



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.

Images of the church

- a bride

While our culture may be moving quickly towards removing the traditional two different genders that define all humans, indeed all animals, they cannot annihilate truth ie. God created them male and female. God also saw that "It was not good for the man to be alone," so He made a suitable, or complementary, helper for him.

Marriage was originally God's idea. It didn't come from politicians, priests or other people, so no one has the moral authority to redefine it.

When the Bible talks about the church as the bride of Christ, we don't need to change our language as a concession to the PC do-gooders. God's word is eternal, and what He has created no man can improve upon.

The imagery and symbolism of marriage is applied to Christ and the body of believers known as the church. Christ, the Bridegroom, has sacrificially and lovingly chosen the church to be His bride (Ephesians 5:25–27).

Just as there was a betrothal period in biblical times during which the bride and groom were separated until the wedding, so is the bride of Christ separate from her Bridegroom during the church age. Her responsibility during the betrothal period is to be faithful to Him (2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:24). At an unknown date in the future the church will be united with the Bridegroom and the official "wedding ceremony" will take place and, with it, the eternal union of Christ and His bride will be actualized (Revelation 19:7–9; 21:1–2).



Believers in Jesus Christ are the bride of Christ, and we wait with great anticipation for the day when we will be united with our Bridegroom. Until then, we remain faithful to Him and

say with all the redeemed of the Lord, "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20).

"O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1

"Prayer isn't to remind God what your problems are, but prayer is to remind your problems who God is."



tell me *HIS* story - Album Launch/Live Concert

Come and hear Nathan Glenn's new hymn album performed live in concert
Hear much loved hymns re-imagined and arranged for piano and orchestra

Featuring:

Nathan Glenn	piano
Rachel Lau	flute
Brienne Gawler	oboe
David Lau	violin/viola
Petronella van Tienen	vocalist

Where: Pakenham Baptist Church
1 Bentley Ct Pakenham

When: Saturday 28th July @ 7.00pm

Tickets: Adults	\$25.00
Children 12 & under	\$10.00
Seniors concession	\$20.00

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/WDQM

Enquiries: 0421 112 429

Special Morning Tea

There will be a special morning tea to celebrate the occasion of Steve McAllister's 60th birthday after our worship service today. Everyone welcome!

For more than 50 years Australian Baptists have been collecting and selling stamps to raise money for the work of Global Interaction (around \$70,000 each year!). Here is how you can help: Cut (not tear) stamps off envelopes, leaving a few mm margin and give them to Trevor. These will be sold to collectors to raise funds.

Ladies Afternoon Together

The next meeting will be held on **5th August** at the church. Lunch will be provided and ladies are encouraged to bring a gold coin to cover costs.

If you would like to buy/bake for lunch or dessert, please let Bec Gardner know. Previous events have been great times of fellowship and growing together, and it would be great to see even more ladies on this occasion.

If you have any questions or suggestions, call Bec on 0431 516 117.

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

We do not need to stack the chairs after our service this morning.

David and Eliza, Ben and Petra along with many prayer partners and the extended Global Interaction family, will be celebrating the outcome of Ben and Petra's visa application. A long drawn out process, with the temptation for uncertainty, has come to an end with the good news that all has finally progressed smoothly. Our God is a good God, not only have the visa applications been approved but they have also been granted for three years! Generally a one-year visa is issued, so we are thrilled to share this news with you. Three years offers stability and an opportunity to settle.

Please give thanks and pray with us:

- Thank God that when circumstances are out of our control, we can commit these faithfully to Him in prayer and that His answers to our prayers may often exceed our expectations as in the instance of the three year visas for Ben, Petra and the children.
- Pray for David and Eliza, Ben and Petra and their children as they will fellowship together, seeking as a team to further their ministry among the K people.

The Cost of Discipleship

Ninety thousand Christians were murdered for their faith in 2016, according to a report from the International Prayer Council. This makes Christians the most persecuted religious group in the world. Of the Christians who lost their lives in 2016, 70% were killed in Africa. The remaining 30% lost their lives in persecution worldwide.

The figures are the result of a study by the Centre for the Study of Global Christianity, who say that highlighting the number of martyrs gives some dignity to those who have died, and it also keeps up the pressure on those who have the power to do something about the situation. The number of Christians martyred in the last decade is 900,000, which amounts to one death every six minutes.

– International Prayer Council

Marriage matters

Connect before each day begins

Share pieces of your life throughout the day

Look for ways to be helpful to each other even when you are not together

Keep your eye open for inexpensive gifts & experiences to show you're thinking about them

Eternity Magazine

The latest issue of *Eternity* is available in the foyer and contains some great reading.

- Churchgoers are more likely to do volunteer work in the community
- The earliest fragment of the Gospel of Mark
- The Uniting Church and same sex marriage
- The first Arabic Children's Bible – in Nazareth
- Challenging articles by Aunty Rose Elu, Kaley Payne and Anne Lim - read them
- More powerful than voodoo – and that's just the first half of this issue

Access a copy from the foyer, read it and then return it so others can read these stories.

REGRETS

I came across this great article by Karl Faase

Do you carry regrets?

Most of us do, some small, others huge and even unbearable

- The angry word
- The selfish choice
- The broken promise

Regret is a silent word. No one sees it but we all carry it.

What do we do with regret, with mistakes and failures?

At the first Easter, two close friends of Jesus give us a picture of the different ways we can respond to regret.

Judas abandons Jesus for money; Peter abandons Jesus for reputation.

Later, both Judas and Peter were racked with regret and they chose different paths.

Judas carried his regret and the result was awful. Peter took his regret to Jesus and was given a fresh start and new hope.

Take your regrets and give them to Jesus. This is the place of hope and a second chance.

Dates are not just for those looking to get married! Dating is a powerful tool to promote the health of your marriage, once married. Over time marriages will wilt without regular attention. Investing time in a date night may be difficult when you have children, careers, busy committed life styles, but date nights/couple time do not have to be complicated. First start by agreeing together a time and day, and then put it in the diary or on the planner. This date should be treated with the utmost importance and not be changed without mutual agreement. When the time comes switch off the 'phone etc!