



CONNËCT





OUR MISSION








'Connecting You With Life'

We exist to nurture, empower and equip a community of Jesus followers, to be living signposts pointing those around us to Jesus Christ, the source of eternal life.

OUR PURPOSE

- 1) To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 2) To provide instruction in the Word of God and its implications on daily life.
- 3) To encourage members to assemble regularly for worship.
- 4) To express the love of God to the community through ministries of the church including the provision of practical care.
- 5) To engage in the task of mission both in New Zealand and overseas

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WORSHIP

10AM SUNDAY

GLENITI BAPTIST CHURCH
58 Gleniti Road, Timaru

ALL WELCOME

Pastors Pen

With Mark Pavelka



After being in the job for just over a year now, I can honestly say that Anne and I are loving being part of the Gleniti Baptist Church family. And it is very much a family, with a healthy range of ages from birth through to those with an abundance of life experience.

As I have got to know so many of you through visiting in your homes and seeing your interaction within the Church family I have been blessed by the hunger for God and desire to make a positive difference in the community in which we live that I have seen in you. And the diversity of gifts and abilities that God has blessed this body of believers with is amazing.

As this is our first GBC magazine and I'm not too sure who will get to read it, I'll introduce myself.

My name is Mark Pavelka. I am married to Anne, my wonderfully patient wife, and we have 3 children: Ariana, Joshua and Melissa, who have supplied us with many delights and challenges over the years. :)

At the age of 17 I had an encounter with the Living God that transformed my life. Only one week earlier I had decided NOT to be a Christian! This decision was based on my experience as a boarder at Nelson Boys College where we were made to go to church on Sundays! However God had other ideas. :) I was changed from the inside out. Suddenly I had a love for God's Word and a love for other people. I grew rapidly in the first few years as I devoured the Bible and God's Holy Spirit, who was now residing within me, gave me understanding about how to apply what I was learning from the Bible into daily life.

Each day became an awesome adventure.

Something I learned early on was to say "yes" to opportunities for service that came my way, even when I knew that they would really stretch me. So step by step I grew in understanding and experience. That journey led me to work with youth, 'at risk' youth, solo parents and 'street people' in Auckland, and then, together with my wife and children, to live in the Andes mountains of Ecuador serving among the Saraguro Indians. We focused on establishing small communities of faith in the Andes and the Amazon basin, training local leaders and equipping them with the business skills to start and run their own family business to support themselves. After 11 years it was time to bring our children back to NZ to go through High School here and settle back into their own culture. Our faith journey has continued to provide us with a challenging, interesting and fulfilling life. I can say, without reservation, that the best thing we can do is to say "yes" to God.

And now we are here sharing our faith journey with the wonderful faith family of Gleniti Baptist Church and loving it.

I hope that you enjoy reading this wonderfully little magazine that Brendan has had the vision to put together.

Together in His service,
Pastor Mark.

Upcoming Teaching Series

Being Led & Equipped

By The Holy Spirit

Close Up

With Tony Shaw

I have been married to Leanne for 38 years and together raised four children, who age from 19 to 29 years, the eldest Nathaniel recently married Jess and now live in Queenstown and the other three are in Christchurch.

I was born in Roxburgh in 1956 my father was working there on the Dam, once that was completed we moved to Taupo where he worked on the Wairaki Geothermal power station. My father was a re-enforcing steel worker.

I was educated in the Catholic Schools, Saint Michaels Convent for primary and Saint Peters College for Secondary. My teenage years were involved in the YMCA in Auckland, leadership roles with youth and the great summer camps in the Hunua Ranges; a stand out feature was the outdoor chapel in the bush. I enjoyed those camps so much. I didn't enjoy secondary school as much, not a lot of friends, and not a lot of parent support, or encouragement in sport. I missed School Cert the first time and had to resit it again the following year. The teachers said I could be a plumber or a panel beater, not sure why as I had no interest in them at all.

Two days after my 18th Birthday I left Auckland for Gisborne and a 1000-acre farm, I enjoyed the quieter life and the work was amazing, I learnt to ride horses, shear sheep and all general farm work. At 20 years I came down to Orari Gorge Station just out of Geraldine. By age 21 I was shearing around Geraldine and living far too close to the Geraldine Hotel. I refer to myself as becoming the town drunk.

At this point, Praise the Lord, he started to move. A young schoolgirl spotted me (that was Leanne) she was on the school bus going home and I was on crutches after a shearing accident. Next time she saw me and the first time I saw her was six months later in the Winchester Hotel, yes she was still the schoolgirl and I was just so amazed to see someone so beautiful in a Hotel. We were introduced that night and went out for a short time. Then life fell apart and Leanne saw someone else, but soon realised a mistake was made, she got brave and rung me and life was great again.

Leanne had now given her heart to the Lord and was changing her life. I was still drinking heavily and smoking endlessly. Leanne invited me to a William Hartley meeting, he was an evangelist from England, it was the 4 March 1978. I don't know what he said that night, but when he asked if anyone would give their life to God that evening and all you had to do was repent, believe and receive, my hand went up and next thing I was up the front and gave my life to the Lord. I remember going back to a Cow Shed Party and telling those who would listen where I had been.

My old habits slowly changed, I remember shearing with other Christians, Brian Rapsey and Chris Collins and hearing more of the Lord. Leanne and I got engaged May 1978 and I had to get her father to sign papers, as she was under 20 years old. The papers were signed and we were married in January 1979. Leanne was now 18 years old and had left school and doing an apprenticeship in horticulture with the Timaru District Council. I finished shearing and we started life together in a flat on Sefton Street. I started working for the stock and station firms, still being involved in the rural community.



William Hartley came back to Timaru late that year, I was prayed for and stopped smoking. We brought and sold a couple of houses and then brought a 50-acre block at Waitohi. Our family started out there on the 29 May 1988, Nathaniel was born. I was now a stock agent. One day I was selling some sheep for a widow as she was selling the small farm after her husband had died. The first person who looked and offered a price was a trader, later in the day another person offered a much better price and I sold them for the widow. The firm was not impressed as they favoured the trader. I was looking after the widow. I resigned and left the firm with my wife and newborn child at home. At this time I gave up drinking, as my family were the most important, and have not had a drink for the last 28 years. I praise the Lord for the strength I have in Him. I did a bit of casual work for the neighbours. We looked for a business to buy, I remember the Real Estate Agent asking what we would like, I said the Christian Bookshop, he dismissed that idea. We ended up buying the Timaru Saddlery it was quite run down at the time. It was a huge learning curve, as I had never used sewing machines, for all the equestrian repair work. The Lord was with us and we were there for 18 years and grew the business to one of the biggest in the South Island. But in that time I learnt to pray and fast a lot and trust God that we could pay our staff and our bills. Through this time we had 3 more wonderful children at home, and went to many school camps and sports events. We sold the 50-acre block and moved to our present home on 6 acres at Salisbury. In 2008 we decided to sell the business. This was sold and 3 weeks later the banking system went into lock down with many American banks completely collapsing. We praise the Lord for perfect timing. I had 3 months off and then applied for a job with Environment Canterbury doing the Clean Heat Project in Timaru and Ashburton, this was a great opportunity and I really enjoyed meeting and helping mainly the elderly with insulation and appliances. After 3 years this scheme was shut down and I was made redundant. I had another 3 months off work, and this time I really started to read my Bible; this was really helped by the Word for Today, distributed by Rhema Media.

I was offered a temporary job at Fonterra Clondeboyne for 3 months. I really struggled with the computer work and the understanding of the business. I was encouraged to persevere and now 6 years later enjoy the work I do. It is a great trip out and a time for prayer, I car pool with another Christian and this time is most valuable.

After my Father died in 2013, I started coming to Men's Group on Friday night, and have seen this grow and now have a great heart for men, encouraging them. I have also joined FGBMF (Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship) and again enjoy the encouragement men can give each other.

I can see God's hand in my life, it is easier to look back and see how God has moved. We have to walk with Him and learn to listen for the future.

Genesis 2v18, It is not good for man to live alone, I will make a suitable companion for him. Thank you God for Leanne, and favourite Proverb 31. My future is already mapped out by God, and I need to keep a close relationship with the Him. Jeremiah 29v11-12.

Groups

You can be part of...



Hebraic Roots Study Group
7:00pm Sundays



Prayer Group
7:30pm Mondays



Prayer for the Persecuted
3:00pm 3rd Thursday of month



Music Team
7:00pm Thursdays



Friendship Friday
9:45am Fridays



Men's Group
7:30pm Fridays



Bible Study Groups
Available at various times and places throughout the week.

REFORMATION 500

CELEBRATING THE 500 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

SEMPER
REFORMANDA:
'ALWAYS
REFORMING'

27th - 29th
OCTOBER
2017

"On October 31st, 500 years ago Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Church door. The Wilson Street, Gleniti, and Covenant Grace Baptist Churches are combining for a gospel-centred conference as we look back at the work God has done in the Reformation, and its relevance for today."



THE FIVE SOLAS
OF THE REFORMATION

SOLA GRATIA
BY GRACE ALONE

SOLA FIDE
THROUGH FAITH ALONE

SOLUS CHRISTUS
IN CHRIST ALONE

SOLA SCRIPTURA
ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE ALONE

SOLI DEO GLORIA
TO THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE

DATES

27th-29th of October

VENUE

Wilson Street Baptist Church

TIMES

Session 1: Friday night 7pm

Session 2: Saturday morning 10am
Coffee break: 11-11:30am

Session 3: Saturday morning 11:30am
Lunch: 12:30

Session 4: Sunday morning 10am a combined worship service for the three churches followed by a bring 'n' share lunch.

Leadership Update

'Facilitator of Children & Youth Ministries' Position

Vision:

To engage and support our children and youth as they develop in their relationship with God and with each other. To develop initiatives to engage this sector of our community as well.

Job Description:

An inspirational person who is able **to build, equip and inspire teams of lay leaders** in their ministry of engaging and supporting our children and youth their families as they develop in their relationship with God and with each other.

This person would be able to develop initiatives to engage this sector of our community as well.

Main responsibilities would include:

- 1) Developing a clear vision with supporting goals, together with church leadership and ministry leaders, to propel the ministry to children and youth forward.
- 2) Training or sourcing training for volunteer children's and youth leaders.
- 3) Provide Pastoral care, together with the Senior Pastor, for the ministry leaders.
- 4) Regular involvement in Sunday services and help to develop all age worship in selected Sunday services.
- 5) Half time position. May develop more as the Church grows.

Process:

A selection process will be embarked upon as soon as the job description is confirmed by all interested parties including the congregation.

Reasons to dis-establish the paid Youth Pastor role:

Move away from a 'one person' focus on youth to a coordinated oversight of the whole area of children and youth and their families, integrating it into the overall strategic plan of GBC (Family & Community focused church). The focus is on equipping and developing the gifting of the people that we have in our church family to facilitate an engaging, dynamic environment within which our children and youth may develop and grow.

*Tired?
On a treadmill?
Cost of living horrendous?
World evil rising?
More natural disasters?
Wanting a peace and happiness that the things of this world can never provide?*

*If you believe in God and pray often:
Then He will bring you through all your trials.
He will take a lot of worry away,
He will give you peace and happiness beyond all understanding.
He will give you the wisdom, the words, and the strength to survive all suffering.
God will calm you, comfort you, protect you and provide for you, if you believe in Him.*

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GCC

God's Children's Church (GCC) caters for children from 3 to 13 (end of year 8). Parents are welcome to accompany younger children who are settling in. Children usually remain in the auditorium for worship and leave the service once the offering is being taken. GCC runs during the school terms. During the holidays, there is an activity table at the back of the auditorium to occupy children during the service. GCC uses excellent materials from Access Ministries and is led by a team of people taking turns to lead the lessons.



Crèche

Babies and toddlers are welcome to remain in the service with their parents or caregivers or to play in the creche area in the foyer under supervision. Sound from the service is relayed into the foyer. Toddlers may also join in the Children's Church if parents feel that they are ready to do so.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL



WHEN

9

DECEMBER

**5-7pm
SATURDAY**

WHERE



**58 GLENITI RD
TIMARU**

WHAT'S ON

- ARTS & CRAFTS
- INDOOR & OUTDOOR GAMES
- THE CHRISTMAS STORY
- 2 COURSE DINNER
- BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
- YOU MAY LIKE TO COME DRESSED UP
AS A DELIGHTFUL ANGEL, FUNKY SHEPHERD OR A
SPLENDID WISE MAN (OR SIMILAR)

**EVERYONE'S WELCOME
FUN FOR ALL AGES - NO CHARGE**



Gleniti Baptist Senior Youth Group

Friday evening 7pm till 9pm in the Youth room @ 58 Gleniti Road
(Gleniti Baptist Church site)

20 October – Welcome back with BBQ eats, study, and team building challenge/games

27 October – Movie night in the Youth room come along and be inspired

3 November – MasterChef on a budget, who will our Judge be?

10 November – Study, discussion, board game night

17 November – Volunteer leaders' choice

24 November - Study, discussion, dessert night

1 December – Volunteer leaders' choice

8 December – Fish & Chips on the beach

15 December – End of Term & year for 2017

Gleniti Baptist Junior Youth Group

Saturday evening 6.30pm till 8.30pm in the Youth room @ 58 Gleniti Road
(Gleniti Baptist Church site)

21 October – Welcome back with BBQ eats, study, and team building challenge/games

28 October – Movie night in the Youth room come along and be inspired

4 November – MasterChef on a budget, who will our Judge be?

11 November – Study, discussion, board game night

18 November – Volunteer leaders' choice

25 November – Study, discussion, dessert night

2 December – Volunteer leaders' choice

9 December – Fish & Chips on the beach

16 December - End of Term & year for 2017

James Davies – Youth Worker

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Upcoming Events

You are welcome to join us for any of the following activities.

27
OCT

Reformation 500 Combined Conference

Time: Friday 27 – Sunday 29 October
Venue: Wilson Street Baptist Church
Celebrating the 500-year Anniversary of the Reformation.
Combining with Wilson Street, Gleniti and Covenant Grace Baptist

3
NOV

Building Bridges of Friendship

Time: 7:30 – 9pm Friday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Sydney Witbooi, OMF international director will speak on how to welcome and build friendships with those from a different culture

4
NOV

Annual Church BBQ

Time: 6pm Saturday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Please bring either a salad or dessert and some drink to share.

11
NOV

Men's & Son's Breakfast

Time: 8am Saturday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Cost: Men \$10, Sons Free
Pastor Mark Pavelka sharing - Support Mission Aviation Fellowship

3
DEC

Ladies: Christmas Biscuit Gifts

Time: 2pm Sunday
Venue: 76 Murchison Drive, Timaru
Bring a batch of your favourite home cooked Christmas biscuits.
Together we will bag and tag to make gifts to share with others.

9
DEC

Messy Church – Christmas Special

Time: 5-7pm Saturday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
A style of church for children and adults that involves, creativity, celebration and hospitality

24
DEC

Christmas Eve Service

Time: 7pm Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
A special outdoor Christmas celebration service

The Five Solas Colouring Competition

Colour the front cover of this Magazine

Bring to Gleniti Baptist Church
10am Sunday 5 November for Judging

Adult & Child Section

Prizes: \$30 Christian Bookshop Vouchers