



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.



You can be the heart and hands of Jesus

You may be aware that this year marks the 60th anniversary of Baptist World Aid. Over these years, people in churches across Australia have worked together to reach out to the poorest of the poor in our broken down world.

When families and children are destitute Baptist World Aid has been there through child sponsorship and community development. When natural disasters have torn families and cities apart, people in Baptist churches across our wealthy country have brought relief and given hope as we have lifted them out of misery. Through our Christian partners in the countries to which our aid goes the Gospel is proclaimed. Lives have been transformed, economically and spiritually, because people like you have caught the vision of the transformation that God can bring about through our combined efforts.

Among other things our vision as Christians and as a church must include ministry to the poor, the broken, the destitute. If we take the Bible seriously, they must occupy a significant part of what we do as a church. “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31:8-9.

Here in Drouin one in six people are living in poverty. Around the world, that figure grows into hundreds of millions, if not billions. For most of them the church is their only hope. If we don’t connect with them they will go from the cradle to the grave without ever hearing about Jesus. You can use this 60th anniversary year as an opportunity to make an incredible difference to your fellow human being. Take time to visit baptistworldaid.org.au to see what you can do to meet deep human need.

“...Pray for one another...”

Sunday:

Malcolm and Jeanette Baldwin

Monday:

Michelle Baldwin

Tuesday:

John and Anne Batchelor

Wednesday:

Bronwyn Blackstock

Thursday:

Darren and Fiona Board *Andrea, Liam, Rachael*

Friday:

Kris and Melanie Breaden *Tamara, Lucy*

Saturday:

Carl Bailey



What's on this week

Today	13 January	10.00am	Worship Service
Sunday	20 January	10.00am	Worship Service

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8

Life is fragile, handle with prayer

Leaders lead: Dictators control

“The church is a church only when it exists for others” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

A matter for prayer

The leadership of the church will be meeting this afternoon to discuss matters relating to our vision for the future.

As this is something that affects us all, it is incumbent on us all to be praying that the Lord’s direction will be made clear.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?
Who may stand in His holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who does not lift up his soul to an idol
Or swear by what is false.

Psalm 24:3-4



The foundations of prayer

1. Faith in God as God
2. The character of God
3. The purposes of God.
4. The ways of God

This fourth foundation has to do with openness to the ways of the Lord. Within our families we often assume ways of doing things as if they were the norm for everyone and we are surprised to find that in other families they have different standards. We confine what we call 'the right way' or the 'wrong way' to what we are used to doing.

We can do exactly the same with God about the ways of answering prayer. As we pray, we can have a mental picture of how God could, or should, answer our prayer. We are reminded in Is 55:8 that God's ways are higher than ours. Who of us would have thought of making salvation possible through the incarnation, the cross and resurrection. If I had been in the Garden of Eden, I would have wiped the scene clean and started again, not set in motion a painfully long series of events that would lead to the cross. God's ways are higher, much higher, than mine.

Who of us would have thought of using a heathen king to fulfil God's plan and calling him 'anointed,' but God did? We must not confine God's ways of answering prayer to what we expect or to what we think He can manage. The God who answered by fire on Mt Carmel later spoke in a still, small voice. When God's people pray God's answers are often a complete surprise.

What we should want most is God's will, not ours. We do not want to persuade God to do our will. With Moses, let us cry from the heart, 'show me your ways'. Let us trust Him to work as He sees best. Then, increasingly we will echo Paul's words: "O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!" Romans 11:33

According to The World Bank, 735 million people are living in poverty... and that figure only accounts for those who live in extreme poverty. At the same time nearly 66 million people, from all walks of life, have been forcibly displaced.

The children we sponsor

For many years our church has sponsored children through Mission Without Borders. While the children we sponsor are not orphans, they do need prayer and financial support because of their situations.



Lia Patrasanu is 13 and comes from Cantemir in South West Moldova. In Cantemir, unemployment, poverty, drug and alcohol abuse are high. Lia enjoys school, and then helps her parents with various chores at the end of the day. She is a very social girl and is often at the community centre getting involved in various activities, especially craft. She lives with her family, including 2 sisters and 2 brothers, and wants us to pray for her family's health and for peace within her country.

Angelica Constantin is 6 years old. Her birthday was yesterday. She comes from a very poor family and has 4 brothers and 2 sisters. The family lives in Ploiesti, a city of 230,000 people to the north of Bucharest the capital of Romania. Since the fall of communism many huge state factories have closed down, resulting in a very high unemployment rate in this region. Both of her parents are unemployed while her father has an alcohol abuse history. Mission Without Borders provides physical, emotional and spiritual support to Angelica and all her siblings.



Ruslan is nearly 10 years old and comes from Chudel in North West Ukraine. His parents take him home on weekends from the boarding school where he lives, and sometimes his grandmother visits him. His mother recently started a new job. He is doing well at school, and in his free time he cares for horses, plays ball games and spends time with his friends. He is also learning to roller skate.

In our praying we must always be open to the surprising ways of God as to how and when He should respond.



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.