

MARDON RD CHURCH

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The season is upon us and what a wonderful time of year. Christmas lights are going up, homes are beginning to be decorated. The atmosphere being created is one that brings forth joy. This season of Christmas tends to put a smile on our faces. Yet we need to beware that a Scrooge could show up at any given moment and try to steal away the joy.

I think you know the ones I'm referring to. Those Politically Correct people who are ready to pounce on anyone they feel is stepping over the line. For example, a store displaying a Christmas Tree with an angel on top. I just heard on the local news that such a display is not P.C. They said "We can't have Christmas seen as Christian. Christmas must be for all people." However, I always understood, "For unto Us a child is born, to Us a son is given." Isaiah 9:6 Also in John 3:16 we hear "For God so loved the World that he gave his one and only Son." That sounds to me that God's plan is all inclusive.

In America a few years ago the P.C. police tried changing the seasonal greeting of "Merry Christmas" to "Happy Holidays", especially with national chain stores. I'm happy to report that Christians all over the country rose up against those who tried to take Christ out of Christmas. Whenever we heard, "Have a Happy Holiday" we chimed in with a hearty "And Merry Christmas to you", with a big smile of course. People were hearing "Merry Christmas" so much that the movement only lasted one season. Simply because what it ended up doing was making Christians much more intentional on keeping Christ in Christmas, right where He should be.

This is a perfect time of year to share the real reason for the season, by simply extending to those you encounter a hearty "Merry Christmas." The Bible tells us, wise men sought Jesus out to worship Him. I believe it is still the wise men and women who seek Him out today. Seek and you will find.

Merry Christmas and God's Blessings as we celebrate the Christ in Christmas.

Glenn & Jayne



DANIELLE WALTON

It was wonderful to witness the baptism of Danielle Walton on Sunday 4th December. It was a really special service, full of joy and love. It was lovely to see Garth baptise his daughter and to witness Danielle's wonderful confession of faith. Please continue to support and pray for her as she moves forward in her Christian walk.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- 18 Dec..... Christmas service
- 25 Dec..... Christmas day service
- 17 to 19 Feb.. church camp

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Neville Brandt
4th Shane Wilson
5th Jessica Gibney
7th Dionne Madhuku
16th Cliff Ireland
20th Nathan Uerata
23rd Shelley Henderson
28th Jay Miers

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EMMA-ROSE GIBNEY

Hello church family! For those who might not know, I've moved to the busy and beautiful city of Wellington for the summer for an internship. I've been living here for almost three weeks now and have loved every second! I'm working for Simpson Grierson - an incredible law firm with the most wonderful people who keep me very busy day-to-day.....definitely not overworking me though, they've already treated me to far too many coffee and lunch outings and we've been mini-golfing this past week as a fun way to incorporate some healthy competition into our team Christmas celebrations I'm currently working with their banking and finance law team and will be moving to the employment law team after the Christmas break before returning to Hamilton later in February for my last year of university. I'm missing all of you lovely people at Mardon Rd and can't wait to see you all when I pop back for Christmas. - Emma-Rose



YOUTH GROUP STUDY GROUP

The Youth Group study team finished up their year with a fun night of 10-Pin Bowling, with some close competition between Sam and Joel, with Graeme not too far behind. Emily and Georgia had fun relying on the 'bumper bars' but it still didn't help them get top scores. 😊 We missed Emma, John-Luke, Danielle and Chris but it was good to have some of the YA's come and join us.

CHURCH CAMP 2023

Training, Not Trying:
Achieving genuine, lasting, Spiritual transformation.

How exactly does God go about making me into the kind of person that he wants me to be? How can I help?

17 to 19 February 2023
Speaker: Greg Liston
Pacific Park Christian Holiday Camp, Papamoa

All welcome, make sure you plan to come to camp!!

GIVING

Donations to the church are purely voluntary but greatly appreciated. You should never feel pressured or obligated to give. YOU are much more important to us than your money.

But if you'd like to partner with us through regular financial giving towards the mission of Mardon Road Church, please use the bank account details below to set up an automatic payment. As we have charitable status, we can provide a receipt at the end of the financial year for tax purposes.

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Thank you for your support in this way.

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“ But when the right time came, the time God decided on, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born as a Jew, to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law so that he could adopt us as his very own sons. Galatians 4:4-5

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 10:30a church speaker: Glenn Fell wl: Peter Moss pizza lunch/ baptism service	5 7:15p Bible study @ church	6 7:30p youth Bible study	7 7:30p young adults	8 7:15p choir	9 11:30a roving fellowship	10
11 10:30a church speaker: Alan Stanley wl: Ben Watkinson	12 7:30p leadership @ Bennett's	13	14 7:30p young adults	15 7:15p choir	16	17
18 10:30a Christmas service speaker: Alan Stanley wl: Tom Bennett	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas day service speaker: Glenn Fell wl: Paul Goble	26 Boxing day	27	28	29	30	31