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Good News story Gateway Baptist Church, SA

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Welcome

to the April 2018 edition of BFSNews

In this edition of BFS News we learn about Gateway Baptist Church and their amazing new site and facilities. I was able to visit the church and view the new facilities with our Chairman just after their opening. We were truly intrigued by the creativity and just what is possible with faith and vision. The old copper tank in the roof has even been relocated as the new Baptistry!

We are reminded that much is changing around us, technology, regulation, and even society values. Some things don't change and with the Easter season we are reminded how steadfast God is. We need to trust in Jesus, his sacrifice and God's unwavering love for everyone.

God Bless,

David Slinn
Chief Executive Officer

Over the past 15 years Gateway Baptist Church had been ministering from the former Jehovah's Witnesses building located on Old Port Rd, Queenstown SA. It had 2 small rooms for children's ministry, a medium size auditorium and a small parents room with limited office space. Its meetings were held in the kitchen which was the main thoroughfare during the week. This property had 13 car parking spaces and wasn't conducive to numerical growth.

The Senior Pastor, Jeremy Jaques, and the leadership team had a vision to see the church buy another facility that would be more conducive to growth and would serve the community more effectively. After 2 years of searching, the ex-bakery and cold storage facility at 6 Jervois Street, seemed to be where God was leading Gateway. The building itself is 3,500 m² (7 times the size of their older facility) and the land is approximately 7,000 m². It has 2 factories working under the same roof - a

bakery and a pasta factory that provides lease money for the ministry and to service debt.

There were major gates to walk through including: the sale of the current facility, rezoning of a large industrial warehouse, council approvals, membership votes, financial approval with BFS and a lot of work ahead of them.

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“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

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John 1:29



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Following much thought, prayer and strategy, the congregation took a huge \$3 million step in taking on the project. When it was time to vote for moving, 92% of the congregation agreed.

Their builder Tonkin Schutz oversaw the project. Pastor Jeremy recalls, “They did an amazing job to see us through each stage of the building process.

We then spent 14 months in a function room at the old AAMI stadium in nearby West Lakes, which was challenging and testing, as we worked tirelessly to see the building project come to fruition.”

The new facility now consists of several kitchens including a commercial one, several toilet blocks, visitor and cafe areas, a play area and parents room, a 450 seat auditorium, 7 offices, a large Children's ministry area with 3 separate rooms, 90 car spaces and 400 m² upstairs.

The premises has plentiful space for existing ministries and numerous potential ministries as Gateway Church start to grow into the building.

Pastor Jeremy contemplates, “The thinking and mentality has needed to change as we have stepped out in this venture. We love how God instils vision into the hearts of his people. It's scary, it's faith filled, challenging and tiring - but glorious in how God provides, sustains, grows us and leads us. The story of Gateway Baptist church is not about the building - it's a narrative in how a group of people with faith, in unity, with a common vision, led by God can see wonderful things happen and at the end of it, have a testimony in how God leads and walks with us - we are believing that this is only the beginning! Our God is so good - all glory to God - we yearn to see the many other ways in which He will lead us.

We have been so impressed with the way BFS has guided us in finance and the loan. This building project has been possible with their willingness to lend to churches like ours. Cameron Hawke and his predecessor were instrumental in making this happen.

Our Grand opening was so special with over 400 people from the community as well as family and friends coming to celebrate with us in what God has done.” +

BFS Board Director Allan Priest reflects

“I was blessed to be present at the official opening of the Gateway Baptist Church's new South Australian facility and was quite blown away by all that their BFS loan has been able to facilitate for them.

This church is located at the gateway to Port Adelaide in Adelaide's western suburbs and was itself formed a couple of decades ago by an amalgamation of two very old western suburbs Baptist Churches. When they amalgamated they sold their two 100+ year old properties and purchased a disused but much more modern former Jehovah's Witnesses property that they have for some time now been finding limiting for their growing ministry.

So, with a huge dose of faith, a great vision for their future and an immense amount of hard work to follow they purchased a very substantial property and converted part of it into a new ministry facility.”

Allan recalls, “What blew me away when I saw the development was the sheer size and extent coupled with very practical functionality of the facilities that they now have available.

Not only have they now a larger worship area, at its entrance is a cafe/welcome area of similar size to their whole auditorium and the children's area is as big as many churches have available for their total facilities!

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Welcome to the first instalment of the BFS Cybersecurity Update! This series will cover important security matters to help protect yourself in the digital environment.

In this update we cover "Phishing", where unsavoury characters send emails pretending to be from reputable organisations such as banks or Australia Post. Phishing emails often ask for login or banking/credit card details, then use those details for their own financial gain – and your expense!

If you don't read any further than this point please know one thing – BFS will NEVER ask for your details or password over email. If you discover an email asking for such information, please call us immediately on 1300 650 542.

It can be difficult to detect a phishing email as they may look very genuine, including logos of companies or even from an email address of a friend you know.

How to Detect Phishing Emails

- Links in the email take you to a fake website. For example, if your bank's legitimate website is "www.goodbank.com.au", the scammer's fake website may be something like "www.good.bank.com". Look at the URL (the website address at the top of the browser), and if in doubt DO NOT click any link.
- You may be asked for sensitive information - no legitimate organisations will ask you for your password, personal or credit card details over email.
- The email contains emotive language and attempts to panic you into action. Scammers set victims into a panic with messages like "Your account is about to be locked" or "Click here or your parcel will not be delivered". Fake charities that claim to help children in poverty or with illness also play on your emotions.
- Sometimes phishing emails do not address you by your name and may contain spelling and/or grammatical errors.

How to protect yourself

- Do not click any links or take any action.
- **NEVER** give your personal, account or credit card details over email. Even if it is from a legitimate organisation you deal with. Ask for their name and number and make your own independent check.
- Use an internet Search – search on the names or exact phrases in the email to check for references to a scam. In many cases others will have reported scam emails.
- Call the institution that the email purports to be from and check with them. Do not use any phone number provided in the suspect email, look it up in yellow pages or online instead.
- **If the email does not check out - DELETE** straight away.
- Check "Scamwatch" at www.scamwatch.gov.au. Scamwatch is run by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). This is a good site to learn about new tricks scammers come up with.



Did you know?

Upgrades to BFSOnline coming

BFS has just entered into an agreement with our software provider for a major upgrade to our system.

Clients may see changes flowing through in the later part of this year. These changes are necessary before we implement the New Payments Platform (NPP).

We are also continuing to improve security of BFSOnline with improved logon processes.

Watch this space for more updates!

Client Acknowledgement Form

Thank you to all our clients who have already returned their Client Acknowledgement forms in response to our letters. If you have not signed and returned your form, please do so as soon as practical.

If you have misplaced your form or wish to discuss further, please contact our friendly Client Services Team on 1300 650 542 or clients@bfs.org.au.



BFS welcomes Glenn Baker!

Glenn joined Baptist Financial Services Australia Limited (BFS) in

December 2017 as Risk and

Compliance Manager. In this role Glenn will oversee regulatory and compliance requirements for BFS as the regulatory environment continues to change and as BFS continues to grow and evolve. He will assist with the ongoing review of BFS policies, procedures and risk management practices and liaising with relevant regulators.

Glenn held senior management positions in the Banking and Finance industry for 45 years. In 1994 he was a member of the management team that established ING

Bank (Australia) Limited trading as ING Direct and was its inaugural Treasurer and Head of Financial Markets, leading to Glenn taking up the position of Chief Financial Officer in 2011 which he occupied for three years.

After 'retiring' from banking in 2013 Glenn took on a role in the not-for-profit sector as Senior Manager Finance for Anglicare, a position he held until September 2017 when a merger with ARV saw him 'retire' again.

Glenn has a Bachelor of Commerce degree majoring in Accounting and Financial Management from UNSW and is a Fellow of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants (FCPA).

In recent years Glenn has served in a

volunteer capacity on the Board and Finance, Audit and Risk Committees with Global Recordings Network (GRN). GRN's vision is 'that people might hear and understand God's Word in their heart language'.

Glenn has been married to Noelene for 32 years. They have five adult children and nine grandchildren.

Glenn's passions include music and he enjoys listening to a wide variety, ranging from classical, especially Russian composers, to today's pop but has a special love of 60's and 70's progressive rock. Glenn and Noelene worship at Castle Hill Baptist Church.

"Surely He has borne our griefs, And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Isaiah 53:4-6



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Cathedral Mountains Christian Centre Inc.	VIC	Refinance
Portland Baptist Church	VIC	Church Property Development
Seaforth Baptist Church	NSW	Church Building Development
Awesome Church Inc	NSW	Property Purchase
Colac Baptist Church	VIC	Church Building Project
Australian Kachin Baptist Church	NSW	Church Building Purchase
Trinity Church Tamworth	NSW	Church Building Development
Hobart Baptist Church	TAS	Church Building Project
St Marys Indian Orthodox Church	NSW	Property Purchase
Impact Christian Church Inc.	SA	Refinance
CCCS(AUST)-Southwest Brisbane Inc	QLD	Church Building Development
1Church Inc	WA	Finance
Living Alternatives Ltd	WA	Property Purchase
St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church	SA	Church Building Purchase
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