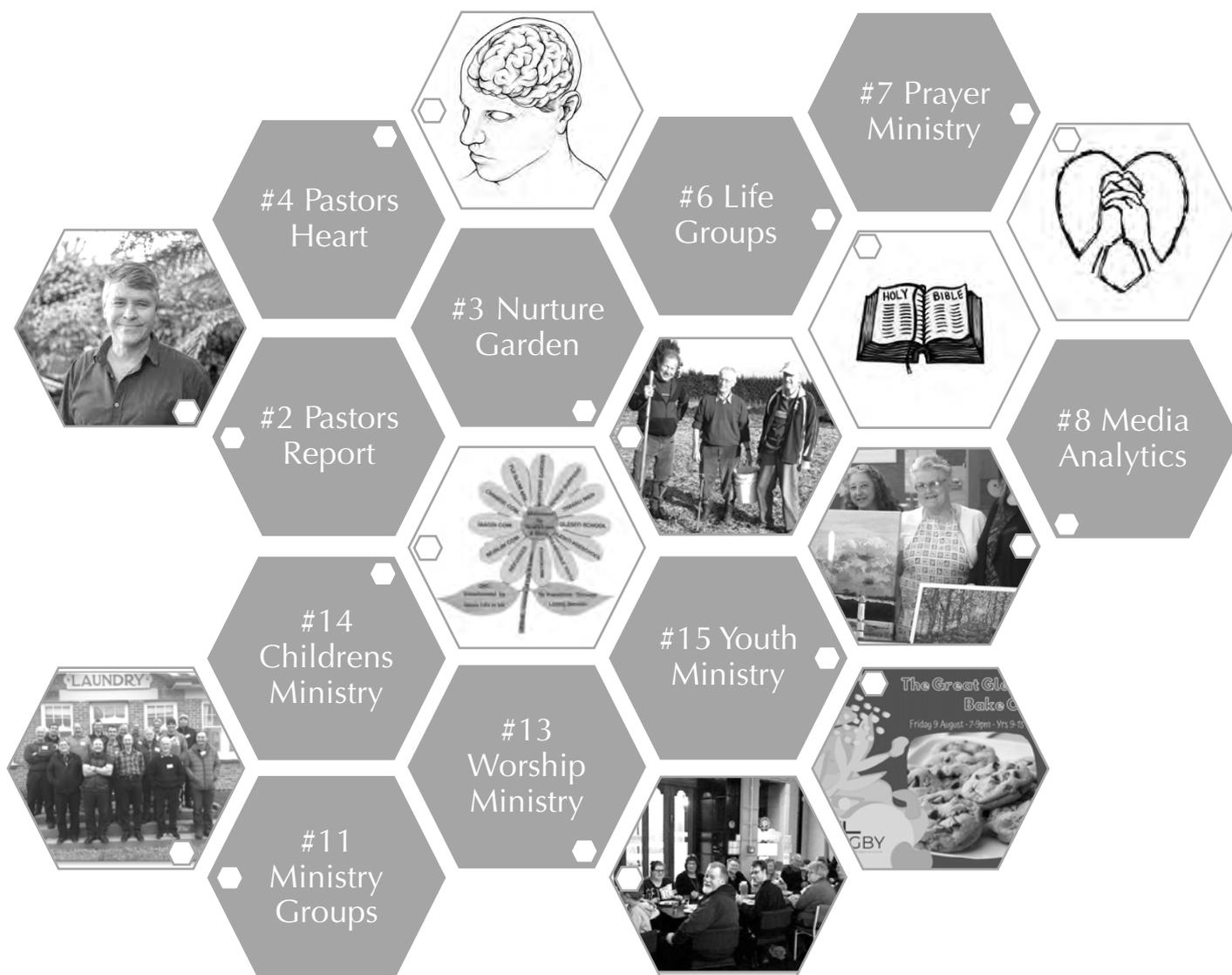


GLENITI BAPTIST CHURCH MAGAZINE

2019 TERM THREE

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ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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- Proverbs 16:24 -*

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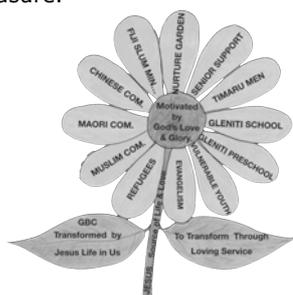


Connecting You With Life

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 VISION

Jesus is the source of life and love in us therefore faith, love, hope, joy and peace flows out from our church family, into our community and beyond, bringing God glory and pleasure.



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ALL AGE WORSHIP

10AM Sundays

Gleniti Baptist Church
58 Gleniti Road, Timaru

All Welcome

Pastor's Report

With Pastor Mark Pavelka

Some highlights from the past year:

- ❖ This past year we have farewelled Ruth Taylor (Grant's Mum) (**Aug 18th, 2018**); and Jenny Cunningham (**Aug 23rd, 2018**), and Sarah Hogg (Heather McFadgen's Granddaughter) (**Sept 13th, 2018**). Our love and prayers continue for Grant, Alan, Heather and their families.
- ❖ We "unplugged" the church and celebrated a Sunday at Gunns Bush (near Waimate) on **September 16th**. It was a wonderful day of worshipping, fellowshiping and playing together. Thanks to the children's Ministry leaders who organised this successful event.
- ❖ Our Elders held the fort very well during **October/November** while I was over in Ecuador encouraging and strategically supporting the leaders in our previous ministry there. I take my hat off to the Elders of GBC, past and present, who freely give sacrificially of their time for the wellbeing of our church family. The Eldership team **started 2019** with a spiritual Retreat to seek God's guidance for the year ahead.
- ❖ We have many fully committed volunteer Ministry leaders who help our Faith Family to grow. Whether in the Worship ministry, Children's and Youth ministries, Prayer ministry, Pastoral Care, leadership team and ministry to Rest Homes...so many of our wonderful family invest their time and talents into building God's Kingdom. Many of us **began the year** with a BBQ and planning time together.
- ❖ After deciding as a church, to step out and employ a second full-time Pastoral staff person in **September** last year, God led us to Wendy Geerling and her family. (previously serving in Lincoln Baptist Church). The whole process moved so quickly and effortlessly, and Wendy has integrated so smoothly into life and ministry here at GBC that God's fingerprints can be seen all over the process. Wendy began work at GBC on **February 4th**. Wendy and Gideon, Isaac and Nathan, have all settled in well and have confirmed their commitment to Timaru by buying the house we arranged for them as temporary accommodation.
- ❖ **Over the last financial year**, the courtyard in front of our church has been wonderfully transformed into a community friendly playground for children and teenagers. Thanks to all who contributed ideas and to the Deacons and Simon E. who helped make it a reality. It was officially opened on **March 10th**. There are a few finishing touches remaining including: outdoor games board, wallboard, seating and cantilever shade umbrellas. There have been some families from our community coming to use the playground and a number of people have popped in to say how wonderful it looks.
- ❖ We enjoyed our church BBQ at the Turners place on **Feb 16th** this year. Thanks Kerry and Diane and everyone who brought delicious food to make it a wonderful time of sharing food and fun together. We have returned to monthly shared lunches from **June**. Thanks to all who make these fun events happen.
- ❖ A Church Camp was run at Lindisfarne in **March** by a very able team led by Pastor Wendy. The 2-day camp finished with a very enjoyable church service and the baptism of Lisa C in the river. It was a significant time of growing deeper relationships in our Faith Family. (**March 2nd-3rd, 2019**)
- ❖ **Late March**: Some of our GBC family participated in the World Vision Mathew 25 Challenge, gaining a deeper appreciation as to how many people in our world go without what we consider to be basic amenities. Four more children and their villages were sponsored as a result.
- ❖ A dramatic and instructive time of fellowship was experienced by the 60 (or so) people who enjoyed the amazing Passover Meal experience put together by Diane and Susan and some willing helpers. (**April 19th, 2019**)
- ❖ "Faith in the Fire" was the theme of our GBC Conference held on **June 14-16th**. It was a transformative time with God ministering through the Oxford Baptist team, Gary Keen, and a number of other speakers who led workshops. As a result, a good number of people are excited about taking God at His word and praying for healing whenever needs are presented.
- ❖ Just over a year ago 'Encore' and 'Oasis' were born. 'Encore' offers a day time retro worship experience and 'Oasis' provides an evening of 'free' worship. Thanks to Pauline (and now Veronica), Tony and Miriam, Maurice and Susan for continuing to add different flavours to the GBC worship experience.
- ❖ Mohammed, Hayat and Zuheir (from Syria) have just celebrated their first anniversary of living in Timaru. They have integrated well into our community and affectionately consider Timaru home now. Thanks to all who have shown them love and support over the past year. Our relationship with the Al Qattan family has been instrumental in bridging the gap with the Muslim community here in Timaru. We have hosted a lunch at our church attended by 12 members of the Muslim community and enjoyed a picnic lunch down Caroline Bay getting to know a few members of their community better also. The strength of those relationships bore fruit during the Christchurch Mosque crisis.
- ❖ Our quarterly GBC Magazine, "Connections", put together by Brendan with many people contributing, has now been running for two years. In addition, Brendan continues to do a fantastic job of designing and updating our GBC Website. It has really added a touch of class to promoting GBC in the community and beyond. It is a great source of information of what is going on in the life of our church if you are ever wondering. DO check it out at www.glenitibaptist.org.nz

Anne and I are so pleased to be a part of such a caring Church family. May we continue to grow and serve together for many years to come. :)

Together in His service ... Mark.

Nurture Garden

With Rosie and Neville Cross

Our aim is to show God's love by:

- Growing vegetables and fruit to share with members of our community.
- Providing a caring environment to promote healthy relationships and camaraderie between all who enter.
- Encouraging healing through listening and prayer for those who are struggling with life issues

In August 2015 God gave us a plan for this garden. As non-gardeners it was daunting. However, we vowed we would do it - there's no backing out of a vow. As we only had one unit of water, we were wondering how we were to do this. The area in our back paddock is over 11,000 square meters.

In March 2017 Treena suggested we look into the 'Back to Eden' no-dig garden and provided us with a contact for Nourish Garden in Auckland run by her friend Cindy. We viewed the movie www.backtoeden.com and decided this was for us. In October we went to visit the team in Auckland and were inspired and educated by them. They were amazing faith-filled Christians and very encouraging.

It took us a year from when we started preparing until we planted, and that was only a garden measuring 15m x 19m. Our team built the garden up from a cardboard layer with compost, hay, fertiliser, mulch and manure. It was hard work, in the heat, with masks on to protect from the compost dust. The mulch now needed to rot down. By October 2018, we were ready to plant. We were then joined by Jim and Alan, who galvanised us into action and put in rows of potatoes and peas. Seeds were planted in trays and they grew un-der our makeshift 'glasshouse'.

As well as potatoes and peas, we grew lettuces, zucchini, runner beans, cauliflower, spring onions, butter-nut squash, crown pumpkin, broccoli, celery and tomatoes with varying degrees of success. We were very excited on Boxing Day to see our first produce - zucchini and potatoes. It had been a very wet few months which delayed our planting of some vegetables and we had started wondering if this was going to work. Our best producers per plant, were zucchini and pumpkins, one of which weighed 14.5kgs.

Neville, Jim and Alan put in the irrigation system recently, guided by Kerry Turner and Godfrey McHardy. Two compost bays were built by Jim and Neville. Thank you so much team for your hard work.

Thankfully, God went ahead of us covering our mistakes with grace (there were quite a few) and providing for our needs, when we put on the wrong mulch, he sent us an expert from the Auckland Garden to advise us. When we ordered a truck and trailer load of compost, he sent truckloads of free compost, and provided a contact for a substitute for mulch.

Over 50 families have received produce: some were struggling financially, and some were those we wanted to thank for helping in God's kingdom or in this garden. Recently, we were advised of others with a need.

Thank you to our amazing team, in particular Treena, who has been a great and constant support to us, and to those who provided labour, seeds, plants, trees, prayer and expertise. Our team ranged in age from 19 to 92 years, proving that you are never too old to make a difference. If you would like to come and help out, we work on Thursday mornings from 10am to lunchtime in winter, or contact either Rosie or Neville Cross.



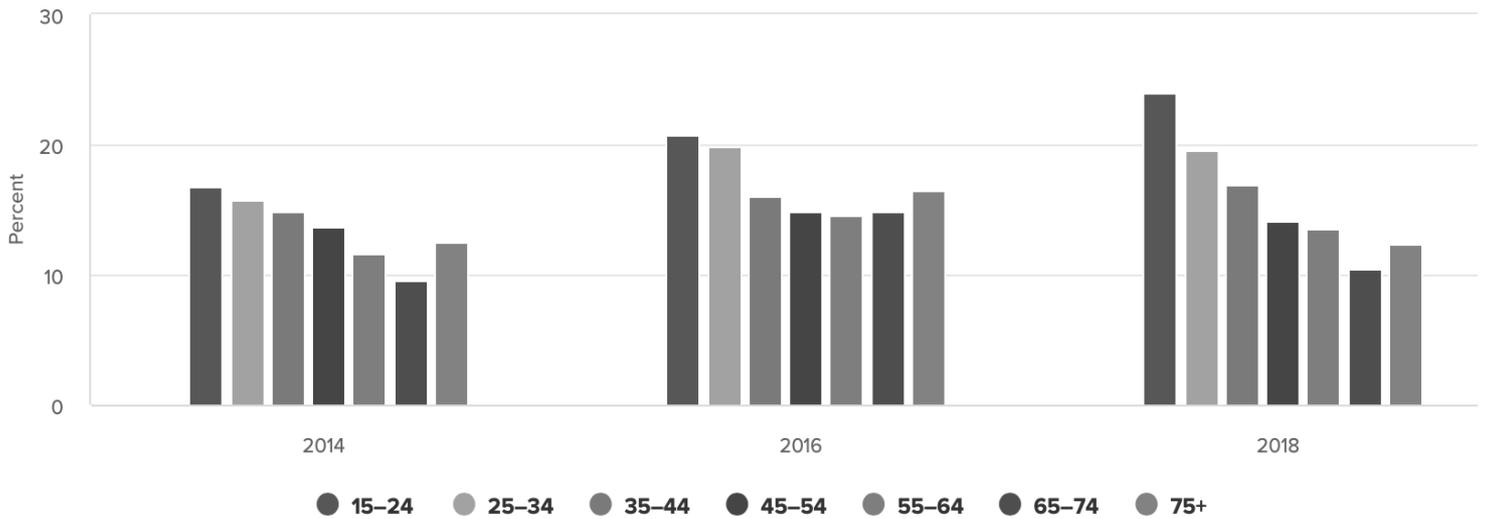
Becoming a Grace filled Community

In New Zealand we are living in the land of plenty and yet all around us we see people struggling with loneliness and psychological stress. What is going on? And, more to the point, what can we do to help as a community of faith?

Below are some recent statistics collected and presented by our NZ Government. They show that 16.5% of New Zealanders felt lonely at least some of the time in the previous four weeks in 2018 and 8.6% of New Zealanders experienced high levels of psychological distress in the past four weeks in 2017/18



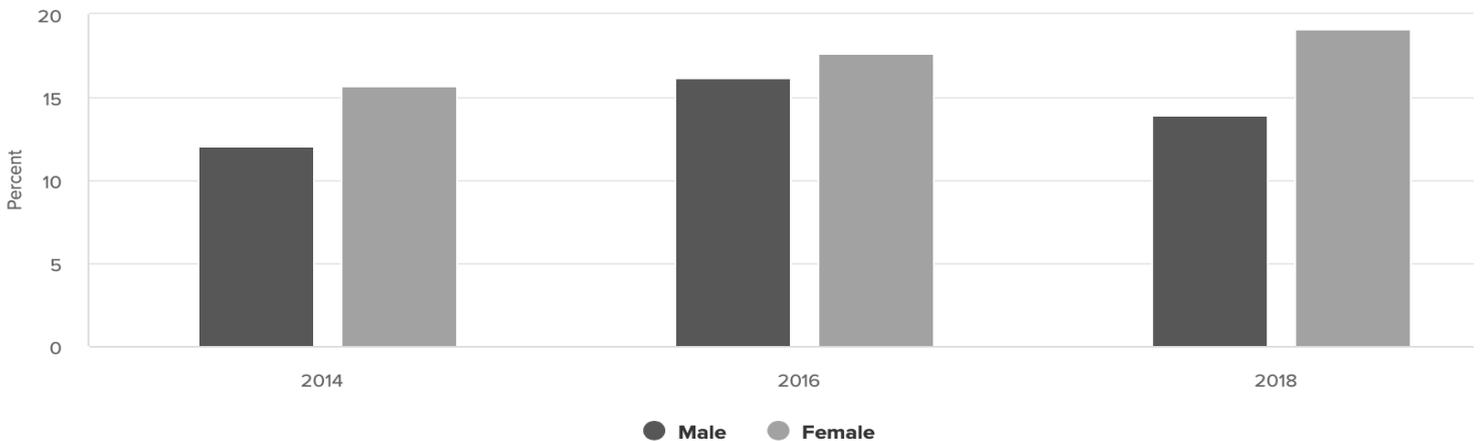
Proportion of people aged 15+ who felt lonely at least some of the time in the previous 4 weeks, by age group, 2014, 2016 and 2018



Stats NZ general social survey

It is interesting to note that the greatest increase in loneliness is being experienced by people aged 15 -34 years old, and especially young women. Traditionally we have thought it was our Seniors who were struggling most in this area. Our seniors, however, seem to be getting better support. There are new stresses being faced by the younger generations today. May I encourage us all to be making an effort to engage with 15 to 34-year old's especially, in GBC and the community where you live. Paul exhorts us to "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal 6:2).

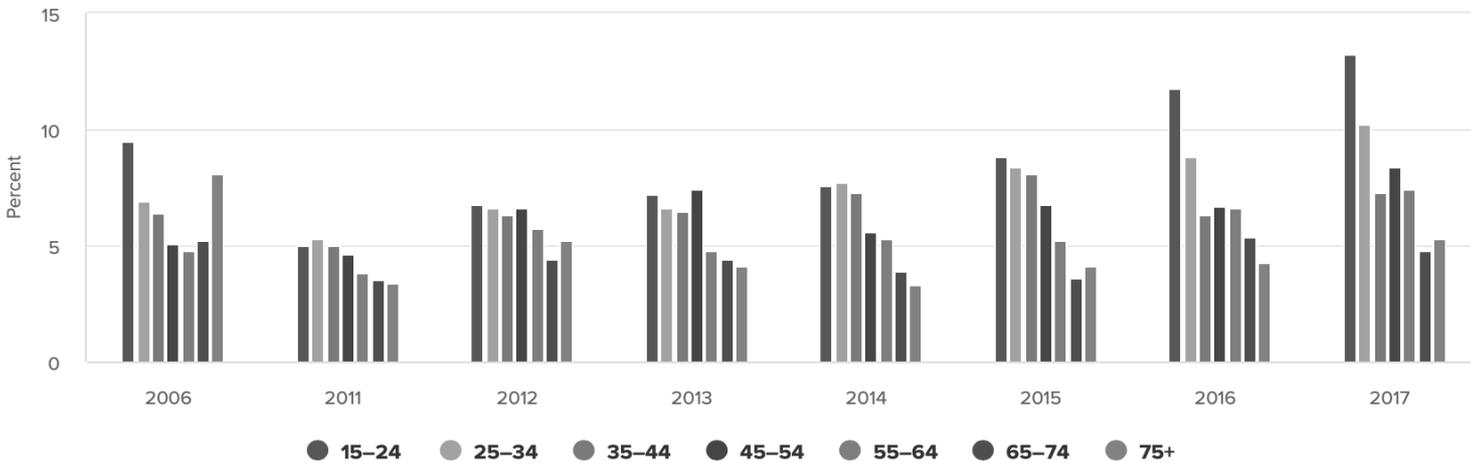
Proportion of people aged 15+ who felt lonely at least some of the time in the previous 4 weeks, by sex, 2014, 2016 and 2018



Stats NZ general social survey

When we review the graphs showing New Zealanders who experience high or very high levels of psychological distress, we see the same trend...young women aged 15 - 34, are experiencing an upsurge in psychological distress.

Proportion of New Zealanders who experienced high or very high levels of psychological distress at some stage over the previous four weeks by age group, 2006, 2011–17

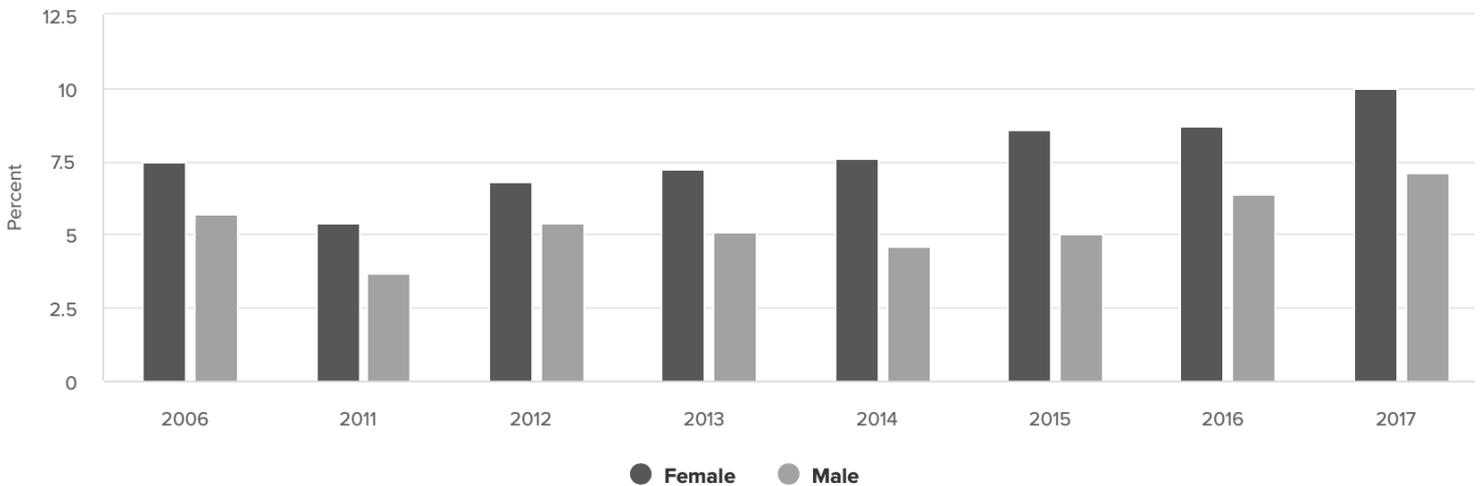


Ministry of Health, NZ health survey

Remember, our stated mission is that "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 people in our community, city, nation and world."

We believe that "Jesus is the source of life and love in us therefore faith, love, hope, joy and peace flows out from our church family, into our community and beyond, bringing God glory and pleasure." That is our vision statement.

Proportion of New Zealanders who experienced high or very high levels of psychological distress at some stage over the previous four weeks by sex, 2006, 2011–17



Ministry of Health, NZ health survey

Let us "Expect Great things from God and attempt great things for God" as we focus on connecting people around us with Jesus, the source of life and love. In doing so we will be increasingly transformed by Jesus life in us.

LIVING MINDS
SUPPORT GROUP FOR MENTAL HEALTH

1:00pm Wednesday's
(Monthly)

Gleniti Baptist Church
58 Gleniti Road, Timaru

INTERGEN SERVICE
GLENITI BAPTIST CHURCH

10:00AM SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Life Groups

Life Group ~ Monday [at various locations]

Attendance is usually 4 or 5. We choose our studies based on what has peaked our interest through sermons or other topical conversations/events.

Our studies have included:

What does the Bible say about: *Praying out loud, Worship as a witness, Discipleship, Fellowship, Words of Knowledge*

and we have also used some video resources on healing as a basis for discussion.

Miriam Morton

Tuesday Morning Life Group

The morning Life Group meets at 10-00am at various homes each week. We have ten regular attendees however long-term health issues have affected numbers at times.

We begin with a cuppa and a time of fellowship, often reflecting on Sunday's message. Presently we are studying the Gospel of John and are being challenged by the attitudes of those Jesus interacted with. Last year we looked at more topical issues, i.e. the power of the tongue, dealing with anger, and building a relationship with the Holy Spirit.

We end our time with prayer for our church and those in special need of prayer. Occasionally we watch a DVD which can prove challenging and encouraging.

Lesley Holden

Lagesse Life Group

There are seven people currently attending the Lagesse life group which meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 except when Oasis Café is on. The evening starts with worship which is usually followed by a topic for discussion. Sometimes we watch a video clip which we discuss afterwards. The evening ends with a time of prayer. This year we have been learning about the Gifts of the Spirit. We have watched a number of YouTube clips by John Schoenheit on the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. John gives clear explanations on the differences between the gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

We have been learning about each other's daily walk and have been able to support each other through the battles life throws at us. The group provides great fellowship and is a source of encouragement. We sometimes have shared meals together for additional fellowship.

Martine Lagesse

Timaru South Life Group

This group meets at 35 B Victoria St, Timaru South every Thursday from 7.30pm – 9pm during term time. In 2018 membership numbers were at a low but this year they have increased by 50%, from four attendees to six. Previously we met on Wednesday evenings but now meet on a Thursday evening to enable more people to attend. Material used has varied and included the DVD with discussion questions "Jesus the Game Changer". The presenter, Karl Faase travels to the UK, USA, Singapore, India and Australia, interviewing authors, academics and modern day game-changers about how the life and teaching of Jesus changed the world and why this matters. Some of the group studied the Barnabas Fund book "Unveiled: A Christian Study Guide to Islam".

Elsie McDonald

The Cuddle of God

(an interpretation of Deuteronomy 33:12NIV)

The LORD says "Come"
to the one he cherishes
"Snuggle in close and relax,
I am your round the clock protection."
And so his cherished one is at peace
in the cuddle of God

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Faith Indispensable

(Inspired by Heb. 11:1&2)

Faith making solid
the invisible
indisputable evidence
for life more than physical
proof of the un-seeable
seeing the unprovable
as air is to breathing
so is faith to believing

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Monday Life Group

7pm Monday Nights

Location: Various

Hosts: Tony & Miriam Morton

Cell: 021 074 0867 / 027 778 0781



Women's Life Group

7:30pm Monday Nights

Location: Highfield

Host: Dale Davey

Ph: 684 6250



Tuesday Morning Life Group

10am Tuesday Mornings

Location: Various

Hosts: John & Lesley Holden

Cell: 021 0238 0945



Turner's Life Group

7:30pm Tuesday 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

Congratulations to our Term 2
Competition Winners:

Treena Davis (Poetry)

Pauline Hay (Cryptic Symbols)

Prayer Ministry

With Louise Davies

In its simplest form, Prayer is communing with God, using thought, emotion, voice or movement... In its most complex form, it's being still and open before Him without words, agendas, shopping lists etc... a place of total love, trust, dependency, desire, absorbed in His holiness, glory and majesty. Time and our surroundings have ceased to have meaning... here is only Jesus and His presence filling our senses.

Between these two, there are many ways to talk and make contact with Him... Each way is valid if we come sincerely and humbly before Him, knowing He is our Lord and Saviour who is longing to have a relationship with us, His children. As we learn to walk in obedience to Him we will hear His voice and become excited with the work He's doing in us... After a time He may withdraw and we are unable to contact Him, whatever we do. Why? We need to check that we are not harbouring sin or unforgiveness in our heart, as these things will cause a break in our connection with Him. If our hearts are clear, know that we are being led up into a new level of faith... Now is NOT the time to 'pack a sad' and refuse to pray, moan and groan or go off in a huff!!! It is a time to understand what is happening in our relationship. Jesus has withdrawn from us. He is a jealous Lover who wants us to pursue Him and find Him... His promise is that He will be found by us when we seek Him with our whole heart... (Jer. 29v13, 14 NIV). Believe what He has said in His Word and bombard Him with our love pushing into His Presence... which is hard work without any joy until He lets us find Him. Again... Our commitment to Him is being tested not because He needs to know, as He already knows, but He wants us to know that our commitment is strong and will stand in the trials of life. When this phase is over, we will find that our faith has been purified and strengthened.

We can have long periods of time with everything going well in our relationship and ministry - when suddenly everything turns to custard... Loss of freedom in prayer, no answers evident, situations around us change and fall apart, friends or family lack understanding and empathy, all our support systems fall apart... our jobs may go... we feel lonely, not wanted, not loved, afraid, depressed... I believe we all face this type of situation at least once in our lives... When we come to the realisation that everything we depended on or loved has gone we're faced with the fact that the only thing we have left is GOD... Father, Son & Holy Spirit. It's a time of desperation !! Take your courage in both hands, don't try to be holy or polite, fling yourself at God... grab hold and cling to Him as a drowning man clutches his rescuer. Job experienced this... his cry of desperation is in Job 13v15 NIV. "Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him;" This situation teaches us that God can be trusted with and in all things... He is faithful! He is that all sufficient One.

Our focus, our desires, our needs have changed from Me, Myself and I, to Him, what He wants, His Power and Glory. Nothing in the whole world is worth more than our relationship with our Lord. We are now able to give the whole world away in order to gain Christ. Is it really necessary to go through situations like these? What is God doing?

He IS building His end time Church... a Victorious Church, an Army whose eyes are on Jesus, our Captain, and marching in sync with each other, trained and obedient to His Will. The Gates of Hell will not prevail against it.

He has already told us these things in the Word of Encouragement He gave Mark last year.

Remember that this is God Himself, the great I AM of the Universe speaking directly to us at Gleniti. He wants to build us into His End Time Church. Here He stated His intention... Are we willing to serve Him?

A Word of encouragement which, I believe, is from The Lord, for our Church (May 22nd, 2018)

I am the Lord. I will lead you to green pastures and still waters... You are mine and this church is mine; it is not yours; it is not your pastors', it is mine. I will build this church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. My people became tired in the desert... They became hungry and thirsty. They wanted to go back to Egypt because they fixed their eyes on the problems around them and they were overwhelmed. I say to you, do not be overwhelmed! Fix your eyes upon me, the author and the finisher of your faith. Look and see, I have gone before you and I did not fail; although all of the powers of hell came against me, I overcame them. I fixed my eyes on the prize... the glory of my Father and the salvation of your souls.

Do not fear little flock; I will not leave you nor forsake you. You are mine. Look to me and find rest for your souls. Lay upon me anything that is too heavy for you to carry and I will give you rest. The only load I ask you to bear is to "believe in me. Believe also in the Father who sent me and trust in my Holy Spirit who empowers you to live as witnesses to me." Is anything too hard for the Lord? No, all things are possible for the one who trusts in the Sovereign Lord.

I am the Lord. I will build this church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

PrayerIntercessory

Prayer is a privilege which none of the Team take lightly... Confidentiality is second to our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know that people often come to us when they are feeling very vulnerable, hurt or upset...or it can be with a Praise Report © No request is too small... If you're worried please come and ask for prayer. Our Team consists of 8 members: ...men and women... and can be accessed by Mark, Wendy, Pauline, myself or the box, outside on the wall... YES some requests DO come from the box!!

Prayer on Sundays:

It is exciting as well as encouraging to see prayer being shared between so many throughout the Church on Sundays when there is the opportunity to come early and pray for the Service, either in the Cafe Extension at 9:15 a.m. or if you prefer, quietly in your seats. Pray for or with your neighbour either before or after the service. The prayer and ministry time at the end of the Service is designed for us to worship and wait on the Lord, expectant of seeing and feeling the Holy Spirit at work, healing and ministering where needs are met and faith strengthened. This is a very special time which is sensitively ushered in by our Musicians. Everyone from Mark down to our youngest baby needs our Father's covering, who hears and accepts the simplest whisper as well as more structured prayers.



Prayer Group
9:15am Sunday Morning
Church Café Extension

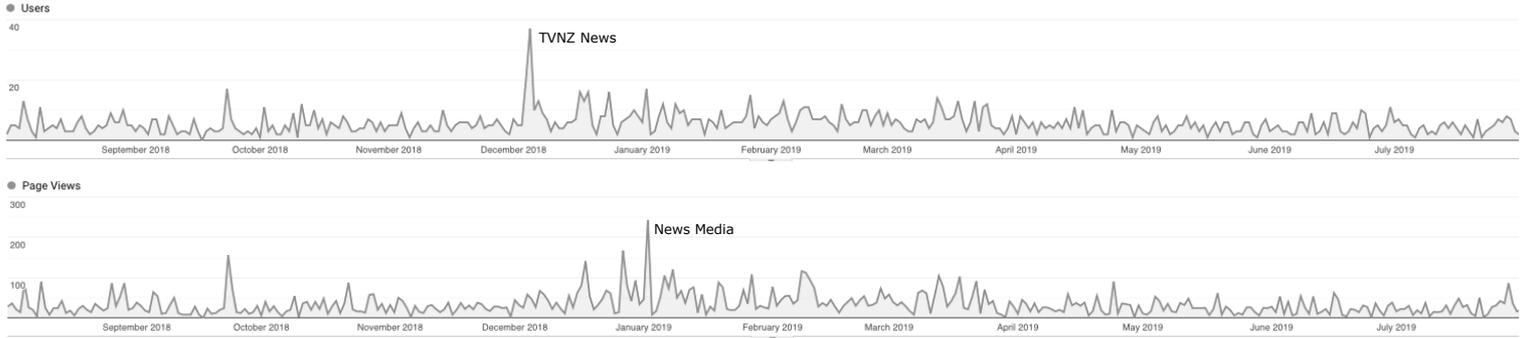
This year the prayer days held once a term have lapsed ... How do you feel about this?

Prayer is an adventure with Our Lord... approach Him confidently... He longs for your company and to have a relationship with you. May each person know our Father's rich blessings as He walks with us daily.

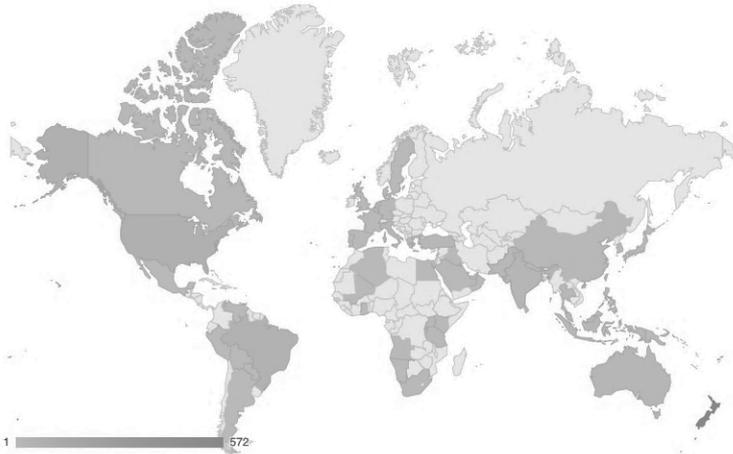
God bless you all, Louise

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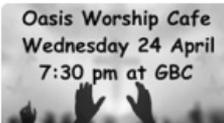
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Event	Budget spent	👥 Reach	★ Responses
 <p>NZSL Taster Class Gleniti Baptist Church 8 May 09:00</p>	Not boosted	1.1K	9
 <p>Gleniti's Got Talent Gleniti Baptist Church 17 August 19:00</p>	Boost Event	645	18
 <p>Faith in the Fire Conference Gleniti Baptist Church 14 June 19:00</p>	Not boosted	504	22
 <p>Passover 2019 Theatre-Dinner Gleniti Baptist Church 19 April 18:00</p>	Not boosted	338	15
 <p>Goat Car Wash Gleniti Baptist Church 9 March 10:00</p>	Not boosted	286	9
 <p>Healing Ministry Workshop Gleniti Baptist Church 10 August 09:00</p>	Not boosted	260	11
 <p>Smart Goat Quiz Night Gleniti Baptist Church 30 March 19:00</p>	Not boosted	196	9
 <p>Oasis Worship Cafe Gleniti Baptist Church 24 April 19:30</p>	Not boosted	168	8
 <p>Table Talk - Night Church Gleniti Baptist Church 18 August 18:00</p>	Boost Event	163	10
 <p>Orari Gorge - Family Day Out Orari Gorge Track, Orari Gorge, Orari Bridge 7991, New Zealand 28 September 00:00</p>	Boost Event	135	8


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+20 last 90 days


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People reached
+1.4K last 90 days


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Event responses
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GBC News Media

9 August 2018



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Syrian refugees now call South Canterbury home

Syrian refugees Hayat Shawish, Mohammed Al Qattan and baby son have...

7 December 2018



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Call to keep scheme going

by Greta Yeoman A Timaru minister involved in refugee resettlement has back...

26 January 2019



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South Canterbury to get refugees under pilot scheme

Refugees from Jordan and Lebanon to be sponsored under pilot scheme

1 February 2019



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Meeting refugees inspired sponsorship

Meeting refugees in Indonesia provided the inspiration for one Timaru minister ...

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Proceeds from art sale to aid Muslim community

by Greta Yeoman Money raised from an upcoming art sale will fund food...



Men's Group

7:30pm Friday nights
Tony Txt 027 221 1537



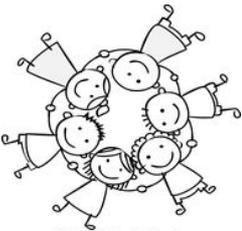
Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International

<https://www.facebook.com/FGBMFI.Timaru>



Ladies' Walking Group

9:30am Wednesday mornings
Denyse Txt 027 741 0600



Friendship Fridays

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



Food Boxes

10am Sunday
Donate non-perishable food

Men's Ministry

With Tony Shaw

Friday Night Men's Group

Praise the Lord for men encouraging men, and for meeting regularly.

This year the group has been constant, with around 10 to 13 attending each week. Men have been open to share their lives, and situations each week. They are now asking for Prayer; these requests are often re-texted on the following weekend for the men who were there to continue praying throughout the week ahead.

Texts also come in during the week and where prayer is required urgently, I can forward these on to the group.

Miracle this year: John Marr's eye sight. John had his licence stopped. As a group we prayed and fasted over quite a few months. We believed for a healing and the return of John's licence. John had trips to Christchurch with his daughters and consultations with specialists. The licence was restored and now John can drive to Men's Group and head home at 10 o'clock. We give God the glory for this miracle.

Men have been able to bring along studies they have done to share. This has led to good discussion. We are a diverse group from approximately five different churches around South Canterbury, ranging in age from approximately late twenties to mid-seventies.

The format is usually a chat around the room to see how each person has been during the week, sharing God moments from the week just been, also hearing any prayer needs. John Marr plays the guitar for Praise and Worship. We usually finish up around 10pm.

FGBMFI

The Friday night group has been very supportive of the Full Gospel Business Men's International Timaru chapter, with their breakfast meetings where Brendan shared his testimony. He has also bringing Isaac along to all the breakfast meetings. This is so good, as it is the next generation hearing the testimony of their father.

Evening public meetings, and the winter camp at En Hakkore this year where 17 attended from the South Canterbury region.

So we are men encouraging men, supporting each other, diverse yet all on the same page, proclaiming our Love of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

I encourage any other men, to come along and see if this format is of help in your Christian walk.

Blessings to you all in the name of Jesus
Tony Shaw



FGBMI Winter Camp at En Hakkore

Walking Group

With Denyse Taylor

The Walking Group meets on a Wednesday morning at 9.30am. This group started when two new ladies came to our church and Rosie asked me if we could go for a walk together to get to know each other better.

We now have 16 ladies in our walking group on my phone. We do all sorts of walks for all abilities and go to places where we can take dogs. Before we start walking, we always pray.

We walk for about ¾ hour to 1 hour, then go out for a coffee together.

This group is open to anyone who has access to a cell phone and would like to walk with a group. Somehow this group has been labelled 'The Walkie Talkies' – a fair reflection, as it happens. Please contact Denyse Taylor phone 027 741 0600 if you are interested.

Friendship Fridays

With Denyse Taylor

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month, except during January and December. We gather at 9.45am for a hot drink and a bite to eat.

The aim of the morning is for people of any age to come and have fellowship with a group of caring women. We always have a laugh and sometimes a cry with people. For those unable to drive we arrange to collect them.

In the last year we have been making up good old pure wool blankets into cot sizes binding them with ribbon.

We have knitted Peggy squares and one of our ladies has crocheted them together to make lovely blankets to fit cots, or to go over your knees. Some of the group have crocheted small blankets for car seats.

Last week 3 of our group visited Women's Refuge and Plunket and gave them blankets. Both organisations were thrilled to receive them.

We would love to have more people coming to have a chat and some great company.
Denyse Taylor

Practical Care

With Denyse Taylor

Each week at church people bring non-perishable food items which are made up into food boxes for anyone in need of a helping hand. Most of the supplies go the Life Church to make up food boxes

as a combined effort.

We also make up meals from events at church so we can give a nice meal to someone in need of a pick me up. Denyse Taylor



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



Church Library
9am - 12pm Sundays



Global Action Team
www.glenitibaptist.org.nz/global.html



Rest Home Services
16 Aug - Talbot
22 Aug - Croft 10.30am
18 Sept - Strathallan 10.45am
20 Sept - Talbot

Praying for Persecuted Christians

With Elsie McDonald

A small group of Christians who are passionate about praying for persecuted Christians throughout the world, meet at 35 B Victoria St, Timaru to pray for one hour from 3pm on the third Thursday of every month. Numbers vary from 3 to 8 and participants are from both Gleniti and Wilson St Churches. Current prayer material from Barnabas Fund and Open Doors is used to guide prayer. One answer to prayer has been the release of and resettlement of Asia Bibi, an illiterate Christian from Pakistan, who spent eight years on Death Row accused of blasphemy. She is now settling in Canada with her husband and daughters.

Church Library With Elsie McDonald

The library has been purged of some books which were out of date or of poor quality. Books of current interest have been added. One hopes that our people would be more active in reading stimulating Christian books. Short reviews of new books are placed in the weekly newsletter and the "Connections" magazine.

Global Action Team With Elsie McDonald

During the last year the GBC Missions Team changed its name to Global Action Team thus encapsulating outreach both in New Zealand and overseas. A new convener has been appointed - Ps Mark Pavelka. Members of the team are John Holden, Lesley Holden, Jennifer Scriggins, Brendan Grant, Kerry Turner and Elsie McDonald.

On the first Sunday of each month during the church service we report on each unit supported by our church. Those who are officially supported by our church are Ross & Cindy (South Asia), Lizzie & Joel (South Asia), Josh & Robyn (South East Asia), Keegan Pullar (Athletes in Action, Auckland), 24/7 High School youth support ministry (Mountainview High School), and Charles & Tina Mareu (Fiji Underprivileged Ministry). We also include prayer requests for each unit in the church weekly newsletter. We hope that the church family will prayerfully support these people.

In October 2018 Ross & Cindy visited to report on their ministries in South Asia. In November 2018 Charles Mareu visited Timaru and gave a short presentation with Chelsea Turner at GBC. Keegan Pullar also reported on his ministry with student athletes in Auckland in August 2019. Josh and Robyn will be with us next month to update us on their first term on the field.

A highlight for the coming year will be the Fiji mission trip for ten days in October - November 2019. So far Kerry Turner and Chelsea as well as the Grant family will be going on this trip. They will assist Charles's ministries with street youth and under-privileged Indian Fijians in Suva, along with building another room on to the Mareu family home. Kerry and Brendan will also be fixing the water system in the village where Chelsea stayed three years ago.

Our church family wishes to have a positive impact on our local community and city as well as supporting mission in the Pacific and Asian regions.

NIGHT CHURCH	21 July Does God Care?	18 Aug Marriage...
15 Sept Good & Evil	 Exchange ideas. See another side.	20 Oct What is Truth?
17 Nov Who am I?	15 Dec Who is Jesus?	6-7pm + supper Gleniti Baptist Church 58 Gleniti Rd 3rd Sunday of the month



GLENITI'S GOT TALENT
Night Talent
Saturday 17 August, 7pm
What's Your Talent?

To register your talent contact: Steve Reid on 027 363 9930, steven_reid@xtra.co.nz; or Brendan Grant on 027 891 2264 banddgrant@xtra.co.nz

Proceeds towards Suva Housing Project, Fiji
<https://www.facebook.com/FijiFixUp/>

Worship Ministry

With Miriam Morton

*"you must worship Him with all your heart
and remember the great things He has done for you."*

1 Sam 12:24b (CEV)

The Worship Team aims to provide opportunity for corporate worship of our Lord God in spirit and in truth, and to encourage people to encounter God and what He has for us. We hope this leads people to desire a deeper understanding of worship in our relationship with God, and in our daily lives.

Each week the worship leader desires to work with our pastors and service leaders to provide a coordinated approach to the service. They prayerfully select songs they believe will help us to bring a sacrifice of praise and foster an attitude of thanksgiving and worship that will bring God pleasure. The team practice at home and then gather together on Thursday evenings to rehearse, together with our technical team.

On Sunday mornings there is a warm-up/run-through which also gives the opportunity to fill the auditorium with worship as the congregation arrives.

Training and Development:

New Song Session: In September last year we spent a Saturday afternoon learning new songs together, and later we enjoyed a well-deserved meal and fellowship at Food Haven.



The What, How and Why of Worship: Having written and presented a course for our worship leaders, we wanted to share some of the insights we had learnt with more people. So in September we held a "super-session" on a Saturday afternoon which several others from our church family participated in and appreciated.

Songwriting sessions: We had sessions in September and March - although small in number, we were able to work on some of the projects that need more development. This is not just for the Worship Team, and musical ability/knowledge is not necessary.

General: Tony continues to prepare and share "Worship Wednesday" for the team, sharing articles or video-clips from various sources.

Team Members: This past year some of our team have stepped down. We thank them for their contribution to this ministry and pray they will find God's leading in this season. Many team members continue to serve faithfully, and they are wonderful mentors and role models in the faith. It is pleasing to have several new members who are finding meaningful roles serving the church in this ministry. (Numbers: Last year 22, current 23)

It is an honour to serve our God and the body in this way, and we treasure the **prayer support** and **encouragement** for those who serve in this ministry.

We welcome you to **join us for worship** at our Thursday practices at 7 pm.

And if you are interested in **being part of this ministry** (including our sound/screen team), whatever your skill level, please feel free to talk to any of the team.

Miriam Morton

Oasis Worship Cafe

With the Morton's and Butler's

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*"I come to your altar, O Lord,
singing a song of thanksgiving
and telling of all your wonders.
I love your sanctuary, Lord,
the place where your glorious
presence dwells."*
Ps 26:6b - 8 (NLT)

This venture began in June last year, meeting monthly, apart from December. People from varied backgrounds and a wide age-range come, including some from other churches, and some who cannot get to a Sunday service.

We believe that the vision for this café format of worship is from God and we are obediently "putting legs on it". The main aim of these Café evenings is to have an extended time of worship, with a loose format, allowing God to direct, to speak, to move.

Each month the team agrees on the theme God is leading us to, finding Scripture that illuminates that theme and songs that underscore it. Then God takes our preparation and leads His people in the way He wants to move. Themes have included: *God's Goodness, Eager Expectation, New Beginnings, Reflect on God's Love, The Heart of Worship ~ Jesus.*

Songs have been a mix of old and new, more reflective than the loud anthem. The music is "acoustic" (quieter and simpler than Sunday mornings), with vocal/s supported by keyboard and/or guitars.

The format is roughly: time for a cuppa and chat, then worship and prayer with opportunity for sharing the Word, testimony, meditation - usually for about an hour, followed by further fellowship or prayer for those who want to.

We are usually based at GBC, but in January we took "**Oasis**" downtown and held it in *Food Haven* in the Royal Arcade, with the doors open - which added a different dimension. We are looking at other ways we can use "**Oasis**" to minister to a wider range of people.

We would love to have people who would like to support this ministry, and there are a number of ways: **Prayer** support is the big one OR do you know someone who might like to come who has young children that you could offer to **babysit** for? Could you offer **transport** to someone who otherwise wouldn't get there? Are you able to assist with **set-up** (moving tables and chairs) or **clean-up**? We would love to hear from you.

Miriam and Tony Morton, Maurice and Susan Butler



Music Team

7:00pm Thursday Nights



Children's Church
10:00am Sundays



Children's Ministry *With Louise Erskine*

It has been one year since Ann Garrett handed over the reins of Sunday School and aside from a change in leadership, there have been many other changes. The Children's Ministry Team members are all taking a leadership role, working collaboratively to oversee, plan and teach Sunday lessons. We are a small team (consisting of Martine Lagesse, Wendy Hamilton, Mark and Lisa Creba and Simon and Louise Erskine) but work very well together, each bringing a variety of different strengths and skills being brought to the team.

A big change to our Children's Ministry programme over the past year has been implementing an all-age session. Traditionally, we separated into smaller groups based on age but we now all spend the time together, family-style. We are using the Faith Box resource created by Mary Grant which is suited to different ages. Feedback from our children suggests they love this new format. Our focus this year is on building relationships with children, between children and between children and the wider church family. Making Sunday School a really fun place to be, especially through the use of games, visual learning (e.g. movie clips), off-site adventures and food! We are extending an open invitation to family members and members of the congregation to join us for a lesson this term to facilitate these inter-generational relationships which are so foundational in keeping our youth in church as they get older.

Highlights of the past year include the Children's Ministry-led 'Church Unplugged' at Gunn's Bush, the children serving the church family by making morning tea and contributing to shared lunches, Lindisfarne overnight camp and of course the dramatic changes to the church courtyard which our children are all loving. We have also been blown away by the generosity of the church family in providing morning tea for our young people. Thank you so much to everyone who has enabled these things to happen – you are all part of our Children's Ministry Team.

Louise Erskine

Elders Report *With Peter Coulter*

This last year has revealed many wonderful moments of God showing his grace and benevolence to us as a church, but there have also been moments of sadness with members of our family going through very hard times of grief and sadness.

As elders we are privileged to be invited into people's lives to offer our support and prayers for our family and the extended family of our church. We have witnessed God moving greatly in his providence and care for us.

We are always endeavouring to hear God's word and direction for GBC. With an Elders Retreat at the beginning of the year to seek God's direction for our church and with regular prayer at our meetings we have seen God move in great spiritual power. Our team of elders has been blessed with the addition of Wendy G joining us this year with new ideas a fresh perspectives.

As I look back at the issues and challenges we have faced and some that we are still working through it is very clear that God uses the trials we face as a church to refine us and build us to be the people he desires. Some of the challenges we face as leaders are the balancing of the different spiritual needs and stages that we are all at in our Christian faith with services and programs that meet a wide range of people. This is a constant struggle with some of our family not understanding how others think and feel or being sure of the spiritual stage they are at. We don't always get it right and as leaders and have made mistakes, but please be patient with us, and rest assured that we constantly are seek ways to encourage and to put in place ways so that our family can make deep and meaningful connections with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We encourage you all to be active in discussing with us your passions, and desires so that we can join you in encouraging our wider church family. We also want to offer support to you in times of need and discouragement. We are of course only ever a phone call away or a cuppa after church if there is any way we can serve you.

We thank you for your support and look forward to continuing our faith walk with you.

Peter Coulter



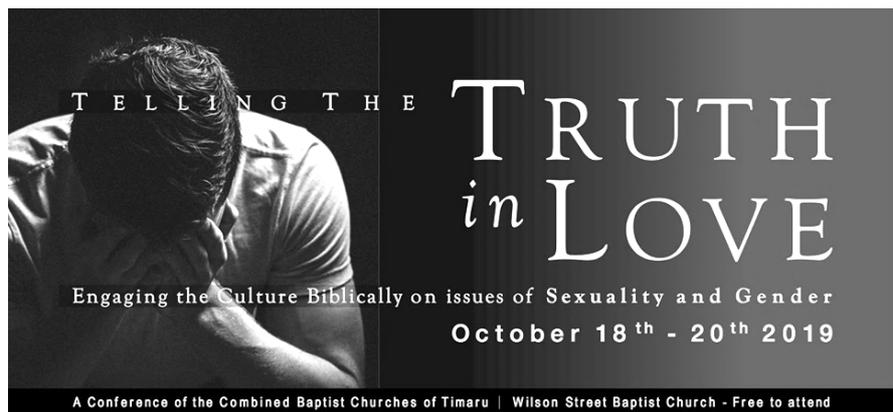
Drama Team
10am Sunday Worship monthly



Oasis Worship Cafe
7:30pm 3rd Wednesday of month



Encore
10:00am last Thursday of month



Youth Ministry

With the Youth Team

Thank you to all of you who have helped out this term.
We have 12 - 13 youth with a usual weekly attendance of 8 young people.

What Happens at Youth Group?

The Youth Group follows a ten-week term plan with each week focused on one of six different focal points that drive the programming:

Connect and share - Activities which encourages the Youth Group to be active in connecting to their community, showing the love of Christ to each other and to their friends.

Learn and Explore - On Youth Group night we learn about God and His plan for us, building our knowledge of God's Word, and grounding us in Christian beliefs.

Transform and Live Events - These enable us to practise and experience the love of God, as they love others and work out their faith, taking Jesus to the world.

Proclaim and Reap - At these events we provide an opportunity for our young people to proclaim the power, love and authority of Jesus through the Word, worship, ministry and witness.

Conserve and Disciple - Events which engage and involve the youth in sports and social activities, to train and motivate the youth to become active for Jesus and the church.

Church Organised Youth Event - Whilst these really haven't gotten off the ground as much as we would like, they have the potential to be a feature of our church. These events are organised by the church not the Youth Group and encourage the youth to participate with the wider church in shared experiences, for example watching a movie together, or attending a family BBQ, or going for coffee. These events have a youth focus but are things we all can enjoy.

Some of the highlights of last term were the

- **Meal with a Mission** that we provided the youth in our "instant restaurant".
- **Goat Quiz**
- **Beach Clean up**
- **Worship around the bonfire** - held in the playground

Our Church family has a pivotal role in the Youth Group and it has been great to see those of you who have joined in with the young people this term. Going forward, there is a real need for all the church family to be involved in what is happening at Youth Group. Not only in the traditional terms of prayer and finances, but in the practical provision of food, transport, help and inspiration. Taking the time to get to love and connect with the young people has a tremendously positive effect on both your lives and their lives. Connecting with our young people is not so much not about getting them involved or interested in what we enjoy - it is about us being involved in their passions, their situation, and their lives. When we older ones find out the interests and passions of the teenagers and invest in them, amazing things happen.

Blessings

Tony, Michael, Savannah, Dara-Rose and Wendy



GLENITI BAPTIST YOUTH

Term 3

26 JULY Blacklight Dinner	2 AUG Youth Night	9 AUG Baking for others	
17 AUG SAT: Gleniti's Got Talent	23 AUG Heartache Prayer	30 AUG Youth Night with Guests	6 SEPT Spy v Spy
13 SEPT ZR Klub	20 SEPT LIFE Expectancy	27 SEPT Looking Back Looking Forward	




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Upcoming Events

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



Dessert & Coffee Evening

76 Murchison Dr, Gleniti, Timaru
5 August 19:30



Healing Ministry Workshop

Gleniti Baptist Church
10 August 09:00



Living Minds Support Group

Gleniti Baptist Church
14 August 13:00



Gleniti's Got Talent

Gleniti Baptist Church
17 August 19:00



Table Talk - Night Church

Gleniti Baptist Church
18 August 18:00



Oasis Worship Cafe

Gleniti Baptist Church
21 August 19:30



GBC AGM & Shared Lunch

Gleniti Baptist Church
25 August 12:00



Timaru Combined Churches Prayer

Life Church Timaru
25 August 19:00



Encore

Gleniti Baptist Church
29 August 10:00



Intergen Service

Gleniti Baptist Church
1 September 10:00



Fiji Mission Trip

Suva, Fiji
26 September 00:00



Orari Gorge - Family Day Out

Orari Gorge Track, Orari Gorge, Orari Bridge
7991, New Zealand
28 September 00:00