



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.

Happiness is a by-product, not the goal

In his book, *Faithism*, UK author Krish Kandiah reflects on happiness: The fact that we all want to be happy, and in fact much of our society devotes itself to trying to grasp and hold happiness, but it's elusive.

It's a bit like the happiness that comes from blowing bubbles. The moment you reach out and think you've got it, it's gone. Many times we chase the bubble, but it is always just out of reach and as soon as it touches the ground, the bubble bursts.

I think this is the way it is in the lives of many people today. A lot of people are chasing after happiness, but like the bubbles, happiness is always just out of reach. Or, just when we think we have it, our bubble may burst. The entertainment, tourism and advertising industries are constantly pumping out 'happiness bubbles'.



British economist Richard Layard has devoted much of his life to studying happiness and wrote these words: "the pursuit of happiness is self-defeating, the only way to become happy is do something else – happiness is a by-product".

Paul challenges his readers in Philippi that they should, "not look to your own interests but each of you to the interest of others". *Philippians 2:4*

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Paul and Layard are saying the same thing. If you focus on others you are more likely to find happiness. If you live selfishly, happiness will be hard to find. True happiness is found in a relationship with Christ and a lifetime of serving Him.

"...Pray for one another..."

Sunday:

Andrew and Megan Rayment

Monday:

Des and Heather Wallace

Tuesday:

Sara Wallace

Wednesday:

Trevor and Angela Walmsley

Thursday:

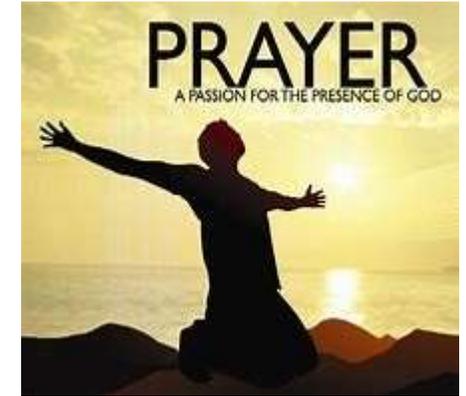
Alexander White

Friday:

Sally and Barry Wilkinson *Toby*

Saturday:

Liz Pfeiffer



What's on this week

Today	31 March	10.00am	Worship Service Genesis 25:19-34 A Fractured family
		10.30am	God Space and Creche
		11.59am	Quarterly Business Meeting
		~1.30pm	Ladies Get Together
Tuesday		10.00am	Linking Hands Craft Group
Wed, Thurs, Fri		9.30am	Bizzy Butterflies Playgroup
Friday		7.30pm	LifeQuest Movie Night
Sunday	7 April	10.00am	Daylight Saving Ends Worship Service

"It is the whole job of the whole church to preach the whole Gospel to the whole world." C.H. Spurgeon

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.

Unintended Consequences Of China's Investments In Africa

As the Chinese economically invest in and build infrastructure in Africa, Africans are evangelizing the Chinese. Billions of dollars in loans from China to Africa in addition to foreign direct investment have significantly increased. As a result of the influx of Chinese resources and the estimated 1,000,000 Chinese working on the continent, many are hearing and responding to the Gospel from African Christians as many African churches have reached out to Chinese workers, including incorporating Mandarin into services. ChinaAid President Bob Fu told the Christian Post the Chinese leadership is increasingly worried about the rapid growth of the Christian faith, but despite its best efforts, China would appear to be losing its fight against Christianity. The growing influx of citizens returning from Africa is shaping up to be another hopeless front in that war. – Christian Post

For a brief, challenging Easter message from Crossover Australia, go to their website <https://www.crossover.org.au/easter> and click on "The Other Story of Easter."

Ideas for a more ethical Easter

1. Be fair.

2. Be Vocal.

Another way you can have a more ethical Easter this year is choosing to be vocal about injustice – like the injustice of cocoa farmers who are being woefully underpaid for the cocoa that goes into your chocolate.

Romans 4:4 says, "*Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due*".

Call on the world's largest chocolate companies to ensure that cocoa farmers receive a fair income... and thank Australian retailers for stocking Easter chocolates that are certified to mitigate the risks of child labour.

3. Be Generous

Finally, you can enjoy a more ethical Easter by being generous.

2 Corinthians 9:11 says that you "*will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way*".

At Easter time we celebrate the most generous gift the world has ever seen. The death of Christ on the cross for our sins. What better time to reflect God's generosity to the world around us?

So... after you're done choosing your ethically certified chocolate eggs, why not pair them with a donation to Baptist World Aid? Visit baptistworldaid.org.au

G.J. Coles – Living For Christ In The Market Place

Few people have made their mark on the shopping habits of Australians like George J. Coles. The founder of the Coles supermarket chain, he is still a household name four decades after his death. A man of high morals and honourable standards, he often said that he owed most to his parents for his grounding in Christianity. According to Judith McLaughlin, in her book about the founder of G.J. Coles, George Coles was an ardent and generous Christian. She says his greatest legacy was not in grocery stores; it was to live out the teachings of Jesus and contribute to the wellbeing of society. Mr Coles paid for Billy Graham's 1959 Crusade to be publicly broadcast across the nation in the early days of television. He helped fund a hall at his local church, assisted many charities and financially supported Christian Education. The first G.J.Coles store opened in 1914.



Cyclone Idai

It is now just over one week since Cyclone Idai made landfall over Beira, Mozambique, and there is still limited information flowing from the worst affected areas. While our team is safe, it is clear that this disaster is massive in both intensity and scope. Hundreds of thousands of people have been impacted. In many inland areas, the response is still in the rescue phase with many people being rescued by boat and helicopter.

Donations towards the ongoing relief effort can be made through Baptist World Aid: www.baptistworldaid.org.au/appeals/cyclone-idai-appeal/

Feedback from the Missions Committee Meeting

Newsletters and/or prayer points from Global Interaction, Baptist World Aid, Bible Society, Youth for Christ and Mission without Borders were presented.

For our May Appeal it was decided that we would take on the challenge of supporting a project in which David and Eliza are involved. They will be speaking at our church on Sunday 19th May @ 4.00pm. More information will follow.

The Missions Committee connects with 12 different ministries. We would like to strengthen the connection between these ministries and the church generally. To this end we will be encouraging everyone in the church to commit to connecting with a ministry through prayer, emails and providing feedback to the church. This will be in addition to the connection that the committee has with these groups. We grow only when we move outside our comfort zone. Connecting with unfamiliar people and organisations can be challenging, but it is a catalyst for growth.