

# CHRISTADELPHIAN BIBLE SCHOOL RATHMINES



*Held on beautiful  
Lake Macquarie*

- Enjoy a full week of fellowship with brethren and sisters, centred on God's word
- Wide variety of Bible studies designed to encourage and revitalize our spiritual focus.
- Separate program for teenagers, 5-12 yrs and pre-school children
- Ongoing accommodation upgrade with ensuites
- Sport & activities
- Song & Praise evening
- Daily café
- Maximum family cost of \$650

**Speakers for the  
Autumn School 2016**

**Bro. Andrew Bramhill  
Bro. Matthew Norton  
Bro. Anthony Oosthuizen**

**Dates - God Willing Book Early to avoid disappointment**

| Autumn School         | Spring School           | Summer School          |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| April 16 - 24<br>2016 | Oct 1 - 9<br>2016       | Dec 24 - Jan 1<br>2016 |
| April 15 - 23<br>2017 | Sept 30 - Oct 8<br>2017 | Dec 23 - 31<br>2017    |

***A fantastic week around the word of God, three times a year***

The Bible School at Rathmines has served Christadelphians and their families for 50 years now. In fact the recent Summer School marked the 156th occasion since it's inauguration. Throughout this time the main objectives have remained the same - to stimulate and encourage us all to maintain our faith, to develop a greater love for our God and our brothers and sisters, and to shine as lights in a dark world that desperately needs Christ's return. This has been achieved primarily by sound exposition of the word of God and fellowship together with others of like precious faith.

*The Bible School Committee would like to thank all in attendance at the recent Summer School.*

*Special thanks to the brothers and sisters of the Wilston ecclesia for their enthusiastic input through the week.*

*What an incredibly uplifting week it was! Once again our appeal is for you to join with us, particularly if it's been a while since your last visit to Rathmines. Please view the dates opposite and visit our website to book in*

*[www.rathminesbibleschool.com](http://www.rathminesbibleschool.com)*



## ***Last School in Review***

### **Brother John Owen – James' Letter**

We live in an age where so many in the world are cynical towards 'religion', therefore it's a delight to study the letter James was inspired to write because minds are focused on the practicalities of being doers of the word.

We are so grateful for the fact that being 'doers of the word' is not to work on abusive protest or violent action, rather we are exhorted to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, to be peaceable and gentle, to be patient and prayerful – for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh!

Over the centuries this letter has guided all those who have a desire to follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ and recognise the need to put their faith into practise.

The driving force of our action is our faith, and the basis of our faith is the word: "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God". This letter full of practical advice is equally full of scriptures from every section to build our faith. We see James drawing on the law, the history, the poetry, the prophets, the gospels and the letters!

Despite the pressures we have in our lives, studying James together can give us confidence to keep on going trusting that we will "receive the crown of life."

### **Brother Rod Dawson – Redemption in the book of Ruth**

The period of the Judges was one of the darkest in Israel's history, - they were characterized by moral and religious failure as well as a spirit of compromise with the nations they had failed to destroy.

This compromise brought certain failure in their worship of Yahweh and in turn brought on them the curses of Deuteronomy, which included the failure of their crops.

It was in this period that the story of Ruth is set! In the horror and tragedy of those wicked days, there is the record of a small group of faithful Israelites who realized the importance and the joy of serving God.

The study of this little book will give us good direction in these last days as we battle with the pressures from the "surrounding nations" that are breaking down our love and passion for our Father in Heaven.

The strong theme throughout the book is that of Love and it is seen shining in the lives of the main characters giving us some practical examples for our own lives today.

The basic principles of our redemption in Christ are set forward in a beautiful story where faith and love triumph over self-seeking.

### **Brother Jim Cowie – The Work of Elijah and the Second Exodus**

The Second Exodus of Israel through the work of Elijah and the saints is a major theme of Scripture.

Like the keeper of Israel who neither slumbers nor sleeps, bearers of the Hope of Israel look to the day when ungodliness will be turned from Jacob and all Israel redeemed.

This will be a huge task taking at least 40 years to accomplish and many saints will be intimately involved. Just as in the events of Armageddon, the purging of Judah (Jews in the Land) is intertwined with the destruction of the Gogian invader, so the return of scattered Israel under Elijah is a crucial element in the judgements to be poured upon the Harlot system and its adherents who oppose the rule of Christ post-Armageddon.

In our studies we considered this dramatic period in the history of God's chosen race. The importance of this subject is obvious. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

An accurate vision of things to come is a driving force today for the servants of God to set their course towards the Kingdom.

So it will be for returning Israel who will be instructed and shepherded by many glorified saints in the future.

***Next School to be held from April 16 – 23, God Willing. Sponsored by both Moorebank and Kemps Creek Ecclesias. Secretary – Bro Jason Gilmore.***

# During the Bible School

## Kindy Corner

## Children 5-12yrs



## Teenagers

The teenage session at the 2015 Summer Bible School was again privileged, to be able to drink deeply from the word, unhindered by our normal daily distractions. We had, in the main, a very positive group of about 65 young people who gave very good heed to the exposition and exhortation by Bro Jim Cowie in the first session, addressing them on the subject of "Elijah and the second Exodus" where our vision of our involvement in the exciting events soon to transpire was developed, clarified and then crystallised followed by the second session where the first sessions exposition was bible marked into the bibles of the young people. Many of them now have key passages like Matt 24 & Luke 21 marked, along with Jer 30 & 31, Zech 9 & Micah 5, to mention a few.



The third session was led then by Bro John Owen who addressed the young people on James' Letter, and gave very direct, practical exhortation seeking to deal with a chapter a day with topics like, The implanted word, Faith without works is dead, The tongue can no man tame, Draw nigh to God, and lastly, Be patient therefore, brethren. The very practical, topical and relevant discussion which carried on, often long after each session with the two brethren was lovely, and very encouraging to observe.

The daily spiritual fortifying was interspersed by a number of lighter formal and informal recreational activities including an afternoon at a local pool where the young people were able to challenge themselves on an inflatable and often very slippery course laid on top of one of the pools there. Other activities included trips to two of the local

beaches on separate afternoons where we were able to enjoy the sun, sand & surf. The interactive engagement and spirit with which the encouragement in the two sessions each day was delivered to the young people was second to none, and our prayer is that this will greatly assist each individual who was present to continue to prepare, and to keep their garments, as our Lord's return is so excitingly imminent!. (Jason Goddard)



*Snap-shots During the Picnic*



# **What's Coming Up?**

## **Next Bible School (God Willing)**

### **Speakers and Subjects**

**Brother Andrew Bramhill (UK)** – In the Days of Jeremiah

**Brother Matthew Norton** – The Tabernacle

**Brother Anthony Oosthuizen** – The Parables of Jesus

**Speakers for Teenagers:** Bro Andrew Bramhill - Acts,  
Bro Matthew Norton - Bible Marking Revelation 5.  
Bro. James McCann Co-ordinator

**5 – 12 years Sunday School:** The Last Week of Christ's Life

**Theme for Week:** For Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name (Psa 138:2)

### **Volunteers Needed**

For anyone attending the school we would like to run a number of afternoon 'interest' sessions for children aged between 5 and 12. These could be craft related, but we don't want to limit attendees creativity, so if you have a hobby which you would love to introduce children to, please volunteer to run a session on one afternoon.

Please email us now on [bookings@rathminesbibleschool.com](mailto:bookings@rathminesbibleschool.com)

### **Cancellations**

If for whatever reason you discover you can no longer attend, please let us know as soon as possible via either email or phone. [bookings@rathminesbibleschool.com](mailto:bookings@rathminesbibleschool.com) Phone 0413 919 484.

### **New Time for the Final Memorial Meeting**

The new time for the final Memorial Meeting on the last Saturday morning has been working really well, and as a result the committee have agreed that future Schools will follow that format. The studies will run from Monday to Friday each morning and the children's concert will remain on the Saturday night. The last item on the programme will be a rolling breakfast on Sunday morning allowing families time to travel back to their homes."

## ***NEW - Bible School Bookings Website***

**Booking in via the Website is easy and makes the booking process much more streamlined.**

After much development work and hours of testing, it was great to see so many use it at the school, to update existing bookings as well as make new ones.

It has passed all its tests with flying colours and is now providing an extremely good all in one booking programme, but also an easy to use view of what schools you and your family are booked in to.

Deposit payments of \$20, as well as full payment can be made on the site using either credit cards, or via a programme called Poli – bank transfer straight from your bank account securely. All existing bookings have been transferred to the new program.

The Website now provides the following in one place;

- Information
- Dates
- Bookings
- Payments
- Cancellations
- Check which schools you are booked in to
- Family information including dates of birth etc.

***Visit now to check your bookings or to make new ones at [Rathminesbibleschool.com](http://Rathminesbibleschool.com)***

### ***Fees & Bookings***

**Adults \$185.00**

**Teens \$185**

**Children (3-12) \$85.00**

**Under 3 – Free**

**Maximum Family rate of \$650.00 (parents with non working children)**

Teenage surcharge \$15.00 (for extra activities)

*To make your bookings now, book direct via the web page, email or phone us.*

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