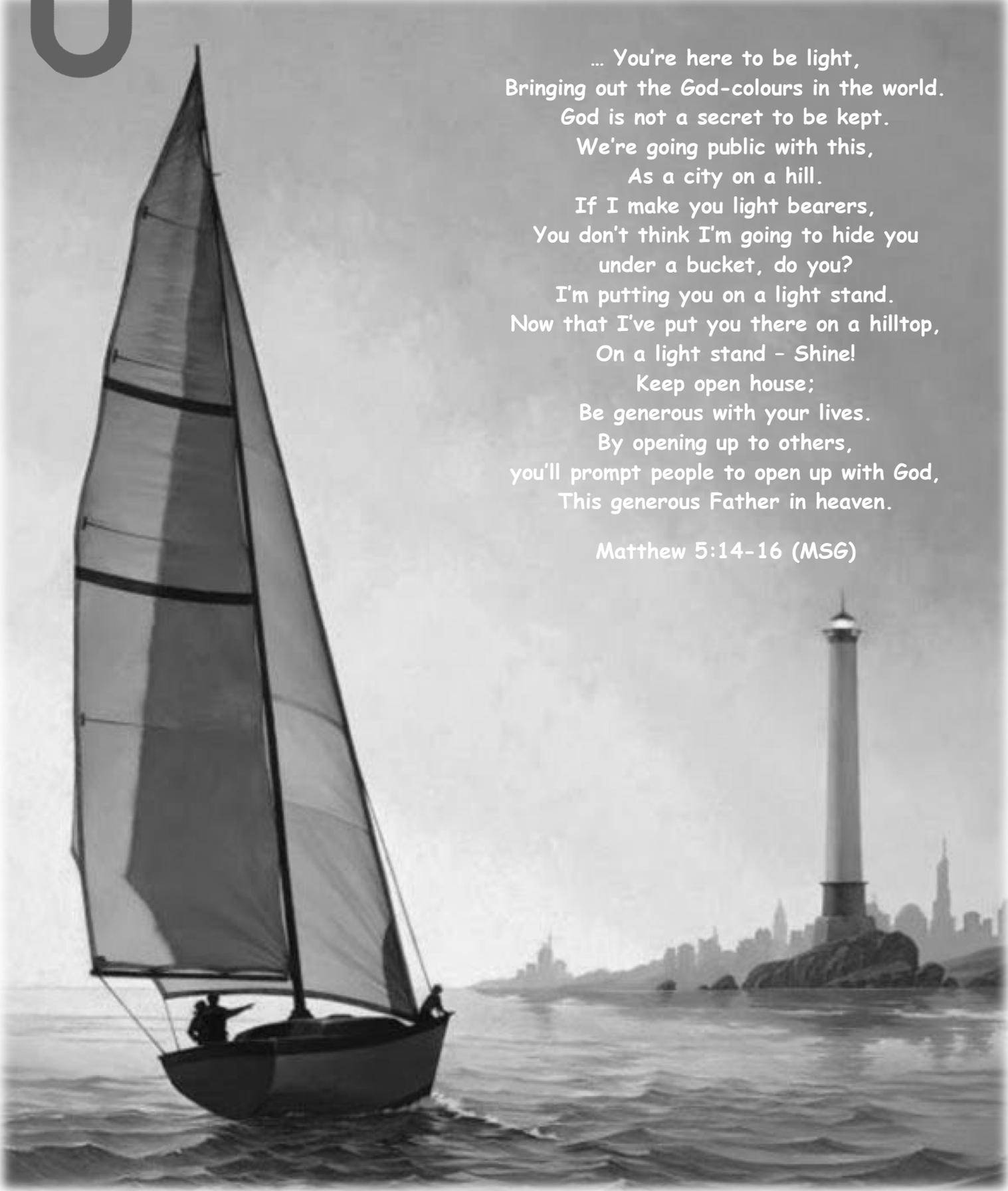


Connections



... You're here to be light,
Bringing out the God-colours in the world.
God is not a secret to be kept.
We're going public with this,
As a city on a hill.
If I make you light bearers,
You don't think I'm going to hide you
under a bucket, do you?
I'm putting you on a light stand.
Now that I've put you there on a hilltop,
On a light stand - Shine!
Keep open house;
Be generous with your lives.
By opening up to others,
you'll prompt people to open up with God,
This generous Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG)



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



Lately, I have been seeing Gleniti Baptist Church as a yacht that is becalmed out in the ocean. Past events and experiences have 'taken the wind out of our sails' and left us bobbing up and down on the vast expanse of water without a clear sense of direction. However that is changing. The breeze is picking up. "The winds of change" are beginning to gather strength and with certainty a storm is coming...change is coming. All over the world there is a quiet movement of the Spirit of God that is causing believers to re-examine how they "do church" ... It's about making a significant and sustainable difference in the lives of people around us...in our communities and in our cities.^{1"}

Bob Gass, in a recent devotion, described the dangers facing the sailors in the days gone by. There were concerns about pirates, storms and diseases, but their greatest fear were the 'doldrums'. This was an area around the equator characterised by calm and very light shifting winds. It could mean the death of the entire crew as their supply of food and water would dwindle while waiting for a breeze, sometimes for days or even weeks, to put them back on course.²

God is stirring individuals among us to do business with Him and to respond to this new move of His Spirit. He intends for us to bear His transforming love into our community and work places. Consequently a clear sense of vision and mission is coming into focus for us as a church.

"There will be love, joy, peace and hope in our church family, community and beyond because Jesus is the source of life in us."

Seems simple enough at first glance. But if you think about each part of this statement long enough, you will begin to understand just how transformational this vision is. When you think of the radical transformation that God will need to do in us and through us for this to become reality, and the far reaching, positive impact that it will make in our city, we see that this is only something God can do. And this, of course is the whole idea of a vision...it is to be something huge and worth investing into, and God gets the glory

because it is obviously beyond human ability to achieve. Christianity from start to finish is about the quality of our relationship with God and with all people around us.³

A recent survey has revealed that many New Zealanders consider Jesus to be relatable, approachable and gracious. However many NZ non-Christians feel that Christians could better represent Jesus by letting their actions speak louder than their words, and by living out the values that Jesus represents.⁴

Over 800 families live in the immediate area of GBC, waiting to experience a fulness of life that only Jesus' transformational love and power, channeled through us, can bring.

So how will we get there? A current proposal is that... "GBC seeks to connect all people to Jesus, the source of life, creating a vibrant all-age community of believers who display love and respect towards one another and are passionate about sharing God's love and Word with people in our community, city, nation and world."

We will set our sails to harness the winds of the Spirit as our goals and actions line up with this mission statement. Are you ready to set sail and leave the doldrums behind?

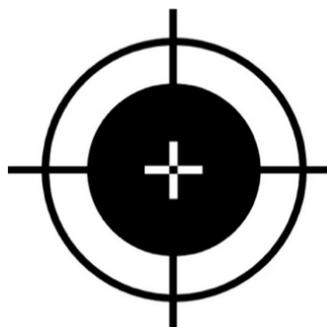
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2. *The Word for Today Daily Devotional* (May-July 2018), p 53. Bob & Debby Gass

3. Matthew 22: 36-40

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Recalibrating the Church

Evaluate & Adjust

Teaching through the book of Acts
10am Sunday's at Gleniti Baptist Church

Close Up

With Ann Stuart



Ann was born in Oamaru just after WW II - the fourth of five siblings.

Her father didn't go to war as he worked as a wheat contractor based at Windsor. The Ward family moved to Christchurch during Ann's preschool years. On her first day of school she came home and said "I've got all my books and I'm not going back". Ann's eldest and youngest sisters both achieved Dux of their primary school and enjoyed reading a lot. Ann was different in that she enjoyed socialising and had a negative attitude towards schooling as she wasn't achieving to the same level as her sisters. Her mum always sent the children to Sunday School and she would attend once a month for the family service. Her father was a worldly man who drank, smoked and spent his money on race horses.

Ann found her faith during threats of tidal waves in Christchurch and decided she wanted to give her heart to the Lord. Ann had a strong interest in music and found opportunity to sing at Young People's in the Open Brethren Churches at Rutland Street and Basset Street Chapels. She decided God had given her a voice and she wanted to use it for Him. At 15 years Ann was baptised. At 21 she became involved in the music side of Youth for Christ (YFC) and the teenagers called her Aunty. Ann was in the first team to travel NZ with YFC Certain Sounds. Ann would sing at Rolleston and Paparua Prison church services. Through Ann's singing she was able to lift herself up when she was feeling down in other areas of life. When she was 19 Ann was able to pay for her own singing lessons. Her mum was supportive but her Dad never came to hear her. Life at home was not very happy with Dad's drinking, but she felt safe around her church family.

In the late 60s Ann and David Penno fell in love at the Keswick Convention. David was a farmer from South Canterbury who had been bought up in a stable Christian family. This pleased Ann as she didn't want to live a life similar to what she had grown up in. She was looking for a husband who didn't drink, smoke, gamble or swear. They married, and Ann moved away from the busy life of Christchurch to a small farming community, where she had a lot to learn. Together they had three daughters and after 24 years their marriage ended suddenly. Ann had been receiving care at Ashburn Hall (a private psychiatric hospital) after experiencing depression on and off for several years. She wasn't welcome to return home to her husband or 15-year-old daughter and this caused a lot of grief where she questioned what to do with her life. Her faith in God and the care of the Dunedin Roslyn Baptist Church sustained her through this difficult period.

After the divorce Ann moved to Timaru and became involved at Gleniti Baptist Church, attending a very supportive home group run by the Taylors. Ann joined the Diack Singers where she met, then married Wally Stuart. Ann and Wally enjoyed singing together. Seven weeks after their marriage Wally had a heart attack and they spent Christmas in Christchurch Hospital. Wally had a big heart operation not long before he died just two and a half years later.

Ann has volunteered in lots of places including the Timaru Christian Bookshop - she really enjoyed her time there and felt the Lord used her. One time a girl came in very quietly, Ann was able to make conversation and found out she had tried to commit suicide so she was able to spend time supporting her. She found many opportunities to minister to people through the bookshop time. Ann also volunteered at Church Street Op Shop and enjoyed opportunities to build relationships with different people in the community. As God gave Ann a voice to sing and she found opportunities to sing in many places including being a regular at rest home church services. Ann is always looking for opportunities to sing as she enjoys it and sees it as an offering to the Lord.

In March 2017 a slow growing 3cm long benign tumour was discovered in Ann's brain which had been growing unknowingly for approx. 20 years. She didn't panic but felt supported in prayer from friends and family. Ann knew the Lord had His hand on her in a very strong and significant way and He brought her through. She spent five weeks in Christchurch Hospital for its removal and recovery.



During the seven-hour operation Ann received a blood transfusion and suffered a small stroke. She was moved to the stroke unit at Burwood Hospital. This was a challenging time seeing the physio daily and retraining the brain to do common tasks like sitting and standing without falling. She ended up spending 3 months away from Timaru. Ann was unable to do anything other than lean on God and is very thankful to the people who prayed and supported her during this time.

Once home in Timaru it was a difficult fourteen months unable to do much and having to rely on others for transportation. Ann joined the stroke group for support and attends weekly exercises at the C-Bay Hot Pools. To keep active Ann also walks a lot, attends a weekly movement and music programme and plays badminton to the best of her ability. There have been seasons when Ann has felt sorry for herself and at these times she has felt God's presence encouraging her. She is a people person and loves having conversations and phone calls from people who care. There have been patches where she has felt alone during her illness. However she has really appreciated the support from her friends and has enjoyed these good times. Ann has felt God's presence - He has always been there and never let her down. She believes since the operation God has curled her hair, every time she looks in the mirror she gives Him thanks. She thanks Him for her healing and for being with her so she doesn't feel alone - as well as for all the small things she used to take for granted. Ann is very grateful for the regular occupational therapist and home help since the operation. They have formed a special relationship as they grocery shop together, help with the housework and talking together.

Ann has recently regained her license and independence. She has the rest of her life ahead and is seeking the Lord for what she should do now her life has changed. She wants what God wants for her rather than what she wants for herself. Ann wants to be available for others like the support group for the stroke foundation and growing a wider circle of friends. She is learning to accept people for who they are, being more tolerant towards others, realising she still reacts the wrong way at times. Now that Ann's busy life has gone, she is being careful not to fill it back up with busyness - to be available for people and for God to use her - to grow in compassion and concern for others.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Deeper and Deeper - by Oswald J. Smith

Into the heart of Jesus, deeper and deeper I go,
Seeking to know the reason why He should love me so -
Why He should stoop to lift me up from the miry clay,
Saving my soul, making me whole, Though I had wandered away.

Into the joy of Jesus, deeper and deeper I go,
Rising with soul enraptured far from the world below;
Joy in the place of sorrow, peace in the midst of pain,
Jesus will give, Jesus will give, He will uphold and sustain.

Into the love of Jesus deeper and deeper I go,
Praising the One who brought me out of my sin and woe;
And through eternal ages gratefully I shall sing;
"Oh, how He loved! Oh, how He loved! Jesus! My Lord and my King."

Groups

You can be part of...



Oasis Worship Cafe

7:30pm 3rd Wednesday of Month



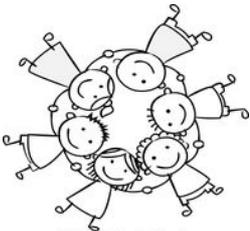
Prayer for the Persecuted

3:00pm 3rd Thursday of month



Music Team

7:00pm Thursday Nights



Friendship Fridays

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



Encore

10:00am 1st Friday of Month



Men's Group

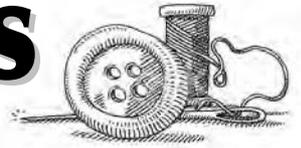
7:30pm Fridays



Home Groups

Available at various times and places throughout the week.

Arts & Crafts



ART BONANZA

Each year the Art Bonanza takes place and the Gleniti Baptist Church complex is transformed into an art gallery. The members of the art group that I belong to contributes to this exhibition, as well as others of the Gleniti Church family, SC Art Society and folk from the community.

Each year there is a different recipient for the proceeds and this year Oceanview School was chosen. Other recipients have been Westpac Helicopters, Pike River families, Freetset, Kolkata street women and Chelsea Turner's Fiji project.

We use the Gleniti Church as a venue because it invites people from outside the church to come into our building in a nonthreatening situation.

We appreciate the opportunity given by the church to have this worthwhile exhibition.

Jenny Scriggins



MOTHERS DAY GIFT

Sometime in February Denyse Taylor asked me what I thought of making flowers for each of the ladies for Mother's Day. My reply was yes as long as everyone helped.

I started looking in my stash of materials and sorting out what we would need. I ordered the brooch clasps from China and sorted out the pattern that I had. I cut out some more templates so we could work faster.

We decided to aim for 80 brooches. That would mean we needed approximately 800 petals, 10 for each flower.!!!

We cut out the petals and the backs, then put them all together. It was a lot of work and the ladies all pitched in to help. They took the backs home and sewed them together and attached the clasps. Finally, we started to assemble them and slowly they started to take shape. Two of us matched up petals and added a button to match the colours. Others started to sew them together. We then attached the backs. Slowly but surely the pile grew. We had them all finished by the Wednesday before Mother's Day. You can see from the photo of all the beautiful colours when they are all together. I hope all the ladies enjoyed their Mother's Day gift.

Now what will we do for Father's Day?

Elaine Welford



The Beginnings Of

OASIS

The call to start Oasis Worship Cafe began to emerge when 6 of us were meeting on a Monday evening. We were a home group with a worship focus. We began to see the benefits of spending longer worshipping God than time allows us to do in a Sunday service. In the home group we were able to use different songs than we could on Sunday - many of these were of a more personal style. We were able to try new songs together, songs that wouldn't necessarily fit our Sunday congregational setting.

All this was great, but it left us wondering how we could open this up to a wider group. What works for 6 doesn't always work for 30 or more. It also left us hungry to learn more about God and how to worship Him. Over months we became increasingly aware of the need and the call of God to grow worship in our lives and the life of Gleniti. God tugged at our hearts and minds showing us the need for us as Worship Leaders to develop both as worshippers and leaders. Thus the Worship Leaders Development course was born.

We also kept running into people from other churches who were struggling to keep attending their home church. For some, this was because they had work commitments. For others it was the style of worship. They wanted to be faithful to their church, but were not connecting to God as much as they would like. Others were in some form of leadership in a Sunday service and found it difficult to immerse themselves in worship and lead in the service. The common factor was that it was like they were in a desert and thirsted for spiritual refreshment. We also kept thinking of the people we knew who had walked away from church, but still loved God, and of course those who haven't yet met Him.

We would wake in the middle of the night thinking about it and then praying on those ideas. Often we woke singing a worship song. Other times we would awaken exhausted in the morning as if we had been in a huge spiritual battle, which of course we had been. We were now acutely aware that worship is a weapon that we must wield skilfully as we battle to extend God's kingdom.

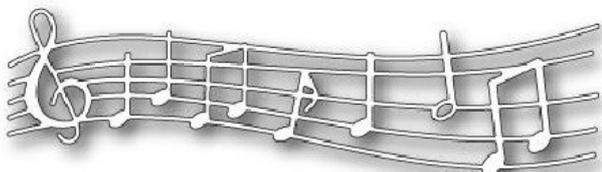
Late last year we wrote the proposal for Oasis Worship Cafe. We took our proposal to the Church Leadership at the beginning of this year and awaited their approval for this to be a Gleniti Baptist Church venture. We believed that Oasis Worship Cafe would grow and have life beyond our input. With the elders' approval of the concept, we brought on board some prayer partners and sought out others with the skills that we needed. Maurice, Susan, Miriam and myself began to plan and prepare. We talked of when it could be, and began to work out some policy and procedures. We had chosen a midweek evening for it so that it wasn't going to pull people away from a Sunday service.

I wanted to start almost immediately. I mean, why wait around? However, with the Worship Leaders' Development course still underway, Miriam was not so keen. One summer's day as I crossed the road in Waimate whilst thinking about how I could convince her to change her view, I heard a voice in my head say to start in the middle of winter - near the shortest day, when night was at its darkest and dawn seems distant.

Oasis Worship Cafe

Starting with Coffee and Connection at 7:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the GBC Café, then acoustic worship.

With the emphasis on contemporary music, Oasis Worship Café seeks to engage the young and young-at-heart into a 24/7 connective experience with God!



Excitement grew as we would meet and show off the latest lights we had found to add to our collection. Vision statements were prepared, logos designed and we prayed lots. We planned the layout, re-planned the layout, practised the songs, and did a trial set up.

Anticipation grew, and finally after a year of inspiration, prayer and planning, Oasis Worship Cafe opened for the first time. We had no idea how many would come - when in June this year 31 people joined together to worship God, we knew we were off to a good start. So on one of the longest nights, when dawn seems distant, God's light shone into the darkness over Timaru as we worshipped Him.

We believe that God is pleased when we worship Him in song, and that we will see God revive hearts, free captives and rebuild the broken.

Psalm 69:30 - 36 (NIV)

*I will praise God's name in song
and glorify him with thanksgiving.
This will please the Lord more than an ox,
more than a bull with its horns and hooves.
The poor will see and be glad—
you who seek God, may your hearts live!
The Lord hears the needy
and does not despise his captive people.*

*Let heaven and earth praise him,
the seas and all that move in them,
for God will save Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
Then people will settle there and possess it;
the children of his servants will inherit it,
and those who love his name will dwell there.*

Today, So Shall I

Today all my efforts turn to dust,
Chaff to be blown away.
Today I'm lower than ground level,
Somebody's walkover.
Somebody who shall remain nameless.
It is said that wise and ancient men,
Cried out to you,
To save them,
From themselves,
And from the pit.
Today, so shall I.

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10 Paradigm Shifts Toward Community Transformation

By Eric Swanson (used at GBC Conference July 2018)

1) From building walls to building bridges

"You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-14)

2) From measuring attendance to measuring impact

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast...mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough" (Matthew 13:33)

3) From encouraging the saints to attend the service to equipping the saints for works of service.

"It is (God) who gave some to be ...pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service..." (Ephesians 5:11-12)

4) From "serve us" to service – inward to outward focus.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give..." (Mark 10:45)

5) From duplication of human services and ministries to partnering with existing services and ministries.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work" (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

6) From fellowship to functional unity.

"...make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." (Philippians 2:2)

7) From condemning the city to blessing the city and praying for it.

"Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper" (Jeremiah 29:7)

8) From being a minister in a congregation to being a minister in a parish.

"As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it..." (Luke 19:41)

9) From anecdote and speculation to valid information.

In Nehemiah 1, Nehemiah learned that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were broken down and her people were in great distress.

10) From teacher to learner.

"Everyone should be quick to listen slow to speak..." (James 1:19)

What are the next steps for you?

- Which paradigms do you readily identify with?
- What impact is your church having on your community?
- What are some natural ways you can begin building bridges into your community?
- What human service agencies would make natural "partner ministries" for your church?
- How can you begin expressing "unity of purpose" with others in the faith community?
- What are some ways that you can "bless" your city?
- How can you begin to get good information about your community's "mission field" and "mission force?"

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July 2018.

JESUS SAID

GO & MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

SO HOW ARE WE DOING ACCOMPLISHING OUR MISSION?

GLENITI BAPTIST CHURCH

10.5% of GBC's total budget goes to Mission.

WORLD A

29% of the world have never heard of Jesus.
25.5% of GBC Mission Fund goes to this group.
That rises to 67.9% if the contingency amount is being used to support our refugee family.

WORLD B

38% of the world has access to the Gospel but has chosen not to follow Jesus.
16.9% of GBC Mission Fund goes to this group.

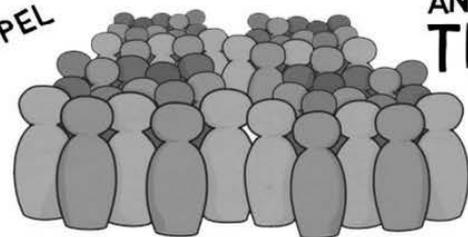


WORLD C

33% of the world would identify themselves as Christian
15% of GBC Mission Fund goes to this group. (2/3 supports 24/7 Youth and 1/3 to Athletes in Action)



MATTHEW 24:14



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Gleniti Baptist Youth

Term Three Planner

3 August



FEAR FACTOR

10 August



FOOD, FRIENDS
AND GOD

17 August



FOOD, FRIENDS
AND GOD

24 August



DESSERT
NIGHT

31 August



FOOD, FRIENDS
AND GOD

7 September



FOOD, FRIENDS
AND GOD

14 September



FANCY
DRESS

21 September



FOOD, FRIENDS
AND GOD

28 September



END OF TERM

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

- Isaiah 40 : 28-31 -

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Upcoming Events

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

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JUL

Shared Lunch & Members Meeting

Time: 12pm Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Final Adjustments and confirmation of the vision, mission and strategies.

3
AUG

New Woodworking Group

Time: 10am Friday
Venue: Adair Road, RD2, Timaru
All welcome who have an interest in working with wood.
Meet at church 9:45am to carpool out to Jim's place.

12
AUG

Visiting Speaker

Time: 10am Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
James Wiley will also be speaking to Youth Friday 10 Aug,
Youth Leaders Saturday 11 Aug

19
AUG

Visiting Speaker, Shared Lunch & AGM

Time: 10am Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Petry Groza speaking from Horizon of Hope a Romanian Orphanage
Ministry.

9
SEP

Jewish Feasts

Time: 7pm Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
9 Sept Feast of Trumpets, 16 Sept Yom Kippur, 30 Sept Sukkot
Speaker: Diane Turner Supper to Follow

6
OCT

Day of Prayer

Time: 9:30am Saturday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Time set aside quarterly to corporately pray and seek God's direction for
ourselves, our nation and our world.

Welcome to Timaru Al Qattan Family



Mohammed, Hayat & baby Zuhir, we look forward to meeting you soon.