



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.

Time alone with God

When we have our time with God on a daily basis, it should be something that impacts the rest of our day. If we are just reading something to accomplish a Bible reading plan, stay up with a recent book, or fulfil an obligation, our time with the Lord will be more obligatory than life-giving. It will be more legalistic than graceful. Our time with God should be something that flows from God's Word and has an immediate application into our life.

Our time with God should include talking with Him about what is ahead in our day. It should be filled with thanksgiving for what He gave us the day before, as well as requests for His providence again on this day. We should be asking God how He would like us to handle an ensuing situation. In our meeting, we should receive the truth of His Word and the prompting of His Spirit as the directive.

Perhaps what is keeping us from being habitual Bible readers is that we have not found it relevant to our life. However, this book is the only book that has lasted the test of time to be our textbook for life and godliness. It has relevance to every area of our life. It doesn't read like an encyclopedia and you can't type in your problem and search the pages like Google. But if you are willing to meet with God as you read it, He can show you the principles and precepts in its pages that are relevant to your life.

"I will praise You, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High"

Psalm 9:1-2

Don't pray for a light load, pray for a strong back.

Kindness is hard to give away because it keeps coming back.



Baby Boomers returning to church

A significant longitudinal study has revealed that baby boomers are becoming more involved in religious activity like churches. The main reasons for this shift are

1. They have more time to pursue a more meaningful life.
2. They are becoming more aware of the brevity of life and they are seeking answers to questions they have not previously asked.
3. They are more aware of the fragility of life. This is driving them to find a deeper meaning in life.

What's on this week

Tuesday	10.00am	Linking Hands Craft Group
Wed, Thurs, Fri	9.30am	Bizzy Butterflies Playgroup
Friday	7.30pm	LifeQuest Chill and Chat

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

Ladies Afternoon Together

The next meeting will be held **next Sunday** 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.

Five things too many leaders say to themselves too often

1. I'm just not good enough.

The self-help feel-good-about-yourself people will tell you that you *are* good enough. You're wonderful. Perfect. Amazing. Gifted. Talented. But deep down you know something's wrong. That's because something *is* wrong: It's your sin. Self-affirmation will only get you so far, and it will often lead to high arrogance (I'm amazing!) and low-self esteem (and I'm so horribly flawed ...).

This is where the Gospel rushes in. Paradoxically, we all carry within us the image of God and we are sinfully flawed. Sin isn't just an action, it's a condition. Jesus comes into our brokenness and not only saves us, but deeply restores us over time. The ancients called this process of being made new *sanctification*.

2. He/she is so much more _____.

Fill in the blank ... *gifted, talented, smart, attractive, clever, successful, etc.*

So what's behind that?

Well, it's likely the feeling that when God was giving out gifts, he short-changed you. Not only did God not give you six-pack abs, he didn't give you nearly enough intelligence or brains or charm or whatever. But underneath that is the lie that God made a mistake. And now you're jealous of everyone else because God did such a better job on them than he did on you. Not only is your jealousy patently absurd, it's also deeply unfounded.

The only one who wants you to believe that you don't have what it takes is the enemy.

First, celebrate what God has given others. Praise them.

And second, use what God gave you. As long as you're in a place where you can only focus on what God has given others, you'll never develop what God has given you.

3. That's just like me to get it wrong.

Are you going to get it wrong? Absolutely. If you're going to innovate, it's not that failure isn't an option, failure is a necessity. The destructive part of that self-talk isn't that you got something wrong, it's that sinister "It's just like me to ..." part.

I have messed up more times than I can count. So it's easy to fall into an "It's just like me" trap. But live there and soon you'll lose your courage to correct, to learn, to master a new skill and even to change.

Want a bridge? Try this. Tell yourself, *I've made this mistake before, but I don't need to live here. What can I do to help me grow?*

4. This *always* happens.

You *always* miss opportunities that others *always* take up.

You *always* forget _____

Nothing ever turns out right for you

Do you want out of that? Make *always* a stop-sign. The moment you think *always*, stop, reflect, even pray and ask yourself *why*.

Maybe it's true that things always turn out that way for you. But just because something's been true in the past doesn't mean it needs to be true in the future.

Look back at the patterns, declare it a new day and try something different. You'll break patterns you thought were unbreakable.

5. I should just quit.

Too many leaders quit moments before their critical breakthrough. So many leaders declare it over long before God declares it over. And that's a huge mistake. Should you ever leave things or quit things? But it's always a mistake when you quit because you're discouraged. If you need to leave finish on a good day. After much prayer and wise counsel.

Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan since 1997 means "capital." It was previously known as Akmola meaning "tomb."

Kazakh proverbs

"Those who seek find; those who ask receive." cf. Mt 7:7-8

"The five fingers aren't all the same." (Everybody is different)

SOWING SEEDS – CAMBODIA

As part of his community involvement, Rob has begun volunteering at a local primary school to develop a vegetable garden and the children's understanding of nutrition and food production. This voluntary work is part of the requirements of his visa, but

more importantly it is a platform for him to be connecting with the community. The Khmer word 'nain' refers to hard, compacted and difficult to work with soil. Rob thinks he has found the most 'nain' soil in Cambodia, at the front of the school where they are setting up the garden. This process has caused Rod to reflect on the parable of the sower. The school has some rocky ground, some nasty weeds to compete with, but at the moment the 'good soil' is more like the path that was trampled on where the birds ate the seed. He was reminded recently that the parable is an encouragement to faithfully keep doing his part of sowing seeds and preparing good soil. Pray that as Rob builds relationships within the community, through this and other involvement, he will sow seeds of faith over time and many will come to receive the truth of Jesus.



Missions committee feedback

A missions budget has been prepared for the coming year

Time was spent in prayer for missionaries and other projects

Christmas shoe boxes need to be returned by 30 September. Details later

New Genetic Study Affirms Creation Over Evolution

A new genetic study showing that 90% of animals appeared on Earth simultaneously with human beings affirms the Biblical account of creation. The study, published in the journal Human Evolution, examined the 'DNA barcodes' from 100,000 animal species and showed that 'nine out of ten species on Earth today, including humans, came into being around the same time.' The study's conclusion goes against evolutionary theory. David Thaler of the University of Basel in Switzerland says the findings are sure to jostle, if not overturn, more than one settled idea about how evolution unfolds. Ken Ham, founder and president of Answers In Genesis told Christian Headlines that the research affirms what Scripture says about life's origins. He says evolution doesn't expect the vast majority of our species to have arrived at the same time, but this is what a Biblical worldview has been saying all along.

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