

What's been Happening at the



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

Special thanks to the brothers and sisters of the Yagoona ecclesia who sponsored. Once again our appeal is for you to join with us, particularly if it's been a while since your last visit to the Bible School.

It's just a great experience for the whole family!

Please note that some of the Schools are close to being booked out and waiting lists will soon be in place. Please view the dates opposite and visit the website to book in www.rathminesbibleschool.com

Future Dates - God Willing Book Early to avoid disappointment

Summer	Autumn	Spring
Dec 22 - 30 2018	April 13 - 21 2019	Sept 28 - Oct 6 2019
Dec 21 - 29 2019	April 11 - 19 2020	Sept 26 - Oct 3 2020

Speakers for the Summer School 2018

◆ Bro Jim Cowie ◆ Bro Dev Ramcharan ◆ Bro Ken Styles

Personal Reflections

What could be more perfect than spending a week of worship and study together - experiencing a teeny taste of what our life in the Kingdom with each other might be like?

Rathmines Bible School is truly a treasure, a gift from God. A week away from our normality and a chance to reset our minds with resolution to keep focused on our goal.

The outside world disappears as we catch up with old friends, make new ones, learn more about ourselves, and our journey to Christ's Kingdom. For

us, it is always an encouraging week of self-reflection.

It's not only adults who benefit from Bible School. Our kids love coming and although it's highly possible that our youngest son's joy may be generated solely by the lolly shop, our other two love their class groups and catching up with friends each year.

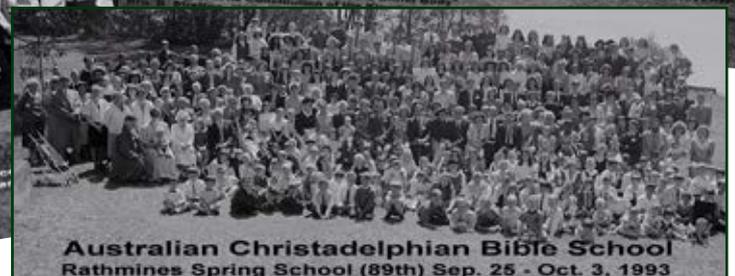
And there is so much organised for the teens and younger kids that there are days when we only see our offspring at mealtimes.

As far as speakers go, there is always an amazing range of knowledge to listen to. It doesn't seem to matter which Bible School we attend, we always find at least one speaker who really resonates with the stage of life we're at, as if God knew just what we needed to hear at the time.

If you have ever thought of coming to Bible School, make sure you try it out at least once. It really is one of the best places to spend seven days - this side of the Kingdom.

Bro. Rod and Sis. Hayley Shaw

More than 50 Years at Rathmines...



...what a blessing it's been!

Why don't you come and join us for...

- A fantastic week around the word of God three times a year.
- A time that provides spiritual education for all ages.
- A time where we can give and receive support to the brotherhood.
- A great opportunity for a reasonably priced holiday experience for families.
- A time where we all enjoy a week of fellowship, unity and comfort.

The Bible School at Rathmines has served Christadelphians and their families for over 50 years now. In fact the recent Autumn School marked the 168th occasion since it's inauguration.

Next School to be held from 22nd to 30th December, God Willing.

Speaker Summaries

from the Spring School

Brother Rod Dawson – “The Power of Fundamentals”



No matter how long we have been in the Truth, the basic doctrines we learnt for baptism are still the foundation of our faith.

Our respect for the Word of God as God’s own “breath” is essential to our acceptance before Him, and to experience the miraculous power it contains to develop the spirit man.

Any criticism of the Word and its teachings are merely the selfish thoughts of the human heart trying desperately to discount the reality of God’s total supremacy in all things.

The understanding we gain from the Word of

God concerning our own heart will reveal how careful we must be in accepting the true message of the Word.

The acceptance of our own unworthiness and the need for forgiveness will always remain a foundation for our spiritual growth and ecclesial harmony. God has purchased us with “the precious Blood” of His Son, so we ought to show our appreciation for this wonderful privilege by living a Faithful life that reflects the Love of God as seen in His son.

Our Faith is seen by the total acceptance of His Word and in our belief in His Power to save us.

Brother Ron Hicks – “Exodus – Escape from Bondage”



The overall circumstances of Israel’s servitude and escape from Egypt are well known within the brotherhood.

Assuming this basis, the studies on “Exodus: Escape from Bondage” explored in more detail, both in terms of exposition and exhortation, this crucial event in Israel’s history. Some key issues discussed included:

(i) God’s initial unseen providential hand progressing to massive overt demonstrations of His power and purpose;

(ii) Moses’ unique upbringing and background in preparing him for leadership;

(iii) Moses’ four initial excuses of inadequacy in confronting his task;

(iv) the nature of Moses’ commissioning, including the crucial link between the divine appearance at the burning bush and the revelation of God’s memorial name of Yahweh;

(v) the plagues against Egypt with their challenge to pagan divinities and their apocalyptic overtones, especially in the Book of Revelation;

(vi) the ultimate plague of the pass-over with its timeless lessons on salvation;

(vii) the crossing of the Sea of Reeds as a foretaste of the divine means of redemption; and

(viii) the four great crises in the desert wanderings. These are samples of the issues discussed, always with a focus on their implications for subsequent Biblical history and powerful themes for exhortation for God’s people in the last days.

Brother Andrew Bramhill – “Peter – Fisherman to Shepherd”



In Peter we find many things. He is a man of commitment and zeal who is willing to forsake a great deal for the hope of the gospel.

With great eagerness and dedication he stands by his Lord, at times putting himself in danger for his faith. Selflessly he steps out of a boat into dangerous waters to secure the faith of wavering fellows.

Convinced that Christ has the words of eternal life he is privileged to see the dead raised and a vision of God’s glory, and to hear the voice of heaven itself.

And yet in all this example of faith there is failure

and bitterness. Peter stands in Christ’s way when a greater purpose is not perceived.

In fear he denounces and denies, rather than confess and proclaim, and Christ’s healing touch is required for his restoration.

The embracing of Gentiles provides a further challenge but by the end of it all this straight-talking fisher from Galilee becomes the most loyal disciple, the foundation of the ecclesia and in an imitation of his Lord, a great shepherd of the sheep, dedicated to feeding the flock. Little wonder that Christ chose Peter on which to build his ecclesial house.

Filling the Classrooms

Kindy Corner



*Junior
5-8 years*



*Intermediate
9-12 Years*

Filling the Classrooms

Teenagers



A few changes...

We are looking forward to seeing you all and enjoying another excellent Bible School together.

The committee have made a couple of changes recently which we wanted everyone to be aware of, both changes have been made with the end in mind of ensuring that all those who have booked in, benefit from the week together.

Day Visitors

To ensure that all those who book in for Bible School are able to participate fully, we have decided to fall in line with most other similar activities in asking that there be no day visitors. Whilst we would dearly love to accommodate and be with all of our brothers and sisters, there have been times when the attendance of day visitors has meant those attending cannot get a seat, particularly at the memorial meeting and at other times. Also the attendance of day visitors can affect the activities and operation of the week. To be fair to everyone, we have agreed to make it simple and ask that there be no day visitors.

Teenage accommodation and engagement

Please note also that Teenagers are always under the control and responsibility of their parents or guardians. The accommodation arrangements that will apply for teenagers 16 and over, is that they will be accommodated, wherever possible, near to their parents. As has always been the case anyone under 16 must be in the room of their parents. The second change that we have made is that both parent/ guardian as well as the teenager will be required to sign the expectations form.

We are always keen to make the Bible School a great family experience and always appreciate feedback on improvements.

What's coming up?

Summer School - 22nd - 30th December 2018 - God Willing

Special Summer Holiday Programme

Brother Jim Cowie – The Kingdom Titles of our Lord Jesus Christ

Brother Dev Ramcharan – He is our Brother and Flesh – A Life of Judah

Brother Ken Styles – God's Wisdom in the Family Design.

5 – 12 years Sunday School: The Life of Moses (*lessons, project and a play*).

Theme and Night Series: Wonder of Forgiveness

Bible School Bookings Website

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

Non-refundable Deposit payments of \$50, 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.

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

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 or email.

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Cancellations

If for whatever reason you can no longer attend, please cancel on line. If you are having trouble on the website then please let us know as soon as possible via email.

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