

**"A CHURCH FOR ALL"**

**CHELSEA NEWSLETTER**

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## *A word from Steve....*

Not another two wheeled sport story

Yes, before I leave I have to get one more sport on wheels story in. I was introduced to the Tour de France about 20 years ago and have enjoyed it since. Last year was fabulous with our own Aussie rider Cadel Evans winning, this year, not so good for Cadel, but great to watch our new Aussie team green Edge in action. One of the reasons so many people watch the tour is for the scenery, the cathedrals castles and rivers are amazing. Thy have a special interest for me this year as in 4 weeks I will be there, looking at the odd castle and cathedral myself. It's a specially enjoyable race this year.

I also love the race for its amazing athletic endurance, how these guys race for 200 Ks, then race up a very steep hill for 10 Ks, all in one day, then do it again next day, for three weeks, is mind blowing. I struggle to ride my pushy into a headwind on flat ground. I also love the race because it is such a race of strategy. It is a team race, with all the riders on one team sacrificing themselves so that their lead rider can have a chance of winning. Though only one person gets the trophy. It is also a race with many "gentlemen's" rules, those unwritten rules of polite etiquette, like the lead riders waiting for their main competitor if he gets a flat tyre, as Wiggins did this year, waiting for Cadel when some tacks were thrown on the ground by a spectator. Its also tour of great skill, when do you go to the front and challenge, when do you rest in the peloton (main bunch) and let the lead bikes literally drag you along. By now you may have guessed where I am going, no I don't mean the *Champs-Elysées*, I mean where I am going in this article, though, like the tour it is rambling all over the country. You see one of the quaint traditions of the tour is the last day riding down the *Champs-Elysées*,

because the rider who is on the lead on the penultimate day is allowed to ride the last day in the front, as the winner, No one tries to beat the winner on the last day, so he can race knowing he has already won the race. So much so, that he normally begins the day iding while indulging in chicken and champagne. The riders who have won past tour's, all talk about loving the moment, riding through the crowd to the finish line knowing they have already won the race, savouring the moment, while still technically at least, racing.

I seem to remember Paul the writer of Corinthians saying something similar. I must admit, spending the last 7.5 years at Chelsea C of C has been a lot like riding down the *Champs-Elysées*. The way God has kept doing amazing things through us has kept reminding me that God was in control, and I didn't need to stress to much, It has been like riding knowing we have won. But wait there is more, send no money yet. Yes you have guessed it, one more sport with wheels analogy. Aussie Casey Stoner is clearly the best motor bike rider in the Moto Grand Prix, yet this year he has got a dud bike, it just doesn't suite the new Michelin tyres, forcing Casey to take more risks to keep up, and therefore fall off occasionally. Its starting to look tough for Casey to win this year unless his team can get his Honda up to Yamaha standards. To enjoy wining, you also have to have a good team working away in the background.

My time at Chelsea has been great because we have such a good team. As I go around saying goodbye to people it strikes over again what a good team of fellow racers we have here at Chelsea. this team (you) have made my time here enjoyable, and I can move on knowing things will continue because of the strong and dedicated team.

But whatever happens remember you are riding in a race you have already won. Do your best, focus on encouraging each other, care for and support each other, and as a team continue to offer that love and care in ever increasing circles. But most importantly, don't forget to enjoy the race, consume lots of chicken and champagne, even the steep climbs up hills, when you're already exhausted, because you have won.

Steve

## 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:** [Kankama](#) using the facilities of the Men's Shed 9-12

**Wednesday:** [Community Breakfast 8-10 am](#), [Men's Shed 9am-12](#) [Women's Group 2nd Wed of month](#)

**Thursday:** [Men's shed 9-12](#) [AA Meeting in Chapel 11am](#) [Community Lunch 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](#) [Questions group 12 noon, 2nd Sunday of each month](#) [Messy Church 2-4pm - 3rd Sunday of each month](#)

### **Messy Church Report from July 15—The Christian Race**

The champions lined up and the crowd went wild as they marched in for the official opening with the Christian Flag, Flame and cheer squad. After learning of the similarities between being a CHAMPION FOR GOD and the athletes who compete in the Olympics, the games began. All champions were racing against the clock as they participated in Frisbee throwing, blowing ping pong balls into the pocket, bouncing a ball in the square, throwing straw javelins, spelling words and using a ruler to balance a balloon into a bucket. Refreshments were had before the official Medal Ceremony, AND MY GOODNESS, THIS HAVE NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE IN ANY GAMES—IT WAS A DRAW. Congratulations to all contestants— Sarah R, Ryan D, Sarah D, Tyler and Carter. Oh yes, and the adults who did pretty good too.



## Chelsea Church of Christ Services

### **CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sunday July 22** **Five8**

**10 am Sunday**

**Preacher** – Andie Patchett

Andie Patchett is the founder of Five8. She began visiting young women in prison as a teenager and 25 years later is still visiting and supporting prisoners. She is moved by the desperate plight of ex-offenders upon their release from jail. Five8 –meaning mate in rhyming prison slang, is a not for profit organization committed to building communities of support and accountability around ex-offenders.

**Sunday July 29** **The importance of the Sabbath**

**Preacher** – Colleen Coath from UNOH

**Sunday August 5** This will be a special day where Andre Van Eymeren will share some great training opportunities for us to actively share the Gospel.

### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES** **10 am Sunday**

**Sunday July 22** **Door painting –wear your old clothes**

Today we are going to paint the new doors in our room. Judi will draw outlines of a relevant picture for the doors and the children will paint them in.

**Sunday July 29** Continuing our verse **For God So Loved the World.**

Today we will make a faith chair.

**Sunday August 5** **Mission Sunday .**

This is the first of a regular theme that we will be doing, exploring ways we can help others. Today's lesson will be “the search for water”

**MESSY CHURCH 3rd Sunday of the month 2-4pm (note change of time)**

Parents/adults Please bring a small plate of snacks/drink to share.

**Next Messy Church Aug 19** 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.

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