



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.

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 victims of the Myanmar army you have never heard about

Orphan Yang is only three, but he has just had his leg amputated. His elder brother was killed in the same attack that cost Yang his leg. His other brother and his grandfather are also injured. Yang's grandmother is the only member of this poor Chinese farming family who survived unscathed.

While the world's media focus on the appalling persecution of the Muslim Rohingya people in Myanmar (Burma), the persecution of the mainly-Christian ethnic groups is seldom reported. The Myanmar army has been targeting Christians for decades. Why did the media never report the killing and raping of Christians who could not get away when their villages were attacked? Or the way in which those captured were used as human mine-sweepers or worked literally to death carrying heavy loads for the army? And it still continues.

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"Our house was burned down, our cows were killed, I had to flee and lost everything I owned," said an 80-year-old widow, describing the second time her village was attacked and her house destroyed by the army. She has been displaced since 2012 and now she has been attacked again. "I still have faith in God, but sometimes it is very difficult to see our people suffering. I am an old lady, but I pray that God will take care of my children, my grand-children and our Kachin people. I pray for their future. Can you please pray for me too?"

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A Kachin Baptist Church meets at the Footscray Baptist Church and was welcomed as a member church of the BUV at the May delegates dinner.



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Ph 4:6

"O, let the place of secret prayer become to me the most beloved spot on earth." Andrew Murray

"Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth." Psalm 57:5, 11.

What's on this week

Tuesday	10.00am	Linking Hands Craft Group
Wed, Thurs, Fri	9.30am	Bizzy Butterflies Playgroup
Friday	7.00pm	LifeQuest Chill and Chat
A number of Home Groups meet on various days/evenings through the week		

Following Jesus – a call to serve rather than be served

The Bible has a great deal to say about servanthood because the central theme of the Bible is the Servant of all—Jesus Christ. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" Mark 10:45. When we give Jesus Christ His rightful place as Lord of our lives, His lordship will be expressed in the way we serve others Mark 9:35; 1 Peter 4:10; John 15:12-13. How can we demonstrate love for God? Our love for God will be expressed in our love for others.

True leadership is servanthood, and the greatest leader of all time is Jesus Christ. Servanthood is an attitude exemplified by Christ "who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant" Philippians 2:6-7. The five words in the New Testament translated "ministry" generally refer to servanthood or service given in love. Serving others is the very essence of ministry. All believers are called to ministry Matthew 28:18-20, and, therefore, we are all called to be servants for the glory of God.

It has been rightly stated, "Rank is given you to enable you to better serve those above and below you. It is not given for you to practice your idiosyncrasies" (General Bruce C. Clarke, USA, Ret). Let's serve others by serving Christ Colossians 3:23-24. God the Father has served us by sacrificing Christ on the cross for our sins, and we should serve others by giving the gospel and our lives to them 1 Thessalonian 1:5-6.

Those who desire to be great in God's kingdom must be the servant of all Matthew 20:26.

Please stay



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