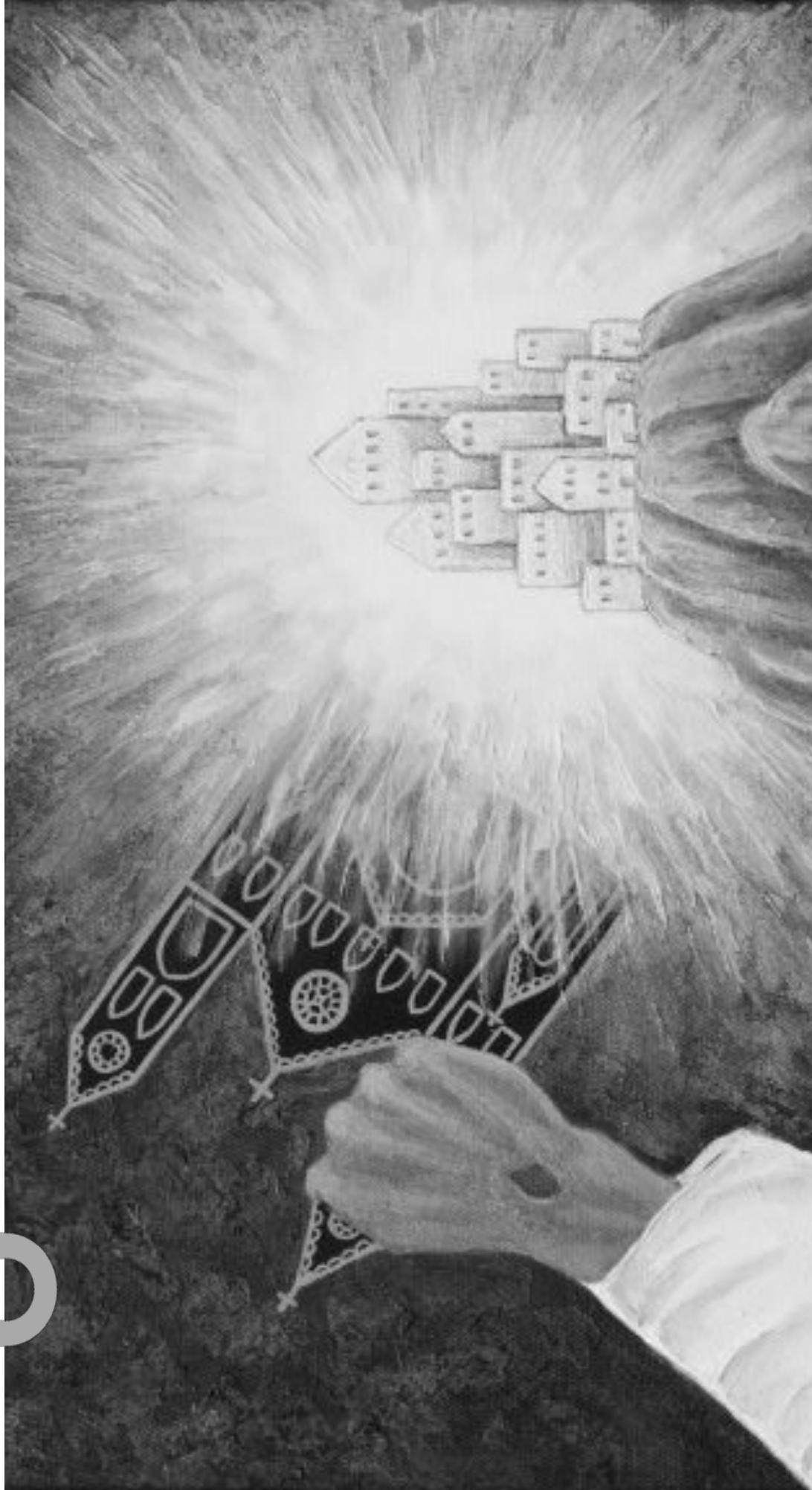


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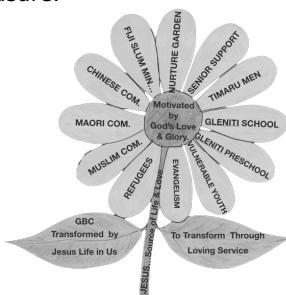


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ALL AGE WORSHIP

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All Welcome

Pastor's Pen

With Wendy Geerling

I have this picture on my office wall. It's good to be inspired by our church vision and mission. I'm easily attracted to the petals, and often reflect on what we are doing and what we could be doing. But recently, God's been drawing me back to that first leaf - us being transformed by Jesus - and I'm reminded that there is a flow, an order, to this picture. All the things we do and want to do for Jesus and His kingdom are meant to flow out of our own transformed life.

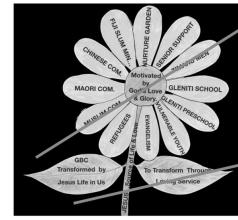
In this busy-obsessed day and age, it's too easy to focus on the things we're 'doing for God' or 'doing for the church'. And getting the order of things - the first leaf before the petals - out of order happens almost without us realising. While this is certainly an easy trap for our culture to fall in to, it's not a new problem. Listen to what Jesus says to the Church in Ephesus:

Rev. 2:2-5 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³ You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. ⁴ Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵ Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

It is possible to tick the boxes of good works, perseverance and rejecting false teaching but have a dwindling love for Jesus. It's not enough to have magnificent buildings (Notre Dame??), inspiring leadership (remember, the Ephesian church had Paul, Timothy and John), or the latest programs. The first, the most important thing for each of us must be our relationship with Jesus.

Jesus desires to make this point in John 15 where He uses the word 'meno' (abide or remain) 10 times in seven verses.

*John 15: 1-17 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **Remain** in me, as I also **remain** in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now **remain** in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and*



remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit —fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other."

We are chosen and appointed in order that we might bear fruit. Bearing fruit does not look like *doing more*. It comes from abiding in, remaining in Jesus, and He in us. What is this fruit we are meant to bear? Jesus is with us and in us by His Spirit, and we're told the that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Eph. 5:22). Jesus also tells us (in John 15), "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love.... This is my command: Love each other".

Becoming a Christian takes just a moment – one decision. But it also takes a lifetime. In this life we are always becoming. With Jesus, we are becoming sanctified, made more like Christ. We will not achieve becoming in this life. We must pursue this becoming every day. I hope that when you look at the image of the GBC mission that you see at least one petal that you're passionate about, whether it's children, young people, refugees, seniors or overseas mission. The most effective thing you can do for those people is to have a vibrant personal relationship with Jesus.

At GBC we have a lot of passionate people, servant-hearted people, people doing lots of things for the church and for God's kingdom. But the most effective thing you can do for God's kingdom and God's church is to have a vibrant personal relationship with Jesus.

Book in some time with Jesus and ask these things:

Do I want to be closer to Jesus? (heart answer, not just head answer) What could I do to take a step closer to Jesus?

God, what part of my life do I need to let you transform? Where am I resistant to the work of the Holy Spirit? What needs to change?

Who am I struggling to love? How do you want me to love them, Jesus?

Blessings as you bravely continue this journey with Jesus.

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Close Up

With the Zeelie Family

Blessings to you all, our church family. We are Kerie & Zelda Zeelie. We have been coming to Gleniti Baptist Church since 2010.

Kerie – I was born in a coastal city, Port Elizabeth, in South Africa. I was one of two boys who were blessed to have two amazing and God-fearing parents. If I had to choose someone as my hero, my dad would be mine. He has always been a very strong principled man of few words but when he spoke, people listened. Mum was the soft-spoken one with an amazing servant heart. They always put people first and foremost and preferred working behind the scenes. God

was always part of our home and I grew up never questioning God or His existence. As a result my faith journey was one of small increments – my confirmation was on 2 December 1979 and the Scripture I received from the Church family was Isaiah 41:10 - *Fear not, for I am with you*. And to date that has been the story of my life. God has been true to His word. I have feared many times, but never has He left me. He has always upheld me, always provided. There have been times of drifting away and drifting back. During two years conscription one year of which was in an operational area, my little Gideon Bible was like my rifle - part of my kit. It provided the comfort of His presence. But there were also times when I drifted away.

Zelda - I was born in Durban, South Africa which is also a coastal city. I was only one year old when we moved to Lichtenburg, in the then Western Transvaal and later Highveld, Kempton Park. I am the youngest of 4 and had the most loving and caring parents. My mum is a strong God-fearing lady and made sure we always knew where our help comes from. Mum loves people and has been a rock in my life still today. Dad had some rough patches in his life and faced smoking and alcohol addiction for years. However God is good and through his faith in God, Dad overcame these addictions. Just like Kerie, God was always a part of our home and I also grew up never questioning His existence.

Kerie – We were an arranged marriage. God arranged it. During 1986, Zelda's sister fixed a blind date between Zelda and I. At the end of the evening I said to Zelda's sister "I am going to marry your sister". We dated for two years and then got married in 1988. During 1988 we attended a Full Gospel Church one Sunday evening and at the end of the service there was an altar call. Together we recommitted ourselves. We were blessed with two beautiful children Nadia (1989) and Marco (1991).

Towards the end of the year 2000 we made the decision to emigrate. This was a very hard decision to make, leaving everything we knew behind, leaving family. Will we see them again? A foreign country! A different culture? We knew no-one. We researched New Zealand and found a video about New Zealand – 'Once were warriors'. Not the best promotional material for New Zealand, but we still decided to pack up and leave for New Zealand. On 1 December 2001 we set foot in Auckland. We arrived with a few personal items (photos, documentation), two tents and a lot of trust and faith that God would provide, and He did, abundantly.

We travelled through New Zealand, but once we hit the South Island we knew we didn't want to go back north. Every town was eyed with optimism that this was where we may settle. Eventually we settled in Alexandra. We attended a Methodist/Presbyterian Union Church and our first service was an experience. I recall how we stood there with tears



Kerie, Nadia, Michael, Zelda & Marco

rolling down our faces because we felt at home. It dawned on us that no matter where you are the house of God is universal. It is a safe haven, away from our everyday fears and a place where we all are equal: Children of God.

In that first year we spent three months in Alexandra and nine months on a dairy farm outside of Methven before we moved to Timaru in December 2002, where we have been ever since.

As we both grew up in very conservative church denominations – Dutch Reformed and Reformed churches we didn't know which churches in New Zealand would be similar. We did some church shopping - Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, but our children felt most welcome at Wilson Street Baptist church as they had an active youth group at the time. The other churches were filled with.....shall we say 'mature' people and no children. We found that the whole immigration process brought us very close together, but it also made us protective of our time together. We didn't attend church as much as we should or wanted to. We spent weekends discovering our new country. Life was great.

In 2010 we moved to our current home. Michael and Nadia were dating and were already going to Gleniti Baptist Church. We started attending GBC too, but very irregularly. Then 2011 arrived. What a year! April 2011 was very significant as we welcomed a new son, Michael, into our home. During November Michael, Nadia, Zelda and I left for South Africa to attend my dad's 80th birthday celebrations. It also provided Nadia the opportunity to introduce Michael to family and friends and show him landmarks from her childhood. We had a great time.

Marco stayed behind as he was attending polytech, or so we thought.

Upon our return we were informed that our son, aged 20, had taken his life on 1 December 2011, the day before we returned. In a moment, our world was shattered. The pain was intense. Sleep only came after three days when we received medical help. For a year afterwards our last thought for the day would be 'our son is no longer here'....and the first thought when waking up would be the same. It was a period of intense pain and grief. Not only coming to terms with not being able to see our son again here on earth, but also missing the physical contact. We so wanted to have an opportunity to just hold him, hug him. We also had to come to terms with the fact this was self-inflicted. How could he? We thought we were close. We never knew he was depressed, which was the result of a head injury suffered during his time in the NZ Army. But as time passed, God provided the answers. He is so faithful. If it were up to us we would still be lying in a sobbing mess on the floor of our room, but every morning God picked us up, dusted us off and helped us put one foot in front of the other.

During this time we would also see the maturity of our children, Nadia and Michael. If Nadia had to have a Gloriavale name it would be 'Steadfast Faithful'. She is so steadfast in her faith. Such an example to us. Michael handled all this with a maturity beyond his years, supporting Nadia and us.

Despite this tragedy many, many blessings followed including the arrival of our two grandsons, Logan and Hunter. We feel a bit like Job. God gave him double what he had lost. To us our grandsons are a symbol of that.

God lead us to a great homegroup. God surrounded us with a great family of believers. We both got baptised at GBC on 4 November 2012, another incremental progression on our faith journey.

God has revealed Himself to us in so many ways over the years. At times we were open to it and were amazed by it and other times we were just not observant, our eyes focussed on the world.

Over the years we had 'bird encounters'. Shortly after Marco's death we received this verse Psalm 91: 4 - *He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.* We had numerous bird encounters to remind us of His presence, God moments, at times when we desperately needed Him to reassure us of His presence.

Recently we had another bird encounter during our church camp at Lindisfarne. We were catching up with Brendan and Deanna under a tree in front of our tent. I shared with Brendan Psalm 91:4 and the significance to us. At that moment the four of us looked up and there were four fan tails in the tree, flitting above us for a few moments and then they flew off. Another God moment.

To us there are two other verses that stand out:

Romans 8: 28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called



Hunter & Logan

according to his purpose.

Romans 8: 38 – 39 *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord*

We had to lose to gain. And we know that nothing can separate us from His love.

But most of all we have come to learn that church is not about us. It is about God. Like any parent He loves to see His children getting along, meeting and communicating on a regular basis. Worship is not about us. It is about Him. And He reveals His presence so many times to us through your smile, your outstretched hand, your comforting words, your total commitment during worship. Thank you for welcoming us into the GBC family.

May God bless you and give you wisdom.

A Final Word

Cliff Lockyer 1921 - 2019

Cliff Lockyer was a man of God, a prayer warrior for many years, who quoted the Word of God both in his prayers and in his speech. The words he gave me when I was ill were like a life-line to encourage and strengthen.

Irelle, Louise and I visited Cliff in ICU after a heart attack; he also had difficulty breathing. He so wanted to share a message and somehow he gained strength.

This is what he told us:

He was in a marble room with a door and he was told not to go any further because it was the door to Hell. He was then told to "Go and tell my people to wake up".

A few days later, on Friday 15th March, a day New Zealand and the world will always remember, we attended Cliff's memorial service - then an hour or two later we heard the news of the massacre in Christchurch. It was indeed just as the headlines said "A Dark Day For New Zealand".

So I feel it is so important to share Cliff's last message. Verses in Scripture tell us to wake up and also tell us why we have to wake up.

Romans 13 says "*You shall love your neighbour as yourself - and do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ*".

Ephesians 5 tell us "*Awake (become attentive to our dangerous position), you who sleep. Arise from the dead and Christ will give you light. See that you walk circumspectly not as foolish, redeeming the time because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is... be filled with the Spirit*".

A promise from Isaiah 60 says "*Arise, shine, for your light has come! The glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people. But the Lord will arise over you and his glory will be seen upon you. Then you will see and become radiant and your heart will swell with joy*".

Many times the Lord has been saying to me, to seek Him with all my heart, and Deuteronomy 4:29 says we will find Him (in a much deeper way).

In February, Mark shared "*You will experience more of God when you seek Him*" and also, "*God is calling us back to what really matters*".

God's word says "*Look to Him and be radiant*" (Psalm 34:5). In dark times light will penetrate the darkness.

I believe the message to the church is "*Wake up, seek Him - and His presence will be seen in us*".

I believe the coming harvest will be the result of Christ's Presence in us.



Jenny Scriggins

Close Up

With Jenny Scriggins

My life began towards the end of World War 2, in a village on the east coast of England, on the day that our nearest city, Norwich was being bombed. I was born into a family of older parents and two teenage brothers. Mine was a happy childhood. My parents came from very large families but I only knew of a grandmother and two aunts who were Christians. I learnt about God at Sunday school, the village school and later grammar school, learning prayers, hymns and Bible stories. However to me God was a distant God and I drifted away from church.

I met my husband David at 15. I worked in a bank and then married at 19. We were blessed with three children. We planned to emigrate to South Africa in 1968, but decided to come to New Zealand instead in 1971, where my brother was already living. My elderly parents emigrated later in the same year. I knew the Lord was drawing me to Him as we travelled to New Zealand on a six-week journey by ship.

We had another son and settled in Rolleston for the next 20 years. I started attending the local church and was confirmed by the Anglican Bishop. At the age of 28 I was invited to a Bible study run by the New Life Centre, from Christchurch. It soon became clear that the leaders had a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. I saw it by the joy on their faces and I knew what was missing in my life. They gave me the booklet "Steps To Peace With God" by Billy Graham and then I understood. I was baptised at Lincoln College and my husband became a Christian shortly after.

As a new Christian, I was reading my Bible late at night and the Lord said to me "Your purse". I realised it was missing and God directed me to drive to the shops where I found my purse with quite a sum of money for our bills! It had been run over, but the money was still there. He cares for practical things in our lives. "*He cares for those who trust in Him*". *Nahum 1:7*.

Shortly after this, he healed me physically and from depression caused by overwhelming circumstances and I knew God heals. "*For I will restore health to you*" *Jeremiah 30:17*

My husband became an elder of our new Christian Fellowship and we were both involved in leading groups, and for three years we led the fellowship after our pastor left. The 80s was a time of large gatherings, international speakers, Marches for Jesus, Life in the Spirit seminars and of course Scripture in Song.

In 1987 we were planning my daughter's wedding, making the bride and bridesmaids' dresses. At the time my mother was in care after suffering for seven years being unable to speak or walk after a stroke, my father was in another hospital, and the pastor's wife left - so we took over leading the Fellowship and we had problems with our youngest son. God gave us lovely friends who came alongside and helped in so many ways." *Great is Your faithfulness*" *Lamentations 3:23*.

David worked for Watties for almost 20 years, maintaining harvesting machinery. Gradually the load increased until he was working 80 to 90 hours a week for five months of the year. The Lord spoke to him in a paddock one day and told him to leave the job (if he had stayed for another few months he would have received a large bonus, but he knew that he had to be obedient and leave). We worked in apple orchards and picking asparagus and raspberries with a large reduction in income. Looking back, we realised that God was preparing us to depend on Him and His provision." *And my God will meet all your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus*". *Philippians 4:19*.



We experienced another difficult time with our eldest son marrying a Hare Krishna lady, which was so difficult; his wife later wanted a divorce, then she spent three years in care for depression and then came home to our young grandson and committed suicide.

We moved down to Geraldine in 1992 and started a backpackers. Here we welcomed people from all over the world who were often searching for the meaning of life and we had opportunities to share about Jesus.

In 1993, we visited India and Bangladesh with a World Vision team, we visited projects and had the joy of meeting our little sponsored child.

We bought a place in Hilton and our daughter, husband and two grand-daughters came to live next door. We all enjoyed the calves, sheep, donkey, goats and chickens. We also planted pine trees in a block in Te Moana Gorge.

By this time, David's health had deteriorated quite rapidly (he had had rheumatic fever and scarlet fever as a child and it had affected his heart). After waiting and waiting for an operation until nearly too late, he collapsed one day in Temuka and was rushed down to Dunedin Hospital and was given a new valve.

We moved into Timaru in 2002 and attended the Brethren Church and so enjoyed being very involved with ministry to international students with Bible studies, camps, and lots and lots of meals.

A major change came into my life when my husband died whilst playing bowls in Waimate aged 64. This, resulted in my adjusting to singleness after 41 years of marriage." *You are complete in Him*". *Colossians 2:10*.

God challenged me with "Are you willing to accept what I have allowed in your life?" After I had said "Yes", I knew God wanted me to step out and serve in missions.

I had a real sense that if I didn't obey Him, I would miss what He wanted (the best), so in April 2008, I flew to Suva, Fiji and joined a crew of 40 on the YWAM Mercy Ship "Marine Reach". The crew was an international one of doctors, nurses, surgeons, dentists, etc. We worked in two islands between Fiji and Tonga and saw miracles. During the three weeks, the teams tested eyes and supplied 500 pairs of glasses, the dentists gave 900 treatments, even some root canals and others gave medical treatment and helped with building projects.

Soon after I returned to Timaru, I received a magazine from WEC requesting mission help. We had known and hosted missionaries from that mission and so I rang them. Irelle White, then the Deputy Director at the Headquarters in Hamilton answered, said they had been in urgent prayer for a caterer starting in two weeks' time for their candidate Orientation for 12 weeks. The Lord had already prepared me as I had worked at Radio Rhema in catering.

I had already bought a ticket to go to Wellington to stay with my daughter in the following few days, so I went up to Wellington and after a week, took the bus up and arrived in Hamilton ready to start in two days' time. I catered for two orientations and then did the orientation myself and joined the staff, where I worked for three and a half years.

In 2010, Irele and I visited our WEC workers in Europe, and the Lord guided us in amazing ways.

Coming back to Timaru the following year, I joined Gleniti Baptist Church.

Five years ago, my son was almost killed in an attack with a broken piece of glass, which has been very traumatic. I will never forget the time when I stood looking at the stars one night at Lake Alexandria. The stars completely surrounded me, like a canopy and it so much reminded me that God surrounds us with his care.

After an operation in Christchurch in 2016, I chose to have as much treatment of radiotherapy and chemotherapy as

possible. Irele looked after me for six months and I am so grateful to her and other friends who stayed with me in Christchurch, and to the Gleniti friends who gave me about 10 weeks of gifts to open, one for each day.

God gave me the encouragement by saying "See to it that you complete the work that I give you".

I now have seven grandchildren and a great grand-daughter. I have learnt so many lessons during this walk with Him and He has ALWAYS been faithful.

Throughout our lives we have no answers for some problems, and we often ask "why". We come to realise that our hearts are really yearning for His presence, not answers, but His presence. *"I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. I myself will see Him with my own eyes - I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me". Job 19 23-25.*

Leadership Update

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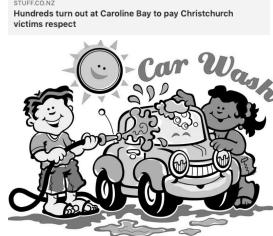
We have had an action-packed first quarter. Praise God for His many blessings and for talented and generous people who don't shy away from using their God-given gifts to serve others. This year we have started advertising events on Facebook which has proved to be fruitful in encouraging new people to attend church activities. There is a cultural shift as our church community becomes more purposefully outward-focused. Please take the opportunity to reach out and make new people feel welcome. We had a very special time with our all age family camp at Lindisfarne and witnessing Lisa Creba's baptism in the Pareora River. The Art Bonanza was a successful exhibition, raising funds to provide food vouchers for the Muslim families who lost loved ones in the Christchurch massacre. We shared a very meaningful and high-quality Passover Dinner Theater. Plus, many more amazing times.

THE CURRENT SITUATION

- A Café-based ministry has been proposed by Susan Butler to serve the local community. A committee is working through a range of considerations and the Church is invited bring any suggestions, questions, or comments to the committee by making submissions to the Church Office. The goal is for the committee to bring a proposal to the congregation before the August AGM.
- We have had a great opportunity to share the message of Easter with our community with the cross sign outside the church displaying different messages. Including: PRAY 4 CHCH, I DIDN'T DIE 4 THE BUNNIES, I DIED 4 U. A big thanks to Steve and Karalyn Reid for making this happen, including gaining council consent. We pray the messages have made people think and have sown seeds of faith as people have driven past the church. Romans 10:14, ...*And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?*
- Pastor Mark's Two-Yearly Review was completed in April. This involved a 360-degree survey completed by a range of people in the church community. Mark found these responses affirming and helpful. Thanks to those who were involved.
- The Elders are currently working through the principles of interpreting Scripture in regard to the Biblical account of Creation Genesis 1-3. We are all learning a lot in the process, as Job 11:7 says, *"Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?"*
- Cameroon is on the brink of civil war and Chris and Catherine have asked GBC if we can partner with them to support our Christian brothers and sisters who are affected by this conflict. In February Mark sent a letter of prayer and encouragement to the persecuted church. In April the Global Action Team agreed to an urgent request to send a monetary donation to the Cameroon Baptist Convention. Please uphold this situation in your prayers.

LOOKING FORWARD

- There are plans to start a Sunday Night Forum (monthly) at GBC this winter.
- 2019 GBC Conference – Faith in the Fire, 15-16 June: Gary & Stephen will give the key note address about how suffering brought them closer to God, followed by workshops.
- Geniti's Got Talent in August will be another opportunity to engage with our community and enjoy sharing and encouraging one another in our unique talents. It's time to start considering how you might entertain us, whether it be; music, dance, singing, drama, comedy, or whatever your talents may be.



Colouring Competition Winners: Adult Section: Nola MacLean, Children's Section: Joel Creba. Well Done.

Groups

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



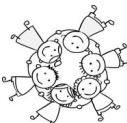
Prayer for the Persecuted

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



Prayer Group

9:15am Sunday Morning
Church Café Extension

Creative Space



Land of the Long White Cloud

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land

cloud blankets this sprawling land
hiding its restless spirit; look
closely - blood not water seeps down the
braided rivers in false complacency as raw as
the rugged coastline

the cloud will dissipate
only when love and forgiveness move deep into
the gullies and crevices
then the land will heave with relief
Mountains will bow and
healing will begin

when farmers and immigrants
politicians and iwi pray together
as brothers in faith old bones will rest
in the cemeteries and burial grounds
and the young will look to the future
with hope

then people will join hands across
the land and Aotearoa will finally become
our free land

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Life Everlasting

Some believe in oblivion

They call it sweet

Some believe in reincarnation

A life of a thousand deaths

I believe in life everlasting

Dying is waking

I believe in One

Who is called Life

Who was alive before all life

Whom death tried to kill

But could not

True life never dies

He has given this life to me

This I believe

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Forgiveness

Forgiveness is not saying the debt doesn't matter, it's saying that the debt is not mine to collect. When I accepted the work of the cross, I gave Jesus Christ all my outstanding debts and now He owns them, they are His to collect.

Treena Davis

GBC POETRY COMPETITION – “Writing in the Spirit”

Have a go and put pen to paper. This competition is for all types of poetry, rhyming or not: sonnet, free verse, haiku, limerick, acrostic, narrative.

Rules:

Theme: Faith

Limit: 30 lines

Section: Junior (school age) and Senior (everybody else)

Prize: \$30 Christian Bookstore Voucher for each section

Attach your poem to a separate piece of paper with your name, contact details and age and hand to Brendan Grant or Karalyn Reid by 30 June 2019.
All entries will be displayed, with the names of the winners of each section published in the next magazine.

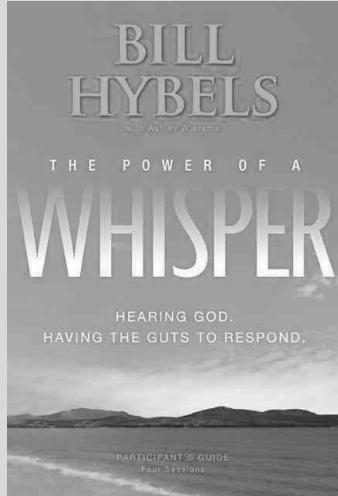
KING OF THE JEWS

Black-boy peaches drop and roll blood red blending into the bronze gold and scarlet autumn leaf fall on the lawn. Around them spindly pale toadstools push up for the last of the summer warmth and monarchs wink past looking for a safe refuge to see out the winter season.

I think of the one who gave his life and by his stripes we are healed – ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’ and ‘Ask and it will be given; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened’; and ‘Come, follow me and I will send you out to fish for people’; and ‘If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. And my heart grieves for those who do not know him.

Autumn brings; Old Man Pine arrives, woodsheds are stacked. Old people and children are ushered inside; gumboots and electric blankets are brought out. It's the time for haste; battening down for the winter tying up loose ends. We carry on; so much to do. It's Easter and there's sales to end all sales and stacks of chocolate and hot cross buns at the end of every aisle. Rabbits become acceptable and statutory days are just another holiday. Stop; listen and be saved, I cry – the time of grace is nearly done. If I'm wrong then it hardly matters; but if you're wrong – then everything matters.

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The Power of a Whisper

Hearing God. Having the Guts to Respond

Starting 6 May, 7-8:30pm Monday Nights

Hybels lists five filters to know if the voice is from God or not over a four-week study:

- 1) Is it Scriptural?
- 2) Is it Wise?
- 3) Is it consistent with who God is?
- 4) What do the people you trust most think about it?
- 5) Is it in tune with your own character?

You are welcome to join us at Murchison Drive Life Group. Contact B 027 891 2264 / D 027 340 2275

Life Groups



GBC Life Group

7pm Monday Nights

Location: GBC / Various

Hosts: Tony & Miriam Morton
Cell: 021 074 0867 / 027 778 0781



Murchison Drive Life Group

7pm Monday Nights

Location: Gleniti

Hosts: Brendan & Deanna Grant
Cell: 027 891 2264 / 027 340 2275



Women's Life Group

7:30pm Monday Nights

Location: Highfield

Host: Dale Davey

Ph: 684 6250



Morning Life Group

10am Tuesday Mornings

Location: Various

Hosts: John & Lesley Holden
Cell: 021 0238 0945



Turner's Life Group

7:30pm Tuesdays Nights

Location: Pleasant Point HW

Hosts: Kerry & Diane Turner

Cell: 027 488 2056 / 027 699 2510



Lagesse Life Group

7:30pm Wednesday Nights

Location: Gleniti

Hosts: Bruno & Martine Lagesse
Cell: 027 688 6196 / 021 169 1991



Timaru South Life Group

7:30pm Thursday Nights

Location: Parkside

Host: Elsie McDonald

Cell: 027 347 0261



Global Action Team

Supporting families involved in projects around the globe.
To find out more visit www.glenitibaptist.org.nz/global.html



← Bangladesh →

name

Bangladesh

description

This school in Dhaka teaches both primary and secondary students. Each student is keen to learn and a delight to teach! We love teaching in Bangladesh. Follow us. Read our news.

In time you may like to visit! We welcome teachers who share our enthusiasm for making a real difference ❤️ We are happy to host you as you experience this amazing culture and meet the locals.

<https://www.facebook.com/BangladeshVision/>



← Kolkata →

name

Kolkata

description

The Loyal Workshop was founded to provide an opportunity for freedom. Modern day slavery is a phenomenon that we are not prepared to be apathetic about. We believe that another world is possible; a world where sex slavery is relegated to the history books. It's a brazen dream but we're putting it into action in one city, in one red-light community, with one woman at a time. We believe that business can be a tool to bring freedom to those trapped in slavery. Our business IS about freedom. Every product we create is part of a woman's freedom journey.

<https://www.theloyalworkshop.com>



← Romania →

name

Romania

description

Horizon of Hope Centre over the past eight years has been a bridge between thousands of people and the underprivileged by providing educational opportunities and poverty alleviation.

The residential centre provides a place for young adults with a desire to develop and look towards a horizon full of hope. The students have access to a facility built by international standards. A house director will be the mentor and teacher in the many aspect of life.

Regen is a growing Romanian NGO with the vision of seeing underprivileged people being regenerated by spiritual and academic education. The influence of Regen is gradually growing in the local community. With the addition of the HOH center, Regen's influence has grown and can reach out to the underprivileged in a more efficient way.

<https://horizonofhope.org>



← Timaru →

name

Timaru

description

24-7 Youth Work is a trust relationship between Mountain View High School and the local churches in Timaru. In the context of the local community working together; being there for young people. An out of class, extra-curricular emphasis that supplements and supports existing school activities. It is about effective encouragement for young people and quality service delivery for schools. In other words, it is youth workers supporting young people and serving the school in practical ways. The same youth workers work in and out of school, 10 paid hours per week in school and 10 volunteer hours



← Auckland →

name

Auckland

description

Supporting Kegan Pullar of Athletes in Action. Helping athletes take their passion, faith and sports to new places. We strive to see Christ centered athletes on campus who use their platform of sport to launch movement of athlete multipliers across New Zealand.

<https://athletesinaction.org.nz>

HopeProject nz

← New Zealand →

name

New Zealand

description

Many have noticed that public media becoming increasingly silent about the true

GLENITI BAPTIST YOUTH - TERM 2

3 May

MEAL WITH A
MISSION



10 May

YOUTH
NIGHT



17 May

CLEAN OUR
LAND

24 May

CAMPFIRE
WORSHIP



31 May

ZK KUB



7 June

DJ

14 June

YOUTH
NIGHT



21 June

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28 June

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5 July

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21 June

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