

CHRISTADELPHIAN BIBLE SCHOOL RATHMINES



*Held on beautiful
Lake Macquarie*

- Enjoy a live-in 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

**Bookings
and Dates
for 2019 and 2020
now released
on the
Website**

Speakers for the Spring School 2017

**Bro. Mark Vincent
Bro. Jeff Johnson
Bro. Ron Houben**

Dates - God Willing Book Early to avoid disappointment

| Spring School | Summer School | Autumn School |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Sept 30 - Oct 8 2017 | Dec 23 - 31 2017 <i>Vacancies</i> | April 15 - 23 2017 |
| Sept 29 - Oct 7 2018 | Dec 22 - 30 2018 <i>Vacancies</i> | April 13 - 28 2019 |

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 Spring School marked the 160th occasion since its 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 Autumn School.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who cheerfully played their roll in running the week, serving the adults and children.

The Punchbowl brothers and sisters gave themselves tirelessly as sponsors and 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 the Bible School.

Please note that some of the Schools are booked out but have waiting lists in place. At the moment there are vacancies for the next Summer School.

Please view the dates opposite and visit our website to book in www.rathminesbibleschool.com.

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Last School in Review



Theme – How God Works in Our Life



Bro. Jim Cowie –

**Hezekiah in
Isaiah**



Bro. John Owen –

**Preaching with
Paul**



Bro. Stephen Palmer –

**Ye Must be Born
Again - John 1-5**

Brother Jim Cowie

Hezekiah in Isaiah - Pattern for Christ and the Latter Days

This is a study of the way Biblical history involving Hezekiah sets the pattern for the sufferings of Christ and the latter days in the Prophecy of Isaiah.

The faithlessness of Ahaz and his covenant with Assyria presage events of the latter days leading to Armageddon.

In our study of sections of Isaiah concerning the days of Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, in conjunction with the historical records of Kings and Chronicles it will be established that Yahweh uses this history and its related prophecy to set forth, not only the redemptive work of Christ at his first advent, but the events of the latter days that lead to the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

The details of things we are now seeing coming to pass are astonishing but expected when the prophecy of Isaiah is understood.

The covenant that faithless Ahaz made with the Assyrians is the pattern for wayward latter day Israel, and the Assyrian invasion in the days of Hezekiah is clearly used as a type of the Gogian invasion of the latter days.

We live in exciting days watching historically based prophecy coming to pass.

Brother John Owen –

Preaching with Paul

Looking at the first three preaching journeys of the Apostle Paul we can learn a huge amount about what it means to be dedicated to the truth: how we need to stick to the word in our preaching, be bold in the right things and demonstrate the love of Christ in our lives.

Going to the Jews and then to the Gentiles, being all things to all men that he might save some, we see a man zealous for God; never compromising the “right ways of the Lord”, but willing to compromise self to help others.

Although we marvel at his energy and work ethic, looking closely we’re drawn to the love the Apostle showed; his “anxiety/care for all of the ecclesias”, his gentleness, like “a nurse cherisheth her children”, his care, “as a Father” to these newly converted brothers and sisters.

All the time his preaching was focused on the gospel message – the good news – that “the living God, which made heaven and earth” has offered eternal life, to “all nations”, through his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The requirement then, as it is now, was “believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved”.

Brother Stephen Palmer

Ye Must be Born Again - John 1-5

“The Prologue of the Gospel of John centres on the wonderful promise that those who believe on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ have been given authority to become the children of God - and this promise sets the theme for the developing narrative of the Gospel.

To be one of these children we have to be born from above, of the will of God and not rest upon any natural descent or heritage we think may set us apart.

Each of us has to follow the Lord, to come to understand those things that have been revealed from heaven, to drink of the rain that had come down from heaven and eat of the bread that it has nurtured.

And as new people we can put behind us the old life related to sin and death and walk with hope towards the Kingdom.

We have passed from death to life through the saving work of the Word made flesh. This is the great purpose of the Creator, to make in His Son a new creation to fill the earth with His glory.

In anticipation of these wonderful things as children of God we are each called to worship the Father, not relying on human traditions or natural pedigrees but in sincerity and truth.”

**Next School to be held from 30th September - 8th October 2017, God Willing.
Sponsoring Ecclesia - Blackburn (VIC).**

During the Bible School

Kindy Corner



Children 5-8yrs

At the recent Bible School there was a large group of 5-8 aged children (approximately 50).

As the children heard stories surrounding Paul's third missionary journey they received a special visit each morning from some of the key characters in these stories – a magician whose magic books were no comparison to the gospel message Paul was preaching, the silversmith Demetrius who was furious at his dwindling profits and loss of reputation of the goddess Diana, a wolf who was the subject of Paul's warning at Miletus, Agabus who prophesied of Paul's future bonds

and a Roman centurion who witnessed Paul's great faith on the voyage to Rome.

Play practice followed where the children rehearsed for the concert on Saturday night and dramatised and sang about the various reactions to Paul's preaching at Ephesus.

This was followed by work on a project which was a "flip-out" book capturing the key lessons from the stories that the children were learning.

Many friendships were made during the week as the children learnt lesson from the life of Paul that will hopefully stay with them for their whole life. **(Bro David McClure)**



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*Personal
Reflection*

Bible School has been an integral part of our family life from the first of the schools held at Rathmines until now.

From us being young teenagers, to being a married couple, to taking our children and now loving the same experiences with our grandchildren, the Bible School has been a haven from a crazy world and providing wonderful, motivating and encouraging messages in an environment where the young and not so young can develop life-long friendships with others from across the country and in fact across the world.

Certainly the physical environment has changed over the years (thankfully) but the same message from God for us continues to be the focus. It is the reason so many travel so far to be a part of this truly stimulating, faith enhancing experience.

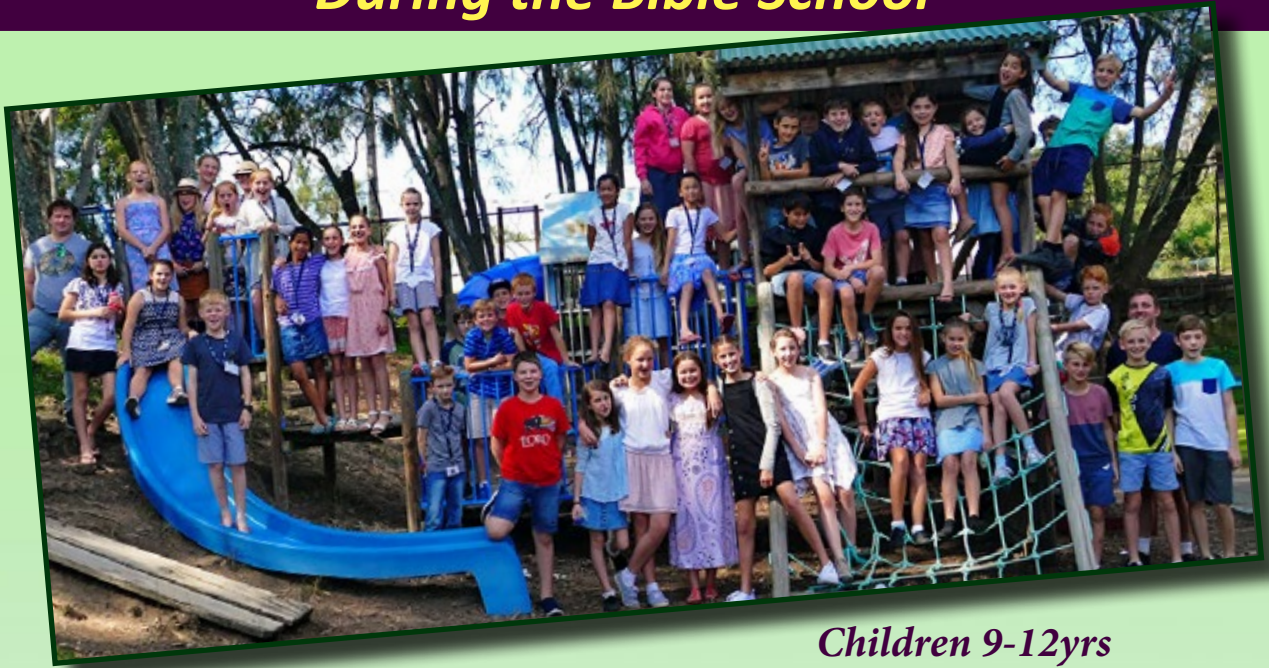
To be able to spend a week together with so many who share our faith, from the youngest to the oldest, remains a highlight of our lives still.

The smiles of the older ones and the noisy exuberance of the little ones, the conversations about the studies and the opportunity for healthy spiritual interaction makes this place, Rathmines Bible School, the place we still love to be as often as we are able.

May it continue until our Lord returns."

Bro Greg and Sis Cheryl Gilmore.

During the Bible School



Children 9-12yrs

Around fifty five 9-12 year olds gathered every morning in the Intermediate Room to follow the third journey of Paul.

We heard him preaching as he travelled spreading the Gospel across the world. We heard the screaming of the crowd at Ephesus. We felt the anguish at the death of Eutychus in Troas and saw the amazement and response to God at his resurrection. We heard Paul's warnings at Miletus of "wolves in sheep's clothing". We listened to the warnings of Agabus at Caesarea. We experienced a riot in Jerusalem as Paul is opposed by His enemies. Finally we witnessed a plot to kill Paul and then a shipwreck as he goes as a prisoner to Rome.

Towards the end of each lesson the children gathered in their teams and an on-line quiz brought the room to life as they battled for points remembering the key points of the lesson !!

The project session followed the lesson and some wonderfully individually decorated bags were produced.

The play on the Saturday night showed the experiences of Paul on the boat as he sailed as a prisoner to Rome. We witnessed the effect of the waves, heard the roaring of the wind and the waves and the groaning of the timbers. It was a great way to finish a great week. (Bro Mike Wolstencroft)

Teenagers



Around the Bible School



Photos by Sis. Verity Edgecombe

Entertaining Strangers



Punchbowl (as the sponsor) had an ice breaker opening afternoon. Brother Steve Wolstencroft comments on how it worked.

“The aim of the afternoon was to give people the opportunity to meet new people at the start of the week. Hopefully this was a starting point to build on. We called it entertaining strangers as it is part of our life in Christ to show hospitality to our brothers and sisters. People were put at random tables with questions that hopefully helped people to get to know the others and then a bit of trivia.”

What's Coming Up?

Next Bible School (God Willing)

Spring School 30th September - 8th October 2017

Brother Mark Vincent (UK) – For Better, For Worse, Biblical Models for Marriage

Brother Jeff Johnson (SA) – Be Ye Transformed by the Renewing of Your Minds (Rom 12-16).

Brother Ron Houben (NZ) – The Tabernacle in Johns Gospel.

5 – 12 years Sunday School: The Life of Joseph.

Theme and Night Series: Miracles Happen - Israel

Advanced Notice for the December Bible School

**To be held from 23rd - 31st Dec 2017
God Willing**

Special Holiday Bible School Program Planned - Details Coming Soon!

Speakers - Bro. Peter Owen (UK) - Avoiding Catastrophe in the wilderness

Bro. Roger Long (UK) - The Praise of His Glory (Ephesians)

Bro. James McCann (NSW) - Faithful Family Legacies

5-12yrs - The Life of Moses

There are still vacancies for this School!

BOOK NOW SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!

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Please Note: A \$50 Non-refundable deposit now applies for all new bookings

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 either email or phone.

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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. All existing bookings have been transferred to the new program.

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- Dates
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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)

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Thank You for your support - Bezer Upgrade has started

The upgrade is progressing well, with half the rooms now completed.

We are appealing for donations from individuals and ecclesias. All donations are specifically for this project

If you are a regular, or would like a guaranteed room on every visit, please consider sponsoring a room which becomes yours upon each visit.

Bezer Hut – 14 rooms ensuited @ \$9,500.00 per room.

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