



Drouin Baptist Church

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Sunday 5th August, 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.

Silence and solitude

We read in the Bible, “Be still, and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10 We read of God speaking to Elijah in a “gentle whisper” 1 Ki 19:12. We read of Jesus spending 40 days alone in the wilderness – no noise from the crowds, industry or modern technology. Alone in the silence of his solitude He was being prepared for the greatest mission ever undertaken by any man in history.

Yet, in our modern life, we are very uncomfortable with silence. Wherever we are, at home, in the car or at work, some form of modern technology has got us by both ears.

Henri Nowen, who taught at Harvard, Yale and Notre Dame, and wrote 20 books said, “Without (silence and solitude) it is virtually impossible to live a spiritual life.’ He also wrote, ‘It is a good discipline to wonder in each new situation if people wouldn’t be better served by our silence than by our words.’” (The Way of the Heart)

Blaise Pascal, the scientist and Christian thinker of the 1600’s wrote, “I have discovered that all the unhappiness of men arises from one single fact, that they are unable to stay quietly in their own room.”

Austin Phelps, a pastor in the 1800’s noted, “It has been said that no great work in literature or in science was ever wrought by a man who did not love solitude. We may lay it down as an elemental principle of religion, that no large growth in holiness was ever gained by one who did not take time to be often long alone with God.”

Well might we say, “Speak, Lord, in the stillness; while I wait on Thee. Hushed my soul to listen in expectancy. Speak, O Blessed Master, in this quiet hour; let me see your face, Lord; feel your touch of power.”



“In the LORD I take refuge. How then can you say to me: ‘Flee like a bird to your mountain’.” Psalm 11:1

Shame says, “You’ll never be enough. Don’t waste your time trying.”

Grace says, “God gave that – all of that – to you...now enjoy it while you bless him with it.”

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your Word...I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:9, 11.

Bible study, under BSF and then CBSI commenced 20 year ago in Warragul. They are having a special morning tea to celebrate the twenty years. There could be some ladies in the congregation who were part of the original group. They will meet at the Warragul Church of Christ, Bowen Street on Tuesday for morning tea at 10.00am, with a service and sharing time starting at 11.00am. See the poster on the notice board.

What's on this week

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| Sunday | 12.30pm | Ladies fellowship afternoon |
| Tuesday | 10.00am | Linking Hands Craft Group |
| Wed, Thurs, Fri | 9.30am | Bizzy Butterflies Playgroup |
| Friday | 7.00pm | LifeQuest Jump Crazy |
| Sunday | 10.00am | Baptism |

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

Carl Bailey will be baptised during our worship service next Sunday.

- A. Ask
 - U. Until
 - G. God
 - U. Unveils
 - S. Something
 - T. Tangible
- Have a blessed August



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.

This week in prayer

Sunday:

Penny and Michael Adams

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Carl Bailey

Tuesday:

Malcolm and Jeanette Baldwin

Wednesday:

Michelle Baldwin

Thursday:

John and Anne Batchelor

Friday:

Bronwyn Blackstock

Saturday:

Darren and Fiona Board *Andrea, Liam, Rachael*

When ‘The Devil’ Met His Match

‘The devil’ is working for Jesus after meeting his match in Liberia, according to a report from Mission Network News. While Liberia has many Christians, satanic practices are still active there. One satanic leader, nicknamed ‘the devil’, was obeyed and feared by people in the area. A missionary with Wordsower, who cannot be named for security reasons, dared to venture into ‘the devil’s’ territory. When he arrived he found a man, who it turned out was ‘the devil’ sitting in front of a shop. The missionary sat down beside him and began to share the Gospel. Locals watched from a distance as ‘the devil’ laughed and ridiculed and chased him away. But a month later ‘the devil’ found the missionary in another town and asked to talk more about God, Heaven and Hell. Today, ‘the devil’, now known by his real name, Peter, is a Christian and an enthusiastic worker in his church.

Live so the preacher won't have to lie at your funeral

A clean conscience makes a soft pillow

Giuliani looking at St Paul's Cathedral

Rudolph Giuliani was the mayor of New York when the planes hit the World Trade Centre Towers in September 2001. He led New York through the aftermath, the grief and the cleanup process. He went to hundreds of funerals of friends and especially city firefighters who died in the tragedy.

Giuliani wrote about these experiences in his book 'Leadership' and gives us some clues about how people handle such pain, pressure, and difficult decisions. He tells of how, when faced with difficult decisions, he would look out of his office window at St Paul's Cathedral. In his own words, he would "be inspired by God's enduring presence in our city and country." Knowing that God was present and a firm foundation for life was important to Giuliani. On the day the Twin Towers were hit, he specifically asked the Fire Brigade Chaplain, who later died when the towers collapsed, for prayer.

What Giuliani did in a crisis we can do every day. Look to God as your foundation and turn to God in prayer. It's simple and it's important.

-Karl Faase

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Each year throughout August, Baptist World Aid Australia encourages people around the country to sponsor a child, and, in doing so, become part of an incredible story of hope and transformation as a child, family and community are lifted out of poverty.

John Hickey, the CEO of BWAA says that, "Every time I have the privilege of visiting our project communities overseas, this truth is affirmed to me: Child Sponsorship makes a massive difference." For parents living in poverty, education for children is a luxury they simply can't afford.

In many cultures children have no status, no value, no voice. They are considered a burden until they are "old enough" to work. Sometimes this age is as young as six. But the story seen in BWAA Child Sponsorship project communities is very different. Out of very difficult circumstances, children are taking charge and driving change. Without the fears and burdens of years of stress they become powerful voices and actors for change.

Through Child Sponsorship you can become part of an incredible story that sees a whole community lifted out of poverty and the Gospel proclaimed. Visit www.baptistworldaid.org.au and click on "Sponsor a Child" to begin your part of an incredible story.