



The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want.
Psalm 23:1
When we come to prayer we must start with God. We need a God-centred perspective. The world revolves around Him, not around you and me. We are just a very small part of all that God has created. He stands over all His creation. We also need a God-centred trust. He is the object of our faith. Our faith is not in the size or strength of our faith or in how we approach God eg. Passion or persistence. Our faith is in the person of God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR TWO BELOVED CHRISTIAN WOMEN LEADERS

Joni Eareckson Tada, popular evangelical speaker and advocate for people with disabilities, has revealed a new cancer diagnosis three years after being declared cancer-free. Joni, a quadriplegic, recently underwent tests on a small nodule which had developed over the site of her mastectomy, which she underwent along with chemotherapy treatment in 2010. The author and founder of Joni and Friends, a Christian ministry focused on helping the disability community, reports that doctors found a small cancerous tumour within the nodule after the latest biopsies. She says when she received the unexpected news, she relaxed, knowing that the sovereign God loves her and holds her tightly in His hands. Surgery was scheduled for Monday 26 November.

–The Christian Post

Anne Graham Lotz is not doing well, and she needs our prayers. Recently diagnosed with breast cancer (three years to the day of her husband's untimely death), Lotz has been through surgery and now chemotherapy, as the surgery was not successful in eradicating all of the cancer. She entered chemotherapy in October, but her brother, Franklin Graham, just shared that it has been very hard on her body, to the point that she may not be able to continue. 'Just talked with my sister Anne Graham Lotz, and she is experiencing severe side effects from her last chemotherapy treatment which may jeopardize whether she can continue. I know she would appreciate your prayers,' wrote Graham on his Facebook page.

– Breaking Christian News

I really would rather be in this wheelchair knowing Jesus as I do than be on my feet without Him.
–Joni Eareckson Tada



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.



Drouin Baptist Church

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Sunday 16th December, 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.



The birth that changed the world

Our country needs to change. Today's paper reports on corruption involving lawyer X, an unprovoked brutal attack, the seizure of drugs, local council chaos and the list goes on. The consequences of our sin are front and centre in our society. Jesus came to deal with the root cause of all that evil. He came that people might be changed, transformed from within. He came to change one person at a time, but only if they gave Him permission to do so by way of repentance. Without repentance or obedience there will be no genuine change.

Jesus came to bring Good News to the poor, bring freedom to the prisoners, restore sight to the blind and release the oppressed. Don't ever think that these words apply primarily to other people. We are all included in Luke 4:18 – not just in the past, but right now. Jesus came so that people might be changed and continue to be changed.

*He changed Mary Luke 1:48
He changed the shepherds Luke 2:15-17
He changed the wise men Mt 2:10-11
He changed the disciples from workers to witnesses
He changed Paul from persecutor to missionary
How has His birth changed you?
How is His birth continuing to change you?*

God is looking for people who will stand against the commercial tsunami that sweeps through each Christmas, people whose lives have been transformed by the One whose birth we celebrate, for only changed people can authentically call on others to be changed. Think, how can I be an agent of change this Christmas?

“...Pray for one another...”

Sunday:

Andrea and Peter Munn *Antonia*

Monday:

Dennis and Ebony Newton

Tuesday:

Faye Odell

Wednesday:

Peter and Kenna O'Donnell

Thursday:

Joan O'Donovan

Friday:

Cameron and Kara Press *Israel, Boaz, Judah*

Saturday:

Karen Price

What's on this week

Sunday	10.00am	Worship Service
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Tuesday	9.30am	Christmas Day Service

Christmas Carols Service

7.00pm Sunday, 23rd December

Christmas Day Service

9.30am Tuesday 25th December



Save your stamps

For more than 50 years people in Australian Baptist Churches have been collecting and selling stamps to raise money for the work of Global Interaction (around \$70,000 each year!).

Here is how you can help: Cut (not tear) stamps off envelopes, leaving a 5mm margin and give them to Trevor. These will be passed on to Global Interaction and sold to collectors to raise funds.

If every family collected only 5 stamps, on average, we would have a collection of around 400. Every stamp helps except those that are torn or have not been stamped by the Post Office.

Baptist World Aid Gift Cards

These cards are available today. By purchasing a gift card from our “**Big Hearted Gifts Stall**” you can make an incredible difference to people in other parts of the world. Many of them are caught in generational poverty with no prospect of escape unless people like us use our abundant resources to transform their situation. You can purchase gift cards using **cash or card**. Furthermore, your gift is tax deductible if you want to avail yourself of this privilege. Gift cards come in various amounts, depending on the project. They could help to change the life of a person just like you but who happens to have been born into different circumstances. Note that children can be encouraged to purchase a card. Some of them cost as little as \$5.00. This would provide parents with a valuable opportunity to train their children to be God’s agents of grace to people living in deep poverty.



If you have hearing difficulties, there are special headphones available to use during the service so that you can hear everything that is said from those who are leading the service.

IRAQ: Christian School Re-opens In Mosul

The re-opening of the oldest Christian school in Mosul, a northern Iraqi city once controlled by IS, is being hailed as ‘a victory over terrorism and extremism’. The elementary school was closed for four years, but has welcomed 400 students aged between six and 12. The school’s principal, Ahmed al-Saadi, says the re-opening was due to the efforts of volunteers and donors, which he praised as ‘a lesson in foiling extremism.’ The school is under the supervision of the Christians but offers education to students from all religions. Most schools in the area were closed when the city was controlled by the Islamic State.

–World Watch Monitor

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