

**DIY DISCIPLESHIP**

You may recall that with the rise of “DIY” home improvement TV shows there came a sharp rise in the number of people turning up to hospitals with injuries they’d received as they tried to do some renovation or fixing work at home. The DIY craze was also a DYI craze (do yourself injury). It was never as simple and easy as the actor on TV made it out to be.

Being a disciple of Christ, however, is a simple, “DIY” thing; but Jesus warned it carries risks. Self-inflicted harm is an avoidable risk, if we follow the Master’s directions. When we don’t—maybe working around them, or trying to “improve” upon them—we’ll do ourselves harm.

Jesus sent out his disciples to make other disciples by baptising them and teaching them to obey his commandments (Mt 28:18-20). One command which those disciples taught new disciples — to “make disciples” — shows us that being a disciple of Christ is reproducible. We don’t need Christ to personally make disciples of Christ. We can do it ourselves, by following his instructions. It was passed on, and still is, by teaching and example.

This discipleship doesn’t require a Ph.D. Anyone can follow Christ, and anyone can congregate to serve him together. It doesn’t even require that you be literate! It requires that you believe the truth about Jesus, love him enough to surrender your life to him (which will mean keeping his commandments) and walk as he walked. (Read Acts 2:36-38; 8:35-39; John 14:15; 1 John 2:5-6; 1 Cor 11:1; Phil 3:16-17.) It really is as simple as that, but still a big challenge for naturally selfish people like you and me.

The purity and simplicity of Christ’s Way (2 Cor 12:3) means that we don’t have to “outsource” our discipleship to some “expert”. (That includes our collective discipleship, commonly known as “church”.) We can do it ourselves! But DIY doesn’t mean DIYOW (Do It Your Own Way). That has always been a fatal mistake, running counter to the very essence of discipleship—imitating Christ and keeping his commandments.

DIY doesn’t mean DIOYO (Do It On Your Own), either. “Apart from me you can do nothing,” Christ said in John 15. We must abide in him, and stick close to one another, bearing one another’s burdens and encouraging one another daily (Gal 6:2; Heb 3:13). So even if no one walks the path of the cross by your side, Doing It Yourself won’t mean doing it on your own. There are others far and near who are following Christ, and of course Christ himself is “with you always, even to the end of the age”.

Brett Christensen

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Welcome

We welcome you this morning and hope and pray that your time with us will be spiritually uplifting and fulfilling. We look forward to seeing you again.

### Revive 10: Jesus love: God's way of changing me and then the whole world

It's only 2 weeks till Revive!! Jesus tells us something interesting about ourselves: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matt 6:21. Where is your treasure? This may seem like an easy question to answer and sometimes you and I need to dig a little deeper to really get what He means. It's then that the light bulbs switch on and we are never quite the same again. Step a little closer to the light and be revived. You'll be glad you did. See Peter, Ruth, Charlotte or Nancy for more details.

### Jumping Juniors Bowling Fun

All grade 6 to prep kids 1 game, drink and lolly bag free (so bring your friends) \$9.50 a game for parents and anyone else who would like to join us.

Saturday 18th September at 3:30pm (please arrive at 3:15 to start at 3:30, or you won't be able to bowl)

AMF Bowling, Forest Hills  
Level 3 Forest Hill Chase  
Shopping Centre  
270 Canterbury Rd, Forest Hills

We need to know numbers to book, so let me know if you are coming by 15th

September, on 0409035281 - Thanks, Rhonda

### No combined DG night on Wednesday 29th

Gosford Youth have had to cancel (very apologetically) the Wednesday Night worship with Belmore Road on 29<sup>th</sup> September. DGs will now meet in their individual groups as normal during that week.

### Ladies - Over the Table 12th September

Join us to meet at the Carpenter's home, to make beaded bookmarks, and have a meal together (design, create, and fellowship all in one). Please bring any tools you may have to cut and shape wire (jewellery making tools), and a Salad topping for the meal. Call Debbie if you have any questions on 0448727023

Sunday, September 12, 4:00pm  
4A Bright Street, Brighton East

### Projection Hymns

We have recently purchased the entire 9 volumes of the Paperless Hymnal on CD. The hymnal has over 1000 songs, with music for projection.

If you lead songs or just want to try it out, the volumes are stored in the church's laptop and external drive.

So bring your USB sticks and get a copy. Otherwise, there are limited CD copies available in the AV room. If you need any assistance in using this software,

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please let Richard or John Cooper know.

### Free CRT TV

We've got a TV to give away. It's a Panasonic 24inch CRT TV. Anyone who's interested can make arrangements to either pick it up from our place, or have it delivered to the building on Sunday.

Cedric

### For the Record

05th September 2010:

Contribution:\$796.00

Attendance: English Worship: 91  
Chinese Worship: 18

### People Movements

- Welcome back to the Tabe family who have been in Hobart
- The Tabalujan family are in the US visiting with family and church brethren. They will be back on 2nd October.
- The Donnelley family are in India and will be spending time at Sathupalli Childrens' Home
- Paula and her family are away camping this weekend
- The Rowleys will be leaving this afternoon for holidays in NSW and QLD.

They will be back on September 27

### Prayers Please

- For Ron Tabe (David's dad) as he undergoes cancer treatment
- For Peter R, Chorlian and Gareth as they seek employment
- For our search for a full-time worker
- For Hannah's health
- For Sam White and family (Hunter Valley Christians) while they are involved in custody proceedings
- For Kaleb, young son of Dave & Kristi (Vicki Baldwin's brother & sister-in-law). Kaleb has Cystic Fibrosis and is currently very unwell. Please keep Kaleb, his younger sister Hannah, Dave, Kristi and their family in your prayers
- For Brad, a friend of one of Jackie Baldwin's work colleagues. He has been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and underwent major surgery Friday 27th Aug as precursor to chemo. Brad is father to two very young children Please keep Brad and his family in your prayers
- For Peter Collier (Jean's husband) who is recovering from an operation on his spine

## PEARLY GATES



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Belmore Road Church of Christ is a God centered, Bible based family that provides a nurturing environment to share God's truth in love.



In Jesus and through his spirit, we foster and encourage spiritual growth and understanding, offering friendship and help to those in need. We reach out to all, starting with those who are seeking the truth, people in our local community and those who we meet in our daily lives. As we have come to know God's love, we reach out and share His love with others.

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**WORSHIP ROSTER SEPTEMBER 2010**

Sept	Greeters + Assist LS	Announce (+Op+Cl Prayer)	Songs	Lord's Supper	Reading + Assist LS	Sp. Prayer + Assist LS	Preaching (The Gospel Is For All Man-kind)	Sun. Adults' Class (Gospel into Community)
12	Charles H Nic L	David T	Matt T	Peter R	James Cp	Ian C	Brett C	Steve B
19	Charles H Nic L	David T	John C	Trevor B	Tim T	Jimmy F	Bevan J	Steve B
26	Charles H Nic L	David T	John C	Trevor B	Cedric L	Steve B	Stuart P	Stuart P
Mid-week	Discovery Groups - On Worship							

**DUTY ROSTER SEPTEMBER 2010**

	Lord's Supper	Luncheon Prep & Cleanup	Morning Tea	Mowing	Cleaning (weekend of)
<b>S E P</b>	Josh Campbell	Gareth Lewis Nancy WuWon + volunteer	Leone Smith Crills	Ash Crill Peter R	04 - Crill 11 - Ana C & Susan Lu 18 - Crill 25 - Baldwin