

Connections



Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise:
be thankful unto Him,
and bless His name.

Psalm 100:4 KJV



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

CHURCH OFFICE



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Tuesday & Friday



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ALL AGE WORSHIP

10AM SUNDAY

GLENITI BAPTIST CHURCH
58 Gleniti Road, Timaru

ALL WELCOME

Pastor's Pen

With Mark Pavelka



Recently I was asked "what was on my heart" for us as a church community. What sprang to my mind immediately was the excitement I am feeling as I am seeing God working out His plans and purposes in the Gleniti church family right before our eyes.

Outward focus: We, as a church have been seeking to be more outward focused. We wanted to get more involved in serving our local primary school and kindy. God has given us the desire of our hearts. Recently a practical project was offered to Simon Erskine and our woodwork group to help our local primary school extend their sandpit. Then we received a request from our local kindy to help them engage more with the Gleniti community. Just last week we hosted a shared lunch to welcome the Syrian family we have sponsored to settle in Timaru and asked them to invite some of their Muslim friends. Well, they came and we shared an anointed time over delicious food and warm fellowship. They requested that we continue to engage with them, so a shared picnic and football game down Caroline Bay is on the agenda. :)

God has put a vision on our hearts for GBC to develop a strong culture of caring where all ages are valued and engaged and for us to become a faith community that provides a strong network of support for many in our wider community and city who are struggling to find the love and support they long for. We live in a society where many people are experiencing loneliness and depression. Some great things have been happening within the various ministries that connect the different parts of our church family.

Children's ministry: Thanks to Anne Garrett who so faithfully served the needs of GBC children for many years. The baton has been passed to Simon and Louise, Mark and Lisa, Martine, Carmen and Wendy who are already making an impact with their creative ideas and events to engage the wider church family. Recently, at their request, GBC 'unplugged' and we held our service in the bush setting of Gunn's Bush (Waimate). What a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, food and fun with everyone being engaged and connected.

Youth ministry: Thanks to both Solomon and Savannah who have carried the youth group this year. Both have moved aside for 'life' reasons. An emerging vision for this ministry is very exciting and will also engage a wide range of age groups in it's life and activities. Michael and Nadia, Dara-Rose, Tony, Brendan and others all share a passion for helping our youth develop a strong connection with God, each other, and increasingly, with our wider church family.

Seniors: Thanks to Pauline who initiated "Encore" where seniors are connected with each other and with God. This is a sing, share, eat and fellowship time together. The baton has been passed to Veronica who is continuing strongly in this role. A vision for providing our seniors giving practical support with small maintenance needs in their homes is a step closer to coming into reality too, as we now have a group of men interested in various aspects of woodwork meeting together for fellowship and practical projects. We hope that our seniors feel valued and supported members of our faith family and in turn that they can be spiritual grandparents to our youth and children. May Ps 71:17-19 be the cry of their hearts: *"O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood, and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do. Now that I am old and grey, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me. Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the highest heavens. You have done such wonderful things. Who can compare with you, O God?"* (NLV)

Our heavenly Father is indeed doing wonderful things in our midst. Let's enjoy Him and bring glory to His name as we love and encourage one another.

Pastor Mark

Congratulations Annabel

We look forward to watching you on
The Great Kiwi Bake-Off
Screening Tuesdays at 7:30pm on TVNZ 2



Congratulations Solomon

Your dream of a Timaru Youth Centre becoming a reality. We will uphold this project in prayer.
ZR Klub opening night 9 November



Close Up

Linda Haack - Pederson

I was born in Johannesburg, South Africa – city of gold, where earth tremors were normal as the miners blasted the rock deep below in underground tunnels to extract gold. I am the eldest of two daughters. We had an enjoyable childhood with two loving parents and attended Wychwood Baptist Church from a very young age. It is a small local church, which is still thriving today. Both my parents became born again Christians, and so did my maternal grandmother.

I was quite average at school, preferring socialising to academia. I did however gain University Entrance but decided to go to Secretarial College for a year instead, as I had plans to travel and needed to earn some money sooner rather than later! I travelled around Europe with friends – mainly doing Contiki Tours as that was the cheapest way to travel. It was a good way to see Europe and experience different cultures and history. I landed a job as a Personal Assistant to the Doctor of Chemistry in the Laboratory at SA Breweries and was there for seven years. It was there that I met my husband Kim who was the handsome Amstel Brewer. (He still had a lot of hair then!) Kim is of Danish descent and he came out to South Africa after finishing a BSc Degree at Nottingham University UK, specialising in Food Science and then doing a three year Master of Brewing Qualification. Jobs were hard to come by in Europe in his profession at that stage, so he emigrated back to South Africa.

About a year after Kim and I got married we decided we would like to move out of town, and a Production Manager's position came up within the brewery. It was in Swaziland, living as expats which was good because I was not allowed to work there and so we got paid a "gratuity" for hardship as conditions were quite challenging – lacking resources and infrastructure, but this meant I could be at home with my baby as I was newly pregnant. Jenna is now 31 years old! Swaziland is a small mountain kingdom, completely independent, yet surrounded on all sides by South Africa. When we moved there in the late 1980s it was difficult to buy groceries or get medical treatment. There was a local GP from the UK in Mbabane (the capital) and a tiny clinic, some restaurants, government offices, school and supermarket, and that was about it. As we lived in a community of about ten houses and three Southern Sun's Hotels in the Ezulwini Valley, we had to drive a half hour up this treacherous mountain pass (only two lanes and very narrow) which was also the main "highway" for massive logging trucks from the forestry region. Trucks regularly lost their "brakes" and there were many rusted metal skeletons down in the valley to attest to this. As supplies arrived at the supermarket once or twice a month, and quickly ran out, we had to travel to South Africa to do a big shop once a month. This was a 3½ hour trip each way, so the children (by then we had Kyle who is now 28 years old too) became really good traveller's! There were many benefits living there too, beautiful scenery, fantastic expat community, great weather and we could use the hotel swimming pools, and were in very close proximity to the Kruger National Park, which was 1½ hours drive away, so great to go for weekend getaways. We love the bush, wildlife and bird watching, so it was a wonderful life for children. Not often you drive to see a friend and a white rhino crosses the dusty sand road right in front of your car! We lived there for seven years and then transferred to Gaborone, Botswana, a country rich in diamonds and very hot, dry and dusty. This is a country north of South Africa, completely landlocked with Namibia, to the west, Zimbabwe to the east, and Zambia to the north. It rarely rains there and when it does people dance around in the street shouting "pula" which means rain. It has 10 months of summer and 2 months of winter, and most summer days are upper 30's or over 40 deg. C. There are many game reserves in the north Savuti region, some huge salt pans to which the flamingos migrate, and the beautiful Okavango Delta which is an amazing river channel which is like a jewel in a dry thirsty land. This place is wonderful for wildlife and links up with the Chobe river. My 3rd child Nicholas was born there in 1995. We then decided to emigrate to New Zealand. After the hot climate a more temperate climate appealed. The political situation was changing and things looked a bit uncertain. We arrived in Auckland in 1996. We lived in Howick and Mellon's Bay, Auckland for seven years (seven



seems a significant number with our moves!) after which we were transferred to Timaru. We have been here for 15 years and love it.

My path to faith started with the Charismatic revival in the 1980s. Evangelists used to come to my high school and preach during the lunch break. It was very "Billy Graham" style preaching. A few friends and I decided to go to the Rhema Church – a large new church with great musicians. It was here I gave my life to the Lord, this was 1983, but I did not stay with the church for long, as there were no follow-ups or guidance from there and I was slowly slipping backwards and not really growing in faith. I never really left the Lord, but just got busy with life and was living more in the world, although God was always there in the background. This was about the time I met Kim and we moved countries, had children etc. and the busyness of life took over.

In 2005, I noticed a mole on my cheek. It was very red and itchy and I thought I should get it checked out. It turned out it was a cancerous melanoma. A frightening diagnosis as I knew once it takes hold that's basically it. After a biopsy it was found to be in the very early stage and so I went to the Southern Cross Hospital in Christchurch to have it removed. It was meant to be a fairly quick ½ hour op but while under anaesthetic they discovered a basal cell carcinoma in my sinus duct of my right eye and then it became a major op with facial flap which means they peel all the skin on that side of your face back and then have to cut out the cancer and then reconnect nerves etc. very carefully as a slip up can make your mouth turn downwards or leave you with numbness. It took about 4½ hours and 49 stitches on my face. My eye was stitched closed and my eyelashes were gone! My son did not want to come home from his friend's house because I looked like Frankenstein! That was the start of about 3 years of steroid injections into the scars to release tension, sleeping with pressure plasters on every night, and another operation and skin graft to correct my eye which was pulling down like a spaniel's, then after that graft was not healing properly, I was booked to have another skin graft. This time skin would be taken from behind my other ear. The graft is extremely painful. I asked my mom in SA for prayer and her church prayed for me. When I went up for the op the specialist was amazed, he said it had completely healed in 2 weeks and so I hopped off the bed in the operating theatre and drove home!! Yay, God is amazing! He is a great healer.

It was a very difficult time, but I feel it changed me completely. I was used to how I looked and now I looked very different. I had to dig really deep and to overcome stares, comments and ugly angry red slashes across my face for nearly 3 years until they faded a bit. I think it gave me a much deeper inner strength.

I enjoy each and every day and am so very grateful for God's blessings. I enjoy spending time with my gorgeous granddaughters and grandson, other family and friends and gardening, walking, reading, baking and listening to praise and worship music and just spending time with God.

As most of you know, I finally got Water Baptised on – wait for it the 7th of January 2018! Seven is a significant number for sure.

1 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness".

Groups

Leadership Update

You can be part of...



Drama Team

10am Sunday Worship monthly



Ladies Walking Group

9:45am Wednesday mornings
Denyse Txt 027 741 0600



Oasis Worship Cafe

7:30pm 3rd Wednesday of month



Encore

10:00am 4th Thursday of month



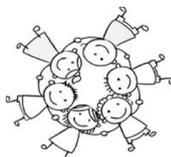
Prayer for the Persecuted

3:00pm 3rd Thursday of month



Music Team

7:00pm Thursday nights



Friendship Fridays

9:45am - 12pm
2nd and 4th Friday of month



Men's Group

7:30pm Friday nights
Tony Txt 027 221 1537

The leadership team would like to share what they have been focusing on recently.

- Working through a book by Brian Winslade, "They want me to be an Elder"
 - 1) The Office and Function of an Elder
 - 2) Qualifications for Eldership
 - 3) Our Relationship Toward Elders
 - 4) Elders are not Ombudsmen
- Working through the Youth Group Leadership transition.
- Planning and preparation for absence of Pavelka Family during their 6 weeks in Ecuador.
- Taking opportunities to go and pray with people for blessing and healing.
- Alignment of church ministries towards our new church vision, which is still under review:

GBC exists to connect all people to Jesus, the source of life. We seek to create a vibrant all-age community of believers who are passionate about sharing God's transformational love and Word with the people in our community, city, nation and world.
- Encouraged by the exciting things God is doing at GBC currently
 - 1) Church unplugged at Gunn's Bush
 - 2) Feast of Tabernacles
 - 3) Shared lunch with Al Qattan Family and their friends.



By NZ Artist - Graham Braddock

Jerusalem - Song by The Hoppers

John saw a city that could not be hidden
 John saw the city, oh yes he did
 John caught a glimpse of the golden throne
 Tell me all about it, go right on
 Around the throne he saw the crystal sea
 There's got to be more, what will it be
 I want to go, to that city he saw
 New Jerusalem

Jerusalem
 I want to walk your streets that are golden
 And I want to run where the angels have trod
 Jerusalem
 I want to rest on the banks of your river
 In that city, the city of God

John saw the lion lay down by the lamb
 I want to know everything about that land
 John saw the day but he did not see night
 The lamb of God well, he must be the light

And he saw the saints worship the great I am
 Crying worthy, worthy is the lamb
 I want to go to that city he saw
 New Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Jerusalem
 Sing for the night is over
 Hosanna in the highest
 Hosanna forever
 Forever more

Jerusalem
 I want to walk your streets that are golden
 And I want to run where the angels have trod
 Jerusalem
 I want to rest on the banks of your river
 In that city, the city of God
 The city of God
 Jerusalem, Jerusalem
 The city of God, is the city of God

Book Reviews

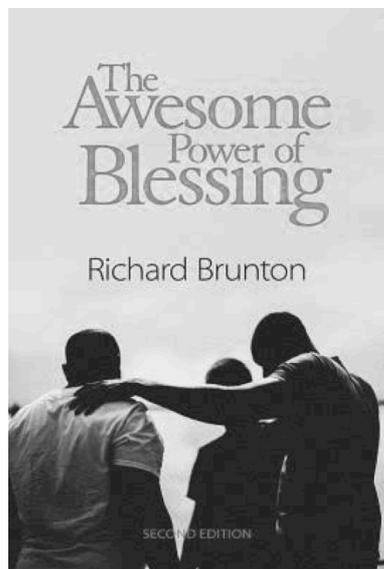
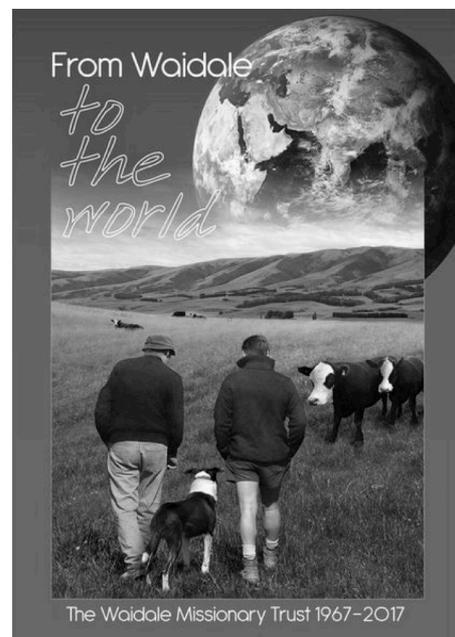
"From Waidale to the World" by Valmai Redhead
Reviewed by Elsie McDonald

This is the extraordinary story of how God used two ordinary Southland farmers to begin a mission initiative that would grow, multiply and expand to reach around the world.

Fifty years ago Harry White and Clarence Gardyne (Jane Arthur's late father) wanted to find a practical way to support Andrew and Margaret Dunn who were ready to go to Papua New Guinea but did not have sufficient funds. The two men proposed raising the money by grazing, fattening and selling a few head of stock (initially sheep or cattle). Other farmers supported the cause. Less than a year later they reached their target, the Dunn family was farewelled, and in the process something even more significant happened: the Waidale Missionary Trust was established. Fifty years on, more than \$5 million has been given to support mission. Who could have imagined such as this could happen?

Yet the success of the Trust is about much more than funding. The annual reports do not list the countless prayers offered, the number of letters written, hospitality provided and lifelong friendships formed. God used all these relationships between the sent and the sender to grow the Waidale Trust into the unique family it is today.

I would love to lend this book to anybody who wishes to read it. It's a worthwhile read showing God using ordinary people for His purposes. You may even recognise the names of people you know who have been supported by Waidale Missionary Trust.



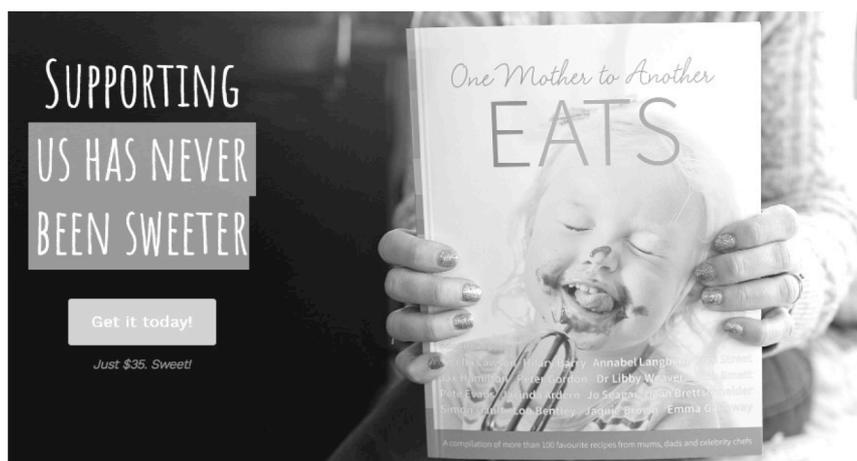
"The Awesome Power of Blessing" by Richard Brunton
Reviewed by Brendan Grant

After reading this book I was moved to send Richard Brunton co-founder of Colmar Brunton a word of encouragement and blessing. I believe this book is a word in season for our community and nation, many people in our church have been reading this book and putting it into practice. In September Excel School of Performing Arts ministered to the Timaru youth on the subject of blessing inspired by this book.

Blessing is speaking God's intentions or favour over someone or some situation. When we do that in faith, we activate God's power to change a person (ourselves included), or a situation, from where they are now to where God wants them to be. Every Christian has the authority and power to bless others in the name of the Lord and see lives transformed. The power of blessing is supernatural; it is the presence and work of the Holy Spirit, producing joy, peace, prosperity, and fruitfulness; and providing health, success, and protection.

In this small book, you will find out how blessing works and learn how to bless those who curse or provoke you; how to bless your spouse, your children, your home, and yourself; how to bless your workplace, your land, and community – even God himself. You can speak God's blessing into your world!

Receive your free e-copy at www.richardbruntonministries.org



I have a great Christmas gift idea for you all! If you click on – www.onemothertoanother.org.nz

You will read about a marvellous charity called One Mother to Another. Joy Reid (TV One European correspondent) and another young Mum, Christina, have started this charity which gives to all Mums who have a baby unwell in ICU a gift bag with a handwritten note saying they have sat in the chair that that Mum is sitting in now.

One motivation for starting this charity was to show God's love to the Mums under tremendous stress as their babies sometimes fight to live. I have bought one and I'm very impressed with it. Cost \$35

So on the website you can read about the charity and order a recipe book if you would like.

Blessings Robyn

Testimony

Treena Davis

My story is not a happy one, but it has a joyful ending. As a child, due to my mother's deep depression, I suffered from emotional neglect, which led to sexual abuse from a neighbour. My father was an Anglican minister who was sent to many parishes around Christchurch. The longest we stayed in a home was 18 months and the shortest was six months. As a result of these negatives I became a quiet withdrawn child who did not know how to make friends and was often bullied.

The withdrawn child became a lonely adult. Although I became a Christian at Easter Camp aged 16, I did not make deep or lasting connections and was always on the outside of any social group. In the workplace I became anxious, afraid of authority and failure. I was full of fear and loneliness. I eventually matured as a person and had some positive life experiences. One of these was meeting and marrying my husband Clinton who also loves the Lord and has been a kind and supportive influence in my life.

In my Christian walk I grew and had many moments of joy and peace, but they were short-lived as I had a crisis-oriented relationship with Jesus rather than a trusting one. In fact I had a deep mistrust of God and felt I had to keep a tight grip on my life. The turnaround came when I experienced two miscarriages and God spoke to me in my grief and then turned my grief into joy. A year later I was pregnant again and God spoke again and said that my 'fruit would remain'.

But I became a controlling and angry mother as I dealt with the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as the birth experience caused me to relive the childhood abuse, depression; my parents-in-law coming to live with us and my daughter's undiagnosed ADHD. It was a perfect storm waiting to happen and my daughter describes me in that time as a 'monster'.

Over the last 14 or so years the Lord has gradually and gently healed me. I have often wanted Him to work faster because I hated the way that I was but I could not change myself. Now instead of loneliness; Jesus is my best friend; instead of anger; I know his overwhelming love; instead of having to be in control; I am letting go of my life; instead of fear; I am learning to trust. I used to feel that inside of me there was a black hole where all the good things went and were crushed to nothing but now my cup overflows with blessing.

Today I only have to think of the Lord and what He has done, to know that I am in the midst of His abundant love for me and I experience again the overwhelming joy and freedom that He gives. I no longer look back on my past and blame it for my inadequacies. I now thank God for what He has delivered me from and for the empathy He has given me for other people.

God told me that these verses from Isaiah are my testimony that I am to share with others: *"But his people were trapped and imprisoned in holes with no one to rescue them, All they owned had been taken, and no one was willing to give it back."* Isaiah 42:22

"I promised to save you, and I kept my promise. You are my witnesses that no other god did this. I, the LORD, have spoken. I am God now and forever. No one can snatch you from me or stand in my way." Isaiah 43:12



I Do Not Know

I do not know how long,
I shall dwell in this fragile tent,
Of flesh and bone.

So I ask for a precious gift,
That of finding joy,
In the day that is Today.

And if my path leads through suffering and loss,
I ask for deeper joy,

A shining glimmer of what is yet to come.
But if death is the huge mountain,
In whose shadow I must walk,
I ask for the same courage given to your Son.

I do not know how long,
I shall dwell in this fragile tent,
Of flesh and bone.

So I ask for a precious gift,
That of being content,
In the centre of this abundance that is Now.

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The Journey

The journey starts with dreadful news,
And the pain of loss,
When one you love has been ripped from you.
It carries you through turbulent waters,
And spits you out exhausted,
On a far distant shore,
Where you walk with faltering step,
Through a land desolate, dark and lonely.

The miracle is not, that we with faith,
Are spared from such a journey,
But that we have a Travelling Companion,
Who comforts us,
Who holds a lamp for us, and shows us,
Where to place our feet.

And being comforted we call out to others,
On the journey with us.
We take our lamps and lift them high,
And rally together under their light.
And comforting each other,
We and our Travelling Companion
Walk on together to the end of the night.

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Gleniti Baptist Youth - Term 4

19 October



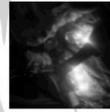
REGRESSIVE
DINNER

9 November



YOUTH
WORSHIP

30 November



ROAD TRIP
CANDLELIGHT
PICNIC

26 October



YOUTH
NIGHT

16 November



SPY V SPY

7 December



YOUTH
NIGHT

14 December



HELPING
OTHERS

2 November



GOAT.
WHAT GOAT?

24 November



SATURDAY
CHURCH BBQ

21 December



YOUTH
WORSHIP



The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the
righteous run into it and are safe.

Proverbs 8:10

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Upcoming Events

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

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OCT

Guest Speakers Ross & Cindy

Time: 10am Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Overseas workers speaking followed by a shared lunch

24
NOV

BBQ at Turners Home

Time: 6pm Saturday
Venue: 631 Pleasant Point Highway
A great time of fellowship for the whole family

25
NOV

Quarterly Church Meeting

Time: 11:30am Sunday
Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church
Find out what's happening at GBC

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DEC

Candy Cane Street Outreach

Time: 2pm Sunday
Venue: 76 Murchison Drive
Come and join in a fun afternoon of bagging and tagging Candy Canes and the Candy Cane Story to give out on the main shopping street of town. Please bring a bag of the original red striped peppermint candy canes and your favourite Christmas treat to share for afternoon tea. All welcome. For more information contact Deanna Grant 027 340 2275.

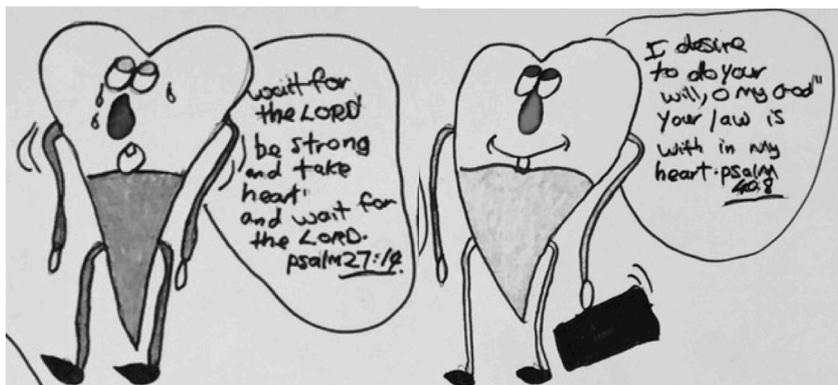


Jesus is the Gentle Shepherd
and this cane of red and white
proclaims the humble story
born on Christmas night.

This cane, you see,
When turned around
begins His name of Love
and now becomes a symbol
of peace proclaimed above.

The lively peppermint flavour
is the regal gift of spice.
The white is His purity
and the red His sacrifice.

And so this cane reminds us
just how much He cares
and like His Christmas Gift to us
it's meant for all to share.



Cartoons by Kelly Gilchrist