



Drouin Baptist Church

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Sunday 22nd July, 2018

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.

Images of the church (tongue in cheek)

- a family

Dick Tater He's the self-appointed potentate who feels everything should be done his way. He never serves or works; he just bosses others.

Emmy Tater She's the member of the family who follows all the latest fads. She's never really discovered her own identity because she's always busy trying to be like someone else.

Hezy Tater When Hezy is asked to help at church, he knows he should, but he always puts it off. He's sure he'll get around to serving God someday.

Carmen Tater Carmen has an opinion about everything, and you never need to ask what she thinks because she's the first one to tell you.

Speck Tater Speck's favorite phrase is: "I love work; I can watch others do it for hours." He doesn't get involved, but he's a great observer.



Agi Tater When Agi was in school, she got poor marks on "plays well with others." Agi is continually in conflict with others, and always seems to be involved in strife and division. No matter what the Pastor or church does, it's never good enough in Agi's eyes.

Sweet Tater This is the only cordial and cooperative member of the Tater family. Sweet Tater is the ideal member of the church. She has a great attitude, is faithful, committed,

supportive, and involved. She doesn't dictate, imitate, hesitate, commentate, spectate, or agitate!

"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?." Psalm 8:3-4

Count your blessings, not your problems.

Everyone has beauty, but not everyone sees it.



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

What's on this week

Tuesday	10.00am
Wed, Thurs, Fri	9.30am
Friday	7.30pm

Linking Hands Craft Group
Bizzy Butterflies Playgroup
LifeQuest

A number of Home Groups meet on various days/evenings through the week

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 need to stack the chairs after our service this morning.

That's Not My Job

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Whether at home, in the workplace or at church, there are plenty of things that Anybody could do, but Nobody ends up doing it. This little play on words reminds us of the importance of taking personal responsibility for the space in which we find ourselves. If we all truly embraced servanthood then these words of wisdom would never have needed to be written.

GOD OPENS DOORS – THAILAND

On a recent trip to Thailand, Paul reconnected with a friend who trained as a monk and is now a follower of Jesus. This friend, Mr N, shared with Paul an encouraging story of God at work. Mr N lent his laptop to a friend, Ms P, and after a few weeks, he enquired with her about the laptop. "Sorry", Ms P replied sheepishly, "but when I opened a folder on your computer I found a video and I watched it." Mr N asked her what she thought of the video and she replied, "I loved it, so I watched them all. Then I invited some friends to watch them too. That's why I have had the laptop for so long." Mr N told her, "I do need my laptop back, but how about I come over to share about what you saw and maybe show you some others." The videos that Ms P stumbled across? Resources the team put together for Gospel sharing and leadership training. Paul's response to his friend's story was to acknowledge that God is in control and nothing happens by accident. Praise God for the generosity of Mr N that God used to open the door for Gospel sharing opportunities.



'Remember Those In Prison ...'



Prisons in the West are dangerous places because they are full of violent criminals. Fortunately, citizens are not usually incarcerated for their beliefs or peaceful activity. Meanwhile, in prisons all across the non-Western world Christian prisoners of conscience are threatened, not merely by criminals, but by unsanitary conditions, infectious diseases, untreated illness and extreme mistreatment – including torture – at the hands of the authorities. These human rights abuses are enabled by a worldview that diminishes and even negates the Christian's value as a human being.

Thousands of Christians are in prison for their faith, while others are held captive by jihadists. They include human rights lawyers like Gao Zhisheng (China), humble labourers like Asia Bibi (Pakistan) and foreign nationals like Andrew Brunson (an American pastor imprisoned in Turkey), Sister Gloria Narvaez (a Colombian missionary taken captive in Mali) and Dr Ken Elliot (an Australian missionary doctor taken captive in Burkina Faso).

Christian prisoners and captives suffer physically, emotionally and spiritually, and are often exhausted and confused. Compounding the hardship and physical suffering is the crushing heartbreak of separation from family and friends; many have no Christian fellowship and are denied access to the Bible. How vulnerable must these believers be (especially young, new believers) to the devil's fiery darts as he seeks to crush their spirit with doubts about God's presence, faithfulness, goodness and love. Nothing but the shield of faith will do ... and this is where we come in. Christian prisoners and captives might grow exhausted and confused, but we will be there, fighting for them. Imagine yourself in their shoes – and pray!

– Elizabeth Kendal

Social science clearly suggests that regular date nights result in stronger marriages. The results include:

- Increased communication, so deepening couple's understanding of each other so they grow closer together.
- Date nights help spouses reclaim both their individual identity and their identity as a couple as they escape from routine.
- Date nights fan the flame of romance, passion and excitement.
- They ensure fun times together to do the unusual.

Date nights show commitment to the marriage, and are one of the greatest investments a married couple can make at any stage of their married life together.