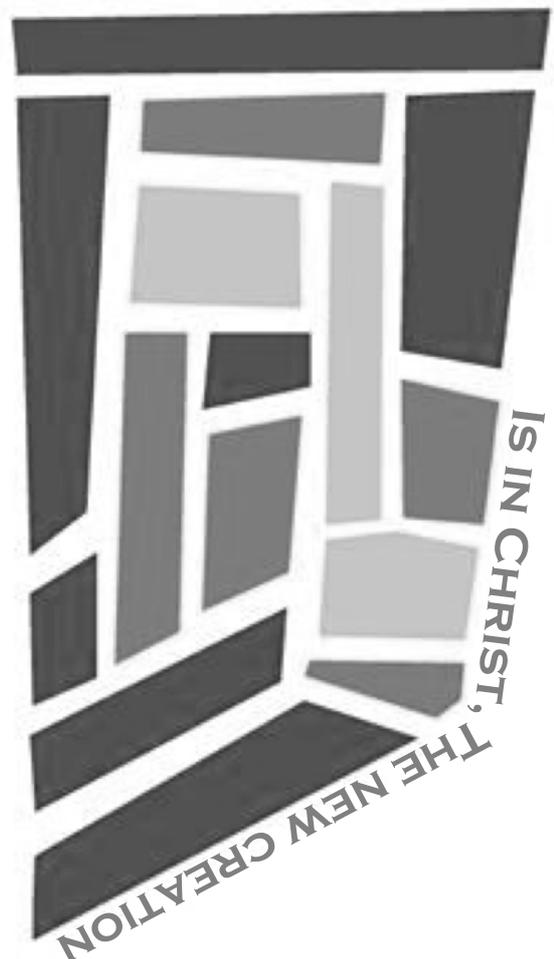


Connections





Gleniti
BAPTIST CHURCH

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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ALL AGE WORSHIP

10AM SUNDAY

GLENITI BAPTIST CHURCH
58 Gleniti Road, Timaru

ALL WELCOME

Pastors Pen

With Mark Pavelka



God never promised that life would be fair nor that it would be easy.

What he did promise us was to never leave us nor forsake us. And it is that promise that makes life bearable for hundreds of thousands of suffering Christians around the world today. It is this very characteristic of God, as revealed in the Bible, that sets Christianity and Judaism apart from all other religions. God is knowable, personal and absolutely trustworthy. He is Immanuel, God with us.

But, in Christianity, God takes this amazing truth to a whole new level. Not only did He break with all 'God conventions' by entering into His own creation as a baby several thousand years ago, but for all who trust Him as their Saviour and Lord, He comes and fills their "God space" that He created in each of us. It is a custom designed space that only He can fill. We can try to satisfy our deep inner longing with entertainment, pleasure, wealth and success but they don't even come close. When we have 'God life' inside us, we can pass through the valley of the shadow of death and fear no evil because of His presence with us.

If life has been a struggle for you lately, I invite you to read the life-stories revealed in this magazine. Be encouraged. God is alive and well today and in the business of "connecting you with life."

My prayer as we enter the second quarter of 2018 is that many people will find God is sufficient for any need that they have and that He will use the Gleniti Baptist Church family to be His agents of hope for many in our city.

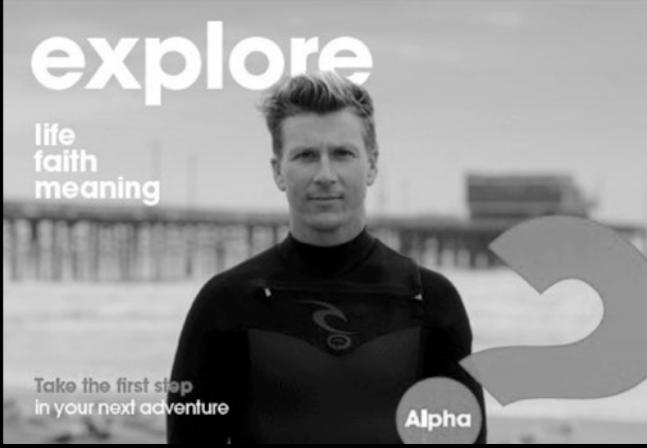
PC makers claim their computers have "Intel Inside"

Christians claim we have "God Inside"

... I know which I prefer.

You're invited...

To explore life, faith & meaning



explore

life
faith
meaning

Alpha

Take the first step
in your next adventure

Over 200,000 people in New Zealand and millions worldwide have attended Alpha and enjoyed exploring life, faith and meaning! Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over a number of weeks with a day or weekend away.

Course covers topics like:
 Who is Jesus?
 Why did Jesus die?
 How can I have faith?
 Why & how should I read the bible?
 Does God heal today?
 How do I make the most of my life?

Alpha

alpha.org.nz

An 8 – 12 week course - Starting Monday 28 May



Warm Winter Afternoons

Cosy up by the fire, with warm soup & friends after church Sunday afternoons
 Chat, play a game or watch a new release movie
 See back page for details

Close Up

With Maurice & Susan Butler

Maurice, the oldest of five, was born in Mangaturoto Northland which is a small dairy farming community. His father was a retired Catholic and Maurice had no Christian input during his childhood. When he was 7 years his family moved to Auckland where he completed his schooling and got a job in the RNZAF (Royal NZ Air Force) as an Avionics Technician looking after electrical instruments, radio and radar. In 1978 Maurice went to a gypsy fair in Wellington where a fortune teller refused to read his palm. Something was going on but Maurice didn't know what.

Susan was born in Mt Eden Auckland (not the prison) and brought up in West Auckland (a Westie). She was involved in the Sunday School choir at Ranui Baptist during her primary school years. While Susan and her sister attended church during these years their parents didn't attend or encourage them to go. She would read the big family Bible for herself finding it interesting and she raised questions with her mother. She completed her schooling at Henderson Intermediate and Waitakere College. Susan loved singing in the school choir but stopped in form 3 (year 9) as her friends weren't in choir, but she continued to sing at home. She left school top in her class for touch typing and got a job in an office in the 1970s using a Burrows ledger machine (before computers) which is a mechanical adding machine that took up half her desk space.

One St Patrick's Day Maurice was competing in a fun run more interested in building up a thirst and quenching it with the social drinking session afterwards. He went around to a friend's place where he met Susan (a girl who liked a man in uniform) and Maurice was in the RNZAF at the time. Both had had previous relationships before meeting. Maurice was fun and very fit. Susan was good looking and had a bubbly personality. They clicked on this first meeting and Maurice wouldn't leave until Susan had agreed to meet him again. Maurice and Susan became inseparable, dating regularly.

Susan still lived in West Auckland and Maurice on the North Shore. Maurice's wheels were his pushbike (30km cycle to work). Susan didn't have a car either. They had to scrounge rides to meet. Their mutual friend Jackie obliged taking them on dates. This motivated Maurice to fix his Ford Escort van which had 400,000kms on the clock. The spare parts were packed tightly into the back on the van, including a spare diff for when it broke down (which it did regularly). Maurice and Susan married on 11 May 1985 at St Michael's All Angels Anglican Church where Susan had been christened. She particularly loved the stain glass windows. They had to complete a 6week pre-marriage counselling course before the reverend would allow them to marry. They lived at Whanuapai Air force base for 4years. They were in the party scene - Friday and Saturday nights were Air force BBQs and at New Year celebration they hosted a hangi for 1000 people.

One of Maurice's workmates was a Christian and invited them to a social home group and various church events. It was a nonthreatening environment and they enjoyed the social occasions because they weren't asked any tough questions. Maurice had read the Gitta (Hindu book), Muslim Quran and Buddhist teachings. Everything but the Bible. What they didn't realise was that there was a lot of prayer surrounding them. Susan's mum, sister and friend had all become Christians and were attending church. Marc Nicholas Butler was born on 20 November 1989, and Craig Phillip Butler on 26 August 1991. When Craig was born Maurice had an epiphany to go to church. So Susan's mum took the boys to church.

Susan was contacted by St Michael's All Angels Church to get Marc christened. Through follow up a man tried to convince them to come to Bible study called '*Christianity Explained*'. Susan went along and almost gave her life to the Lord, but didn't say anything to Maurice. They purchased their first home living close to parents and had constant YFC (Youth for Christ) visitors popping in. Susan really enjoyed the music of the 80s YFC Christian Rock Band, *Certain Sounds*.



Susan's sister was the administrator at Capernwray Christian College and a part time job in the kitchen came up. Susan was not yet a Christian but after a few months she started attending lectures and home group while their boys attended kindergarten. It was a natural progression to go to church where they had Craig dedicated at Ranui Baptist Church. One day Maurice and Susan were in Titirangi with a missionary couple in their 60s to talk about Christian things. This was a defining moment. Here Maurice and Susan were ready to commit their lives to the Lord Jesus. In 1992 they were baptised together at Ranui Baptist. As zealous young Christians they were full on at church. Maurice became sanctuary deacon and helped in creche. Susan became church administrator, Sunday School teacher, and involved in the worship team.

Maurice left his sergeant position at RNZAF as it wasn't a great way to bring up a family. He got a job with Fisher & Paykel Whiteware building manufacturing lines and writing technical manuals. He moved on after 2 years as he spent a lot of time in Australia away from family. Maurice became self-employed working at home on automation projects for different industries, completing many projects for Alpine Dairy at Clandeboye.

In 1997 Maurice's mum was diagnosed with stomach and liver cancer. She was diagnosed on a Monday, operated on the Wednesday and given 3 months to live. She had Christmas with her grandchildren, watched them open their presents, then passed away straight afterwards. Maurice was the only Christian in his family. They lived in Whangarei and friends from Ranui Baptist came up to support them at the funeral.

Six weeks after Maurice's mum died, on 23 February 1998, Maurice was walking the boys and their brown dog *Waggles* to school. Eight year old Marc ran ahead excited about swimming sports that day. Maurice yelled out, "Stop!" Marc turned around and was hit by a train. He was dead before he hit the ground. Craig was six years at the time witnessed it as well. When the accident happened Susan had a call from neighbour Carol who said there had been an accident with one of their boys. A uniformed nurse called Michelle looked after their son Craig and *Waggles*. She checked in again the next day with a soft toy tiger for Craig. Maurice and Susan believe she was an angel. Police checked with every one in Auckland and couldn't identify this woman. This was a turning point in Maurice and Susan's faith relationship as they were young Christians just '6 years old'. Susan let Maurice know she didn't blame him for the accident. This was a make or break time and they chose to draw closer to God for their comfort and strength. It was a very overwhelming time. It was like the whole of Ranui stopped that day to support them at a massive funeral for Marc Nicholas. Here they met the train driver and it opened up avenues to share their faith with others who had lost young children. Six weeks later Maurice's dad died. Without their faith in Christ they wouldn't have coped.

In June 1998 Maurice received a 3 month contract in Temuka writing software which turned into a 6 month contract and he picked up other work. The Butler family sold their house in Auckland and moved to Temuka. The church prayed God would surround them with the right people - He has been so faithful and provided for all their needs.

Groups

You can be part of...



Prayer Group

7:30pm Monday Nights



Oasis Worship Cafe

7:30pm 3rd Wednesday of Month
Starts 20 June GBC Church Café
Contact Morton's for more info



Prayer for the Persecuted

3:00pm 3rd Thursday of month



Music Team

7:00pm Thursday Nights
Budding musicians & techies welcome
(no commitment required)



Friendship Fridays

9:45am - 12pm Friday
2nd & 4th of Month



Encore

10:00am Friday Mornings
18 May, 15 June, 6 July
Starts with a cuppa, sing hymns,
prayer, scripture & fellowship.



Men's Group

7:30pm Fridays

Viewpoints

Share what's on your heart

INTRODUCING NEW CHURCH MUSIC CAN REACH NEW PEOPLE

DEAR BILLY GRAHAM: Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but from time to time our church's music director introduces new songs into the service and I don't care for them. I like the old hymns and wish he'd just stick with them. Should I complain to our pastor? — E.U.

DEAR E.U.: I know this has been a controversial issue in many churches, and I don't pretend to have all the answers, especially since I'm not particularly musical! But we have a singing faith and God has given us the gift of music to praise him. The Psalmist declared, "With singing lips my mouth will praise you" (Psalm 63:5).

Instead of complaining to your pastor (or anyone else), I urge you to ask God to help you be grateful for all music that points us to God, new or old. No, you may not like some of it, but others do, and God can use it in their lives to encourage them and bring them closer to Christ. Remember: The old hymns you like were once new and someone probably didn't like them, either!

Sometimes, I'm afraid, a hymn can become so familiar to us that we sing it without even thinking about the words. But this is wrong because then our singing becomes empty and meaningless. Don't let this happen to you, but meditate on the words of the songs you sing and even turn them into a prayer.

Your music director has probably been wise to introduce new songs slowly; completely changing everything all at once can be disruptive. Pray for him and encourage him, letting him know that you're grateful for his gifts. Yes, let him know you appreciate the old hymns, but support him also as he seeks to reach a new generation through music.

By Billy Graham - Tribune Media Services August 18, 2015 - Submitted by Tony Morton

REFLECTION: GOD'S MARVELLOUS CREATION

As the sun gently rises, painting the morning sky in a splendid array of colour, giving hope of a new day. The golden sphere with ribbons of fire moves slowly across the wild blue expanse that seems to stretch across infinity, sending rays of delicious warmth to the soul like a warm embrace.

God's intricate, beautiful nature reawakening in the early dawn light. Bees busily humming their own song, butterflies prettily flutter, dancing through the air. Birds sing their own sweet tune. Breathtaking, delicate flowers cascade across the land in a portrait of elegant, vivid rainbows of exquisite colour, captivating the eye.

Autumn descends upon us, giving the last burst of stunning, wondrous colour before the desolate cold winter sets in. Deciduous trees burst with crimson reds and golden foliage, before the leaves merrily flutter softly to the ground.

Following the sun's gradual descent, lighting up the sky in spectacular, vibrant hue, night draws the day to an end, pulling the midnight velvet curtain across the endless horizon, filled with twinkling, lustrous diamonds. The moon shimmers cheerfully, breaking the harshness of the dark with luminous light.

This is God's incredibly marvellous creation, a magnificent piece of art. A Masterpiece.

By Deanna Grant

AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY FROM ISLAM TO CHRISTIANITY

In the book Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim's Journey to Christ Nabeel Qureshi describes his dramatic journey from Islam to Christianity, complete with friendships, investigations and supernatural dreams along the way.

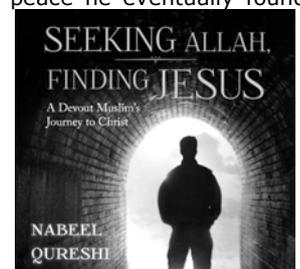
Providing an intimate window into a loving Muslim home, Qureshi shares how he developed a passion for Islam before discovering, almost against his will, evidence that Jesus rose from the dead and claimed to be God. Unable to deny the arguments but not wanting to deny his family, Qureshi struggled with an inner turmoil that will challenge Christians, Muslims and all those who are interested in the world's great religions.

Engaging and thought-provoking, Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus tells a powerful story of the clash between Islam and Christianity in one man's heart - and of the peace he eventually found in Jesus.

Ravi Zacharias says of this book - "I have seldom seen such genuine intellect combined with passion to match... truly a 'must-read' book."

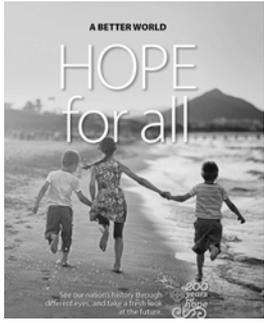
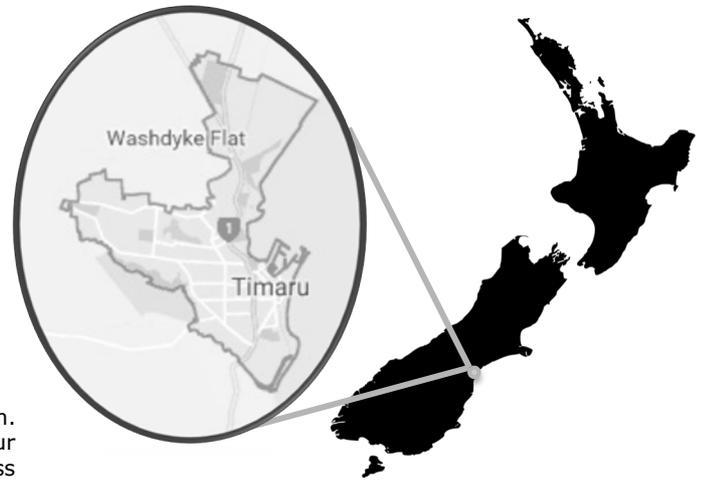
Josh McDowell said, "I unreservedly recommend this book to all - it will feed your heart and mind, while keeping your fingers turning the pages."

If you would like to borrow this book to read please contact
Elsie McDonald, 027 347 0261



Reaching Out

Ways we are sharing our faith in the community



Supporting the work of the Hope Project at Easter. Easter Gifts were made as a Christian outreach. These were delivered just before Easter to our neighbours and friends. They included hot cross buns, small chocolate eggs, a Hope booklet and children's Bible Story book.



24-7
YouthWork



A trust relationship between Mountain View High School and the Timaru Churches in the context of the local community working together.

We want to see young people enjoy their high school years and build a great foundation to launch themselves into adult life. We want to see a good, strong, healthy next generation of New Zealanders coming through.

Young New Zealanders need more time spent with them. They need more listening, more encouraging and more "hanging in there". More people who can be there for them. It requires an approach based on relationships not programmes. It encompasses role modelling, being accessible to young people and being around to help young people make good choices.



A style of church for children and adults that involves, creativity, celebration and hospitality.

Messy Church is a church for everyone who may not feel comfortable attending a 'normal' church service and who don't yet belong to a church. It typically includes a meal, hands-on activities such as arts and crafts and more, which are suitable for all ages.

Bible in Schools at



Conduct half hour worship services four local rest homes. Singing the old hymns residents remember and encouraging them in their faith.



THE CROFT



Supporting Keegan Puller who is helping athletes take their passion, faith and sports to new places at Auckland University Students

Athletes in Action Mission Statement: "Striving to see Christ centred athletes on the University campus who use their platform of sport to launch movement of athlete multipliers across New Zealand."

Testimony

With John & Lesley Holden

Genesis 22:14 And Abraham calleth the name of that place 'Jehovah-Jireh,' because it is said this day in the mount, 'Jehovah doth provide.'

Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet (supply) all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

I wonder if you have experienced God providing all your needs, or seen God provide in times you least expect?

This past year has been very difficult for us since the failure of John's hearing. With the only option to regain his quality of life was to have a cochlea implant. We know that you have heard the story before but, (I) John have never been in a place so close to experiencing the influence of depression and such extreme loneliness. It was only your prayers, God's hand of grace, and His provision that held me up.

We were told after the initial testing that John was not eligible for government funding - what do we do? Do we wait three or four years or do we fund it ourselves and go private? How can we afford it? By borrowing from the bank or mortgaging the house? Only God had the answer. Having made the decision to go private believing God would meet our needs; some dear friends who had sold their business and believed that God had asked them to give their tithe to support us, offered enough for half the cost. Through family and friends and savings John now has an implant and he is now learning to hear again, Praise the Lord! God did provide.

Let me share with you another incident that occurred while we were serving the Lord in Japan.

Not long after we had been there we were asked to take an English Bible study at a Japanese church. We used to take our car and although it was only about 12 Km we had to allow about 1 hour to get there. Now we were told by our mission and the pastor that we could park on a certain road because it was wide (no parking at the church or in front as road was too narrow).



We had been parking there for several months when one Sunday after study the pastor walked us out to our car. We found a big yellow plastic tag attached to our mirror, the pastor went "Oh!!!" It was a parking ticket and we had to go to the police box to pay the fine and have it removed.

The pastor explained why we parked there and the policeman started interrogating us in his limited English because we had very little Japanese. We knew we had to apologise profusely but he had to make sure we were truly repentant (the Japanese way). He began to ask us questions, questions like do you like fishing? Do you like rugby? The All Blacks? Watch television Friday night? We had no idea what traffic laws we were meant to watch, then he said Friday night movie "The Bible". Then we remembered watching it in English on TV.

We said yes we had watched it and he replied, "The Bible, I believe". All at once we felt the joy that here was a policeman who believed, not only that, but he let us off with a warning not to park there again. God had provided not only a reprieve from a several hundred-dollar fine but the encouragement of meeting someone who believed. We had never thought for one moment that God would provide in that way, but He did.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

God will provide all our needs if we but trust him, honour Him, and walk in His ways.



Joel & Lizzie



Overseas workers will be sharing with us Sunday 15 July 2018
At Gleniti Baptist Church

*** Watch this space for more info ***



Gleniti Baptist Junior Youth

Term Two Planner

4 May



HIDE & SEEK/
SPOTLIGHT

11 May

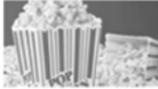


SCAVENGER
HUNT

18 May

NO YOUTH

25 May



MOVIE NIGHT

1 June



SLIME NIGHT

8 June

NO YOUTH

15 June



DESSERT
NIGHT

22 June



GAMES/
SPOTLIGHT

29 June



PIZZA
NIGHT

6 July



END OF TERM
- INFO TO COME -

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
- Philippians 4:13 -

GBC YOUTH ROOM - 58 GLENITI ROAD | FRIDAYS 5-6.30PM | YEARS 5 - 8 | GOLD COIN FOR DINNER PLEASE

Gleniti Baptist Senior Youth

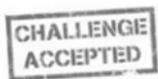
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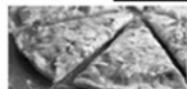
CHALLENGE
NIGHT

18 May



ANNIE IN
WAIMATE
- \$5 -

25 May



PIZZA NIGHT

1 June



SINGING IN THE
RAIN AT RONCALLI
- \$10 -

8 June



QUIZ NIGHT

15 June



JAM
SESSION

22 June



MOVIE
NIGHT

29 June



MASTERCHEF
GLENITI

6 July



END OF TERM
- INFO TO COME -

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.
- Jeremiah 1:7-9 -

GBC YOUTH ROOM - 58 GLENITI ROAD | FRIDAYS 7-9PM | YEARS 9 - 13 | GOLD COIN APPRECIATED

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Upcoming Events

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

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MAY

Singers & Sound Workshop

Time: 2-5pm Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
RSVP: Thursday 10 May

20
MAY

Pentecost Celebration

Time: 10am Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Followed by a potluck lunch

20
MAY

Celebrate the Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost)

Time: 7pm Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Prophetic Meanings of Shavuot & Israel Update with Roy Warren

23
MAY

Quarterly Church Meeting

Time: 7pm Wednesday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Find out what's happening at GBC.

26
MAY

Song-writing Workshop

Time: 2 - 4:30pm Saturday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Calling all wordsmiths, lyricists, poets, composers, melody-writers ...

28
MAY

Alpha Course

Time: 7-9pm Mondays (8-12 weeks)
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Discuss the deeper issues of life in a non judgemental setting.

10
JUN

Warm Winter Afternoon

Time: 12pm Sunday
Venue: 76 Hunter Hills Drive, Timaru
Cosy up by the fire, with warm soup & friends after church.

24
JUN

Family Service

Time: 10am Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Lead by Children's Church

1
JUL

Prayer & Self Denial

Time: Month of July
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Theme: Made New

1
JUL

Warm Winter Afternoon

Time: 12pm Sunday
Venue: 76 Murchison Drive, Timaru
Cosy up by the fire, with warm soup & friends after church.

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JUL

Joel & Lizzie Overseas Workers

Time: 10am Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Watch this space