



# Drouin Baptist Church

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Our Mission:

- Engage** the God-seeker,
- Establish** disciples in community,
- Equip** the saints for service,
- Expand** the Kingdom of God into all the earth.

## WELCOME

We hope that you feel at home with us this morning as we collectively focus our hearts, minds and activities on God, and desire only that He be exalted. Creche and Sunday School programs are on today for children from 2 to 4, and 5-12 years of age.

### Christian giving

“The church is always/only after your money.” While this statement may have a tiny element of truth, generally speaking, it is far from the truth, and should never deter us from giving to the Lord’s work. Here are a few brief thoughts that could guide us in our giving.

1. Giving is far more than just simply financing the church’s activities or supporting missionaries and their projects or helping people who are less well off than we are. It is an act of **worship** and, as such, implies commitment and involvement that reaches beyond money. It is an act of worship as much as singing “Amazing Grace” or “Majesty.”
2. Giving is an act of **fellowship**. When giving is not understood as worship, or if it is seen as just making a donation or even if it is done by direct debit, we diminish or rob ourselves of the significance of fellowship. The bonds that hold us together are weakened if we merely donate money. Putting money in the plate on Sunday, or donating to the May Appeal or even paying for a coffee can have a deep and profound meaning when they are understood in terms of worship and fellowship.
3. The Pharisees were good givers. They measured out their 10% - exactly, and gave it, which is far better than the 2-3% that the average church goer gives. However, **love**, not law, is what motivates Christians to give. “God so loved the world that He gave...” When our giving is motivated by love, not law, need or emotion etc, we are being like God.
4. However, to be like God we must go beyond love. Authentic love will naturally express itself in **generosity**. God lavished His love on us when He gave Jesus. The fingerprints of

generosity are all over the love of God Jn 3:16. 1 Jn 3:1. Eph 1:7-10. Rom 8:35-39.

*Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden*

Corrie ten Boom

*Groanings which cannot be uttered are often prayers that cannot be refused*

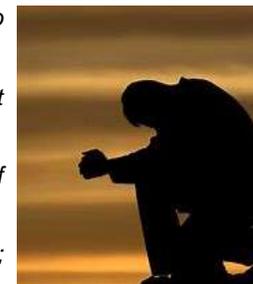
Charles Spurgeon

*“Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart.”*

Psalms 37:4

*To God your every want in instant prayer display, Pray always; Pray, and never faint; Pray, without ceasing, Pray*

C Wesley



The film **GOD'S NOT DEAD: A LIGHT IN DARKNESS** commenced screening in Village Cinemas on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May

### What's on this week

Tuesday	10.00am	Linking Hands Craft Group
Wed, Thurs, Fri	9.30am	Bizzy Butterflies Playgroup
Friday	7.00pm	LifeQuest Clip n' Climb \$15.00

### May Mission Month

How would you cope if you were unsure about whether or not the person on the pew behind you was from the secret police?

How would you respond if you were called in for an interrogation and your best friend started to accuse you for being a Christian?

Many Christians in other parts of the world constantly live in the uncertainty that events like this raise. They are part of our family, and out of love we can do nothing less than genuinely stand with them.

Throughout this month we, as a church, are standing with our Global Interaction team in the Silk Road area through prayer and support of a project that will make it possible for them to more effectively meet the needs of disabled people. Our target for the month is just \$2,000.00. Donations to this project are tax deductible. To avail yourself of this benefit you will need to include your name with your offering, regardless of the means by which you make your donation.



*Please stay behind after our service this morning for a time of fellowship over tea or coffee.*

**We need to stack the chairs after our service this morning.**

The disposable coffee cups and lids are recyclable. Please leave them near the coffee machine so they can be rinsed and placed in the recycle bin.



The following prayer notes have been prepared to encourage you to focus your prayers throughout May on the least reached people groups that are being reached through the work of Global Interaction. As a church, our focus will be mainly on a people group in the Silk Road area but we should also include the wider work of Global Interaction in our praying. A number of Global Interaction Prayer Guides are available in the church foyer to inform your ongoing prayer for our cross-cultural teams.

The missions committee has also set a target of \$2,000.00 for us to contribute towards a project in the Silk Road area.

In the past, as a church, we made a commitment to the people group amongst whom our team works in the Silk Road area. Our involvement in the May Appeal this year seeks to inform and deepen this ongoing commitment. Because of our giving, people who would otherwise never hear about Jesus will have the opportunity to respond to His life-transforming message.

Donations to this project are tax deductible. If you would like to avail yourself of this tax benefit, then include your name on an envelope containing your offering. Mark the envelope "May Mission Month." People who count the offering should be extra diligent to record names and amounts on the form that will be provided for this purpose.

As we combine our prayers with our giving our team will be empowered to make a difference to people who have great physical needs in the place where they serve.

If you have any questions about May Mission Month, then see a member of the

missions committee. They have all the answers.

## **Spiritual Life**

Monday 7 - Wednesday 9 May

Cross-cultural workers are living and serving in communities where spirituality is strong in the worship of counterfeit gods, prophets, belief systems and practices.

Scripture:

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

Please pray:

7 M.

That the Holy Spirit draws nearer and nearer to them, for their personal spiritual growth, discernment and comfort

8 T.

For spiritual bondages to be broken within the communities our teams are serving

9 W.

That the Fruits of the Spirit will manifest in our cross-cultural teams who, as branches of the True Vine, bear witness to the glory of God

## **Culture and Language**

Thursday 10 - Sunday 13 May

God created all of humanity in His image. We believe that all people – of all cultures and all faith backgrounds – should have the opportunity to hear the message of Jesus. Still today, 42% of people on Earth have little or no chance to hear the message of Jesus in a way that makes sense to them.

Scripture:

The Lord is not slow to fulfil his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Please pray:

10 T.

That language is not a barrier to building relationships that share the love of Jesus

11 F.

That our team members receive insight and understanding into cultural customs so as to connect with sensitivity and understanding to new people and places

12 S.

For cross-cultural workers to find areas of common ground which can offer opportunities for conversations about Jesus

13 S.

For the language nurturers who engage with our cross-cultural workers, that God

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