



# 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.*



## Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

The need for daily guidance in one of the Christian's greatest concerns. Without Divine leadership we soon go astray. The hymn of the above title came out of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Welsh revival that was led by the 24 year old Welsh preacher, Howell Harris, who stirred the country with his fervent preaching and his use of congregational singing.

One of the lives touched by his ministry was 20 year old William Williams who was the son of a wealthy farmer and was preparing to become a medical doctor. Upon hearing the stirring challenge of Howell Harris, young Williams dedicated his life to God and the Christian ministry. Like Harris, he decided to take all of Wales as his parish, and for the next 43 years he travelled 160,000km on horseback, preaching and singing the Gospel in his native tongue. He became known as the "sweet singer of Wales."

The imagery of this song is drawn wholly from the Bible as the Israelites marched from Egypt to Canaan. It is a reminder of God's power, provision and purpose for His people as we journey through life under His leadership. It also reminds us that we are dependent people in every aspect of our lives and that "without Him we can do nothing."



*Effective ministry always arises out of giftedness, not out of organisation.*

Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered. No one was there.

LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary?  
Who may live on your holy hill?  
He who keeps his oath even when it hurts

Psalm 15:1, 4

## What's on this week

Sunday	10.00am	Worship Service
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A number of Home Groups meet on various days/evenings through the week  
Some ministries are in recess over the school holidays

## Investing in marriage

The world has a way of creating a 'divide' in marriages, a drifting apart. Busyness and the demands of work and family can deeply, though often unnoticeably at first, affect the intimacy in marriages. Maybe we can learn a lesson from sea otters – they often sleep on their back in open water holding paws with their mate so that they do not drift apart. Holding hands and hugging are good starting points to stop the drift, one of the real keys though is intimate eye to eye communication.

The Bible may not seem like a date book, but it does have a lot to say about love and marriage. Share your favourite passage with your spouse, and then ask your spouse to share theirs with you.

Then, explore the Song of Solomon in the Bible together. Along the way share what you find attractive about your spouse and dream together where you might go for your next holiday - "The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." (Song of Solomon 2:13)



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

## *This week in prayer*

### **Sunday:**

Simon and Veronica Matthews

### **Monday:**

Joshua and Laura McAllister *Pax, Sol*

### **Tuesday:**

Steve and Dianne McAllister

### **Wednesday:**

Kim Miller

### **Thursday:**

Andrea and Peter Munn *Antonia*

### **Friday:**

Dennis and Ebony Newton

### **Saturday:**

Faye Odell

### **National redress scheme** for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse

The Royal Commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse has recommended the establishment of a national redress scheme. This scheme began on 1<sup>st</sup> July and will operate for 10 years. Many institutions and major denominations have already joined the scheme.

A recommendation will be brought to the October Assembly that the BUV enter the scheme. All BUV churches are encouraged to join the BUV participating group before 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

It is proposed that the BUV will establish a Redress Support Pool to help local churches in meeting redress claims. The BUV will contribute a significant sum of money to establish the Support Pool. Churches will contribute \$400 + 0.01% of the church's insured asset value, annually for 10 years. After 2 years this funding model will be reviewed to see if contributions need to be adjusted in the light of any claims being made.

It is anticipated that average claims will be around \$85,200. When a Redress claim is made, the BUV will invoice the church. The church will pay the first \$30,000. If our annual income is under \$200K and our property value is less than \$2million, we would be required to pay 30% of the next \$50,000. The remaining \$5,200 would be paid from the pool. The amount being paid from the pool would increase with larger claims. If, at the end of 10 years there have been no claims made against us, all of our contributions would be refunded. An information forum will be held at the BUV office on 6<sup>th</sup> October to which all churches should send representatives.

### **LIBERIA: Building A Church For A Jungle Tribe**

A jungle tribe in Liberia is working to build a church following a week-long visit of native missionaries who had paddled around Lake Piso through the night, hoping to avoid a hostile reception. However, they were well received and offered a tree to sleep under. The villagers were animists who practised witchcraft and worshipped rocks, trees and rivers. The village chief gave the missionaries permission to proclaim the Gospel each evening, and by the end of the week they had baptised 35 people who had decided to follow Jesus Christ. The chief's wife was one of the converts and she is now leading the project to build a church.

– Christian Aid Mission

### **People you should know**

Without doing any research, who is Daniel Bullock?

From last week - Graham Dangerfield is the CEO of Baptcare. Through Baptcare we provide aged care and offer support to people with disabilities or who are disempowered or marginalised in our society.

### **Operation Christmas Child boxes should be returned by next Sunday**

The street address number for Barney and Maika Bruce should be 103, not 102.

### **Christchurch Cathedral Soon To Be Rebuilt**

Rebuilding of New Zealand's earthquake-damaged Christchurch Cathedral will commence soon. The cathedral has sat desolate since the 2011 earthquakes, as the Anglican Church and heritage groups battled over its future, but last year the Church agreed to restore it. The cost of the project and a timeframe to complete it is still to be determined, according to Justin Murray, who is heading the company which will oversee the project. Earlier estimates have put the cost of the rebuild at \$104 million which will be paid for by the government, council grants, loans and a \$42 million insurance payout. Workers have begun to clear the site, but the rebuild isn't expected to start immediately

### **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. Last Sunday we received \$100 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.