

# CHELSEA NEWSLETTER



16 January 2011

## WHAT'S ON at Chelsea Church of Christ



### Tuesday:

[Scope @ the Men's Shed 9-12 noon,](#)  
[Skilling Australia 9am-4pm](#)

### Wednesday:

[Community Breakfast 8-10 am,](#)  
(Next Breakfast 2 Feb 2011)  
[Men's Shed 9am-12 noon,](#)  
[Skilling Australia 9am-4pm](#)

[Women's Group](#)  
2nd Wednesday of month

### Thursday:

[Men's shed 9am - 12 noon](#)  
[AA 11am - 12.30pm](#)  
[Skilling Australia 9am-4pm](#)  
[Bible study 3pm & 7.00pm](#)

### Friday:

[Woorinyan @ the Men's Shed 9-12](#)

### Sunday:

[Worship 10am each week](#)  
[Introduction to Christianity](#)  
4th Sunday of each month 12 noon

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the following...  
Lesley Ingram's 2 nieces  
Kaylean, Steve & family  
Isabella Taylor  
Jan & Keith, Sid & Lesley,  
Christine, Natalie, Lyn,  
Peter & Joan Hazeldene,  
Greig Kidman, Lesley, Joyce,  
Yvonne (Dianne's sister in-law),  
Belinda (Dianne's friend),  
Kath Marshall, Kathleen Frost,  
Mark Hughes and family  
and any others on the hearts of  
our church family.



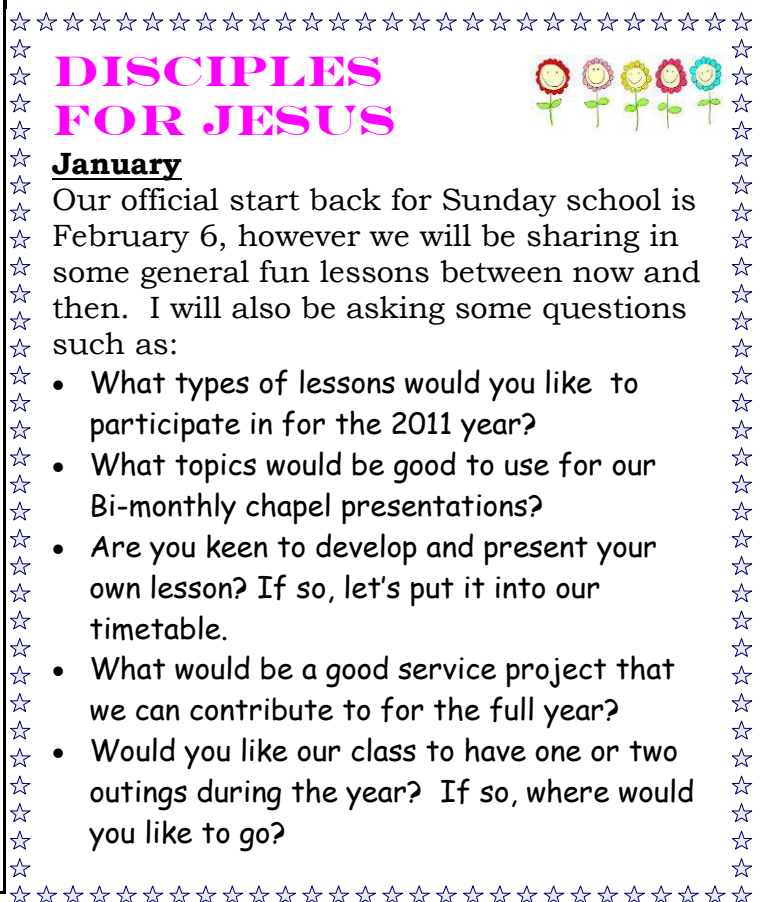
## DISCIPLES FOR JESUS



### January

Our official start back for Sunday school is February 6, however we will be sharing in some general fun lessons between now and then. I will also be asking some questions such as:

- What types of lessons would you like to participate in for the 2011 year?
- What topics would be good to use for our Bi-monthly chapel presentations?
- Are you keen to develop and present your own lesson? If so, let's put it into our timetable.
- What would be a good service project that we can contribute to for the full year?
- Would you like our class to have one or two outings during the year? If so, where would you like to go?



# A note from Judi.....

## **Why doesn't God intervene?**

We may be asking ourselves this in response to the Queensland floods, Victoria's Bush fire disaster or a myriad of other events occurring throughout the world. By human standards it appears that life is unfair, that God is silent when we desperately need to hear His explanation for these disasters. Where can we find peace, hope and contentment in such an uncertain and unjust world?

We are not living in a world where we can always expect perfection. God does not operate the world so that everything works out beautifully. From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible shows our world is fragmented and broken – not what it once was and not what it shall be. Jesus said that the minutest event in nature is under the control of God – “are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father” (Matthew 10:29) Jesus stood on the sea and stopped the waves with a single word (Mark 4:39). Even if nature or Satan unleashed the wildfires or floods, one word from Jesus would have stopped them, but He did not speak. This means there is design in this suffering. And all His designs are wise and just and good. One of His designs is for repentance.

For the present we may experience hurts, damage, injuries, difficulties and hardships. We will have unanswered questions but let's not put God on trial. God knows. He is responsible for everything that happens, however He does not usually explain Himself – until we meet Him in the next life.

Our comfort comes from knowing the Lord personally, from appreciating His character in day to day experience. God is willing to walk through our trials in life – with us.

This is the secret of Psalm 77 – why not read it today?

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