

CHELSEA NEWSLETTER



7 February 2010

WHAT'S ON at Chelsea Church of Christ



Monday:

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

Tuesday:

[Scope @ the Men's Shed 9-12 noon,](#)

[Skilling Australia 9am-4pm](#)

[Bible study 7.30pm](#)

[Christian Women's Fellowship](#)

2nd Tuesday of month

Wednesday:

[Community Breakfast 8-10 am,](#)

[Men's Shed 9am-12 noon,](#)

[Skilling Australia 9am-4pm](#)

[Wednesday Afternoon Games 10-4pm](#)

Thursday:

[Men's shed 9am - 12 noon](#)

[Skilling Australia 9am-4pm](#)

[Bible study 3pm](#)

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

Peter Hazeldene,

John Mudie for his hip etc.

The niece of our church cleaners

Tony and Lyn Kidman, for cancer.

Greig Kidman our missionary

for prostate cancer.

Yvonne (Dianne's sister in-law) .

For our churches finances,

and for funding our disability computer group.

Our toilet funding which is up for consideration

as a "Mens Shed" grant from Dept planning

construction and development.

Our presentation to council this

Thursday for long term significant

Triennial funding.

and any others on the hearts of our

church family.



DISCIPLES FOR JESUS



(New Title compliments of Sarah Rose)

**This week we are continuing learning
about the 12 disciples.**

Can you name the first 4 chosen?

P - - - R

A - - - W

J - - - S

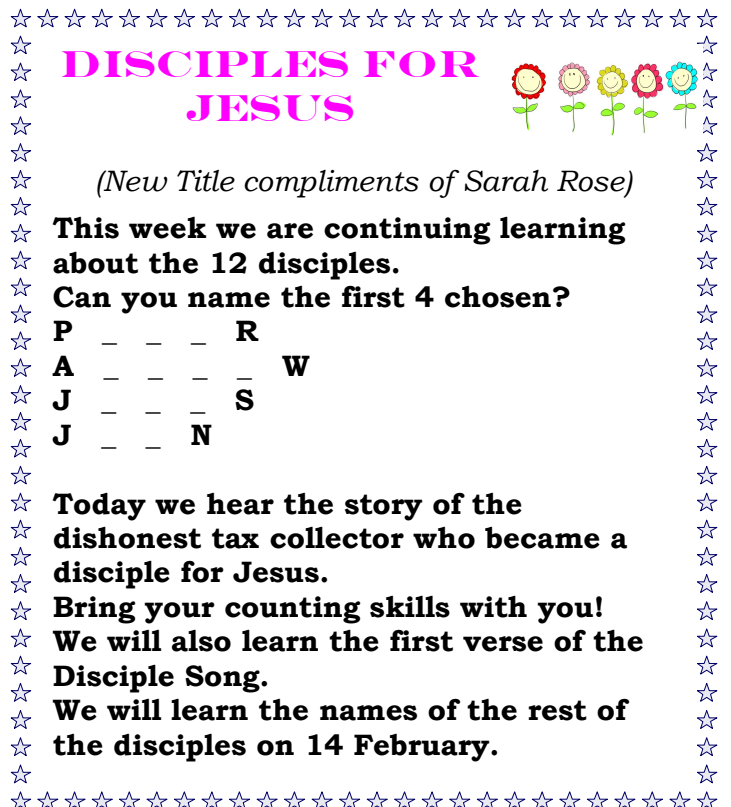
J - - N

**Today we hear the story of the
dishonest tax collector who became a
disciple for Jesus.**

Bring your counting skills with you!

**We will also learn the first verse of the
Disciple Song.**

**We will learn the names of the rest of
the disciples on 14 February.**



STEVE'S SAYINGS

Toyota and us

Last Monday, while waiting at the doctors with Kaylean I read an article on Toyota's woes. Apparently the Chairman Mr Toyoda, realized the giant car manufacture was in trouble after reading "how the mighty fall", by Jim Collins, a management writer.

Mr Collins identified the 5 stages of decline, and Toyota boss Mr Toyoda then realized they were down to stage 4 already.

The sage advice from the book is not to panic. Typical big mistakes large corporations ,make at these times include, making sudden radical change where underlying strengths are forgotten or abandoned, seeking a big acquisition to transform the company in one stroke, destroying momentum by constant restructuring, pinning hopes on unproven strategies.

Instead Mr Collins advocates old fashioned management virtues such as determination, discipline, calmness under pressure and strategic decision making based on careful sifting of the evidence. Often, the leader best able to halt a downward spiral will be an insider who knows how to build on proven strengths while simultaneously identifying and eradicating weaknesses"

The Economist. December 12 2009. volume 393 Number 8661. Leaders Slip up. Pg 11.

Toyodo identified Toyota's traditional strengths as their quality of car, but they had sacrificed this in a bid to become the world's biggest car maker. Their weakness he suggested was building boring cars. He aims to get back their reputation for reliability, a difficult task given recent recalls over accelerator and brake problems and that other manufactures have caught up in build quality. He also wants to build more exciting looking cars.

Source: Economist. December 12 2009. volume 393 Number 8661 Briefing Toyota pgs 67 -69.

As I read this I wondered if it might also apply to other organisations such as Churches. In times of stress can we focus on growing our strengths and identifying and fixing our weaknesses. I wonder, what do you think are our strengths? Perhaps friendliness, acceptance, caring for all, our many community programs, our partnerships, our children's ministry, our high community profile, our trust in Jesus and a sense that God is leading us through doors opening and closing? What do you think?.

And what are our weaknesses? You might think our building looks tired, poor visibility or signage, ;lack of numbers. Money goes out quicker than it comes in, our musicians are thin on the ground, you might even think the sermons aren't much chop, our car parking.

What might it look like if we grow our strengths and eliminate our weaknesses? Where is God calling us to be?

God Bless

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