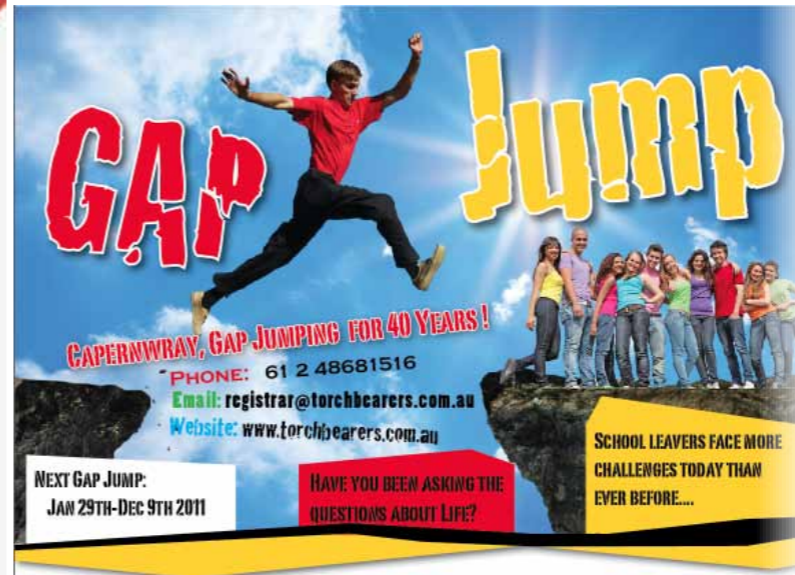
The Lord certainly challenged all who attended in so many ways during the weekend but perhaps the highlight was witnessing a number of young people give their lives to Christ on the final evening. Many thanks go to the entire Queensland committee as they worked tirelessly in the days and weeks leading up to, and during the conference. Thanks also go to St Peters Lutheran College for allowing us to use their wonderful facilities but most particularly thanks to the College catering and pastoral staff who helped to make these few days such a blessing to so many.



Queensland Committee

DON'T FORGET.....

Ken Legg, a speaker at Capernwray conferences and regular lecturer at Wongabri, leads a Bible study group each week in South Brisbane. This group meets each Sunday at 5.00pm at Chatswood Room, Kimberley Park Community Centre, Cnr Roselea & Lyndale Streets, SHAILER PARK. You are most welcome to attend. For more information phone Ken on



Director's report and Devotion....

Since the last newsletter it has been a very busy and fulfilling time here as we have been able to renovate some of the

areas of the property that needed urgent attention, thanks to some very generous gifts.

We have been able to install reverse cycle air conditioning in the Conference Hall and all the adjoining bedrooms. So now, sweltering in the summer and freezing in the winter is history. This was done during the term break in the 1st Semester, and we are very thankful to God for His provision.

Also we were able to renovate Neil's flat: repair the cracked walls, do electrical work, paint and re- carpet. Neil did a great job with all the painting. Thanks Neil. We have been entrusted with such a beautiful building that I'm keen to renovate the rest of the Main House as funds become available. Please be praying with us.

We are hoping to install a new ceiling in the Lecture Hall over the next few months with help from M M M.

NEXT YEAR we are planning a year of Praise and Celebration of God's faithfulness over 40 years of Torchbearing in Australia. The initial idea is to set aside 4 weekends during the year for past board members, staff, students and guests to come and celebrate with us. The 1st weekend for those who were here in the 70s. The 2nd weekend for those here in the 80s. The 3rd weekend for those here in the 90s, and the 4th weekend for those coming this century. Plan on saving and coming. We anticipate having a wonderful time.

Over Queen's Birthday weekend we had 28 people here for their 1981 Bible School Reunion. The Main House was full of laughter and conversation as they shared their memories. It was a real joy to see a couple who met here, photograph the place where he proposed! Many wandered around the property and reminisced and all were impressed with what they saw. My thanks to the staff and especially to Glen Brown our Property Manager.

So plan on coming to your appropriate reunion. Bring your photos and memories with you and be praying for a wonderful time of fellowship, thanksgiving and celebration.

Haldane

THE WILL OF GOD Part b

In the last newsletter we were looking at Titus 2 v14 where God describes as his own, "... those He has redeemed from all wickedness and purified for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do good works."

How is this wonderful truth lived out? We have a vivid illustration in the Old Testament in the life of David.

God spoke strongly and gave clear instructions to the prophet Samuel in 1 Samuel ch 16 v1.

"How long will you mourn over Saul since I have rejected him from being King over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem..."

1. Why? "...for I have sealed a King for Myself among his sons." In the context of this event, wouldn't you think that Israel needed a king to replace Saul?

NO. IT IS GOD WHO NEEDS A KING... not Israel!!!!

When we read the story of David's early life in 1 Samuel chs 16-17, we see an extraordinary event unfold as the young lad, David, takes on Goliath. Read the incident carefully and see what God says to you about the powerful reality of a person who is God's very own possession, and who allows God to use the life that belongs to Him as He wants.

I see the Israelite army in this incident behaving as many of our modern churches are: doing their 'best' for God, with sweat, tears, frustration and... failure. What a contrast David is. He sees the situation as an opportunity for God to show Himself in action and be glorified in what happens. A challenge to us to be open to God. Am I living each day as His very own, seeing things through God's eyes?

Remember 1 Corinthians 6 v19-20 "Do you not know..... you are not your own; you were bought at a price, therefore glorify God with your body."

David did; and Paul reminded the Christians in Crete and also us today in Titus 2 v13-14.

"...Our Great God and Saviour, Christ Jesus, gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds."

What a wonderful life God has for those who are His and who will live in this reality.

