



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.

Evangelism is at the heart of the church

I was reading an article during the week about the most evangelistic churches and what it is about them that makes them so effective evangelistically.

One of the key reasons for their effectiveness was that they all had at least three points of intentional evangelistic ministry in their churches. In each of these ministry areas evangelism was not just a part of what they did but the whole purpose of the ministry was to reach people for Jesus. The article listed a number of examples of intentional evangelistic ministry that these churches practised.

1. Highly evangelistic small groups, not just any group but those that have a DNA to reach people with the Gospel.
2. Ongoing prayer ministry for the lost rather than for the physical needs of people.
3. Community ministries with evangelistic intentionality.
4. A highly evangelistic pastor who shares the Gospel with multiple people each week and who makes evangelism a high priority in the church.
5. An evangelistic children's outreach during school holidays – VBS.
6. A church-wide evangelistic training program that will move the church towards a more evangelistic mindset. However, it must not become the primary focus of evangelism in the church.
7. Relational intentionality. Church members are trained and held accountable for developing relationships with those who are not Christians.

Over 50% of churches do not have even one of these intentionally evangelistic ministries. To grow, through conversions, we need at least three. Food for thought.

“...Pray for one another...”

Sunday:

Liz Chaffer

Monday:

Brenda Clearwater

Tuesday:

Luke Dicker

Wednesday:

Roma Drake

Thursday:

Benn and Karina Duff *Isabelle, Addison, Zachariah*

Friday:

Chris and Jess Duff *Chloe, Josh, Matilda*

Saturday:

Joshua and Sheridan Fairfull



What's on this week

Today	27 January	10.00am	Worship Service
Wednesday		7.00pm	Missions Committee
Sunday	3 February	10.00am	Worship Service

Thank you for your continued prayers, text messages of encouragement, beautiful cards with thoughtful comments and flowers, all of which have made me feel very blessed. I am looking forward to getting back into fellowship very soon.

Love in Christ, Lesley

May we live simply so that others may simply live.

Wycliffe Bible Translators are working to see the number of languages without Scripture brought to zero. There are still more than 1,500 languages that don't have a program begun to translate the Bible. But Russ Hersman, Chief Operations Officer for Wycliffe, says Bible translation is about more than putting words on a page. He says that to change lives the Bible must be both read and understood, and for many people reading the Bible is a far-off problem.

Many of the communities Wycliffe works in are pre-literate, so translators start by teaching people to read and write. Once they have taught basic literacy skills, they help the fledgling readers to glean truth from Scripture. Wycliffe believes Scripture engagement is vital to understanding who God is and who His people should be.

– Mission Network News

No one whose hope is in You
Will ever be put to shame,
But they will be put to shame
Who are treacherous without excuse.

Psalm 25:3

Approach to God in prayer

How do we approach God before we come with our petitions? One simple pattern is

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication



Dr R.A. Torrey found his experience in prayer transformed when he learned not only to pray and thank but to worship, to spend time not only asking but being 'occupied with God'. Many Christians do not start here – indeed they probably seldom truly worship the Lord. Take the average church service (anywhere). Some people rush to get there on time. Others get there early and spend the time in conversation. Others are always late. There is very little, if any, “be still, and know that I am God” time before the service. Westerners are not comfortable with silence. When the service is over, instead of reflecting on the wonder and majesty of God we launch into a cuppa and chat about – anything other than the wonder and majesty of God. It is so easy for any of us to slide into the slipshod façade of worship. The same can be true of our own personal prayer time.

If we start our prayer time with worship, it is good to ask, “What is worship?” Many people take us back to the old English word “woerthship” – He is worthy of our honour and praise. However, as Christians, we must derive our understanding from the Scriptures, not from the etymology of an English word. The main word used for ‘worship’ in the New Testament means “to kiss towards,” or “to kiss the hand towards.” Bowing down, acknowledgement of God’s supreme majesty and power, and our relationship with Him are at the heart of the word. This is also true in the O.T. God is in absolute control, and we come as dependent, humble servants.

Worship acknowledges God’s supreme authority over us, but it is our privilege to respond to the exhortation of Psalm 95: “O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.”

Worship – to kiss the hand towards – implies surrender, submission, humility, servanthood

News from Larelle Smith in Hong Kong

We had a wonderful time throughout Christmas outreach in December and saw 84 people come to Christ - approx 30 of them being kids and teens. We have never seen a response like this before as often people are closed and against even hearing the gospel. We know the Holy Spirit has been moving in Hong Kong and there has been a spiritual shift this Christmas. We are very thankful for the fruitfulness of these outreaches and I look forward to sharing more stories with you all soon.

Real impact... thanks to your generosity.

The need in our world today is as vast as it is constant. Rohingya refugees continue to flee the violence of their homeland, Myanmar, treading the treacherous journey to Bangladesh. Tsunami and earthquake survivors in Indonesia are still reeling, plagued by enduring grief and fear. And for countless families across the globe who are living in extreme poverty, every day brings with it a new struggle to stay alive.

Your faithful acts of generosity have meant that 2018 has also been a year marked by real impact and incredible change... for 332,391 people! Thank you!



Your generosity means that we have been involved in 18 countries, 82 projects, 112,378 households, helping 332,391 people.

This has been achieved through 42 local Christian partners in the field, 6,252 community groups for all ages, with 46,397 children attending school

When you give to Baptist World Aid, you can be sure that your generosity is making a big difference for some of the world’s most vulnerable people.

“You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.” – Mathew 5: 14 – 16.

Yesterday, the Walmsley’s and Garing’s held an Australia Day BBQ with all the people in Palm Square – a great opportunity to represent Christ.



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.