"A CHURCH FOR ALL" CHELSEA NEWSLETTER

19 August 2012

Chelsea Church of Christ

Some words from Judi....

Last Sunday we said farewell to Steve, Sarah and Kaylean as Steve pursues a different direction he feels God is leading him in. It was great to see people who don't normally attend the Sunday service, join us at lunch to wish the Rose family well.

There were stories told that brought gladness to the heart and some that brought sadness as well. Steve presented his sermon on being a Neighbour and revealing God's love through our service. He interspersed this with creative dance. This was performed from Sarah who showed her God given talent in her beautiful and very moving dancing to two wonderful songs – Amazing Grace and Smile Though Your Heart is Aching. Her renditions moved most of the congregation to tears and wonder.

Steve has been a wonderful mentor to me over the 3 years that I have attended Chelsea. He has provided wonderful guidance and direction in relation to my ministry studies and also support and caring through some difficult times.

Although my tears will fall for a while, I feel honoured and privileged that I had this time with Steve. I know that Steve's love was shown to many of the congregation as well as many persons who have passed through the church attending various programs.

As a church congregation we all contribute to the works that are conducted. This is now the time for us to review where we wish the church to head in the future, what skills we want in a minister, what changes, if any, will we make or need to make to move forward in this journey.

We may need to tap a few people on the shoulder and ask for extra assistance as we begin the process of locating a minister to help us. We ask for your continued prayers as we seek the direction that God has for us.

An email from Steve.....

Hi wonderful people

We the Roses want to thank you for all your care of us, for your generosity with the computer, for all the time and care you put into our final day. You made it a special day for the whole family. I know so many people put in a lot of time and effort to see us of. We feel very loved and cared for. This email seems to short to give a true reflection of the thanks we feel for the church's efforts today, and for the huge effort the church has put in over the years towards supporting us in ministry. We feel very honoured. Chelsea Church of Christ will always have a very special place in our hearts. Rest assured that the computer will be well used to continue to support Gods partnership with us

As we were wresting with God calling us on, one minister said to me "If God has something great in mind for Chelsea it can't happen until you get out of the way" I believe God does have great things for Chelsea, and that I had done my bit and now it was time for the church to fly. It has been wonderful over the past few months to see others in the church and particularly on the board come up with ideas and possibilities for things to try.

I encourage you to remember that experiments are just that, we don't need to be anxious about giving something a try, just do it and see what happens, some will work, and if we try enough things, many will work

As was said by Donna Baur M.P. today, there is a warmth when you walk in the church. God's spirit is with you strongly.

Again thank you for the journey God Bless

Steve and Family

Chelsea Church of Christ Services

CHURCH SERVICES10 am SundaySunday August 19John the BaptistScripture reading – Mark 6 14-29Preacher – Colin Duggan

Sunday August 26Ministering to the needyScripture reading – Mark 6:30-34 & 53-58Preacher – Allan Avery

SundaySeptember 2Feeding the hungryScripture reading – Mark 6:1-21Preacher – Syd Jackson

CHILDREN'S SERVICES10 am SundaySunday August 19Super Heroes of the Bible

Who do you look up to as a hero? The Bible is filled with men and women who were heroes in what they did. We are going to take a few weeks to learn about them. Today we explore the story of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac Sarah and make our own personal CHRISTIAN SHIELD OF FAITH

Sunday August 26 Super Heroes of the Bible continues as we explore the story of Moses, Miriam and Aaron. We will make tambourines to remind us of the story.

Sunday September 2 More super heroes to learn about – Joshua, Rahab and the two spies. We'll make a spy outfit.

MESSY CHURCH 3rd Sunday of the month 2-4pm NOTE CHANGE OF TIME Parents/adults – Please bring a small plate of snacks and drinks to share. All families are welcome – whatever combination that may be – mums, dads, carers, aunts, uncles, nanas, grandpas and of course CHILDREN. Ring Judi on 0423 375 714 to register.

Today's theme : Authorized Mess – Proverbs.

The Book of Proverbs tells us lots of wonderful things. We are going to explore the world of an ANT to learn of how God's tiniest creature is made and how busy their world is. *No time for laziness there!*



REGULAR WHAT'S ON at Chelsea Church of Christ

Monday: Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 10am



"Where two or more are gathered together, there I will be also" Come and share in the real power of _ prayer – prayers for self, others and the work of the church.

Tuesday: <u>Kankama</u> using the facilities of the Men's Shed 9-12

Wednesday: <u>Community Breakfast</u> 8-10 am, <u>Men's Shed</u> 9am-12 <u>Women's Group</u> 2nd Wed of month

Thursday: <u>Men's shed</u> 9–12 <u>AA</u> Meeting in Chapel 11am <u>Community Lunch</u> 11am–1.00pm

Friday: Woorinyan @ the Men's Shed 9-12 Job Co (Green Corp) 9am—4pm

Sunday: Worship & Kid's Sunday School 10 am each week <u>Ouestions group</u> 12 noon, 2nd Sunday of each month <u>Messy Church</u> 2-4pm - 3rd Sunday of each month

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