



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.



Good things take time

We live in such an instant society. We stand in front of microwaves wondering what's taking so long. We hate lines, and waiting in queues on the phone drives us nuts!

But the one time I actually appreciate waiting is for a good coffee. We all know that we can make instant coffee; boil the jug, throw in the instant granules and there it is - coffee. But there is something special, either in cafes or at home, about waiting for great coffee. Ah! Standing in the queue while the aroma of fresh coffee wafts over us. We appreciate the wait, as we know the result is well worth it.

This is a small but significant reminder that the things in life that really matter, take time; the growing of deep relationships, the crafting of mature character in our lives and the growth of personal faith.

Maturity in our faith is not going to be instant. God is slowly and assuredly modelling and building us. Don't give up too soon. Allow God time to build your faith. It's like great coffee - worth the wait!

- Karl Faase



Historically, revival has always had its roots back into the heart and passion of praying people who take seriously that God is our only hope.

Keep me safe, O God,
For in You I take refuge.
I said to the LORD, "You are my LORD;
Apart from You I have no good thing."

Psalm 16:1-2

What's on this week

Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	<i>Growing together in the grace of Christ</i> Festival of Trumpets
Tuesday	10.00am	Linking Hands Craft Group
Wed, Thurs, Fri	9.30am	Bizzy Butterflies Playgroup
Friday	7.00pm	LifeQuest Kick off
Sunday	10.00am	<i>Growing together in the righteousness of Christ</i>

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

Ways to show your spouse you're thinking about them throughout the day.

Make it a point to connect before the day begins. Whatever the conditions, resolve to find your spouse before either of you leaves the house and share a few positive words. Wish them a nice day or safe travels. Even a small connection can help pave the way for a more connected day.

Share pieces of your life throughout the day. Are you stuck in traffic? Did you run across a funny meme on Facebook? Text your spouse a pic of something funny or unusual that's happening in your day. This not only helps you share moments in each other's lives, but it may give you something to follow up and talk about later too.

Look for ways to be helpful to each other even when you're not together. Small acts of cooperation help reinforce that neither of you are alone. You are in this world together.

Keep your eye open for inexpensive gifts that demonstrate you're thinking about them. It doesn't have to be a dozen roses or pricey tickets to the big game. Spending just a couple of dollars on an item can show you are paying attention to what they like and making an effort to bring enjoyment to their day.

Please stay behind after our service this morning for a time of fellowship over tea or coffee – cappuccino, latte, hot chocolate, chai. Soy milk available



We need to stack the chairs after our service this morning.

This week in prayer

Sunday:

Hayno and Di Haynes *Bobby, Libby*

Monday:

Gordon and Judy Holliday

Tuesday:

Ashley and Karrin Hotchkin *Reece, Sophie, Charlie*

Wednesday:

Glenn and Lorell Hotchkin

Thursday:

Malcolm and Merle Hotchkin

Friday:

Danni Hotchkin-Burke *Tyler, Jett, Peyton*

Saturday:

Lesley Hughes

K PEOPLE

After a break over the Silk Road Area summer holidays, the team has resumed classes at the English Teaching and Community Centre. The centre has been gaining a lot of momentum and there are now 100 students taking classes each week, with another 40 on the waiting list! Developing English language skills in the population is a priority of the government and the centre is a key way for the team to have a visible and legitimate presence in the community. It is also a wonderful place for the team to connect with and build relationships with people and families in the community. Often while their children are in class, parents will wait at the centre and Eliza has found this to be a great opportunity to connect with them, have a cup of tea together and chat about life.

For Prayer:

- Wisdom for the team as they try to accommodate all the students who seek lessons
- Increasing opportunities to develop meaningful friendships through the centre
- **David and Eliza, Ben and Petra** to be sensitive to the Spirit's guidance in all their interactions

Abiding In Jesus Through His Word

The Lausanne Movement sends out the challenge: 'What our world needs isn't more people who merely call themselves Christians, but people who abide in Jesus through how they live. The only way to do this is through deep and regular engagement with the Bible, through which we encounter the Living Word and Lord. Do you make room for His Word in your life? To watch a video on this theme, go to: communications@lausanne.org

Coin Dates Back To The Hiding Place –In Jerusalem, 69AD

A rare coin minted 1,949 years ago was found recently in a dig in Jerusalem. The coin bears the inscription in ancient Hebrew For The Redemption Of Zion and depicts a chalice. Its other side has the words Year Four, referring to the final year of rebellion against the Romans, and depicts fruit as well as palm, myrtle and willow branches. The coin, discovered in the sewage system running beneath ancient Jerusalem, dates back to the year 69AD, the fourth year of the Jewish revolt against Rome. Reut Vilf of the City Of David Foundation told Breaking Israel News it was found exactly in the same placethat Jews had been hiding in the drainage channel under the street. Other evidence of the hiding place included intact oil lamps and ceramic pots.

– Breaking Israel News

Hurry is not just a disordered schedule. Hurry is a disordered heart. John Ortberg

God is much more concerned about your character than your career, because you will take your character into eternity, but not your career. Rick Warren

TELL US A STORY - MOZAMBIQUE

Global Interaction team member Bek regularly spends time in a nearby village where she is developing friendships. Each time she sits with a group Yawo women and they ask her, "Do you have a story for us?" It's a privilege for Bek to sit with them and over the past year, she has told various stories from the Bible. She is present and keen to share stories, however sometimes her Ciyawo has limited her or the meaning has been culturally lost. This isn't a large group of women, but Bek keeps visiting them and they keep asking her for more stories. Recently a family member of one these women died and Bek was invited to attend the funeral. Sitting with a group of women afterwards, Bek's friend introduced her to the others, "This is Rebekah. She's part of our family. She comes to visit and tells stories." Bek, aware of her language and culture limitations, was incredibly humbled by this introduction. Pray that as she continues to be present and willing to be used by God here, He will work in the lives of these women.

The big dry: "See us, hear us, help us"



The popular version of the Golden Rule says, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It comes from Mt 7:12. Each Sunday we receive donations through the coffee machine that will go towards helping farmers in drought stricken areas of New South Wales and Queensland. By the end of September we should have a reasonable amount to donate. Compassion, not caffeine, can cause you to contribute.