



WEEKLY NEWS

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HAVING AND BEING

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Have you ever caught yourself thinking – if I only had some cost of living relief, if I had some love/respect from my family, and had some recognition at work, then I would be happy. In short, if I had..., I would be....

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This type of thinking confuses having with being. Life and joy are the result of having. So the next logical question becomes how do I get more, so I can be happier? The intuitive answer is, by doing more. Activity produces outcomes, and more activity produces more and better outcomes. If you study harder, you get better results. If you work harder, you get rewarded.

As we look around at others, or browse social media, this formula is reinforced. The people who seem the happiest, the people we are most envious of, are those who have worked hard and therefore have and can enjoy more.

And yet at the same time we realise this is a recipe for burnout. Working too hard for too long is unsustainable and unfulfilling. So we create a pressure relief value with the idea of 'me time'. As we come closer to exhaustion, we recharge our batteries by taking a well-earned break, or with some retail therapy – we deserve it. Having re-filled our tank, we quickly get back into the fast lane so we have even more, so we can be even more fulfilled.

This thinking reaches into church life. If we had more income, more volunteers, more young families, more..., we would be a better church. And we want to be a better church with more, so we better get active and productive.

Is this biblical? Yes and no. Yes we should produce fruit, and we are workers in the vineyard or harvest field. But no, having is not being. As Jesus says "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15) Bigger barns and bigger churches can distract us from being God's children.

NEXT STEPS

Book Now

Our Next Steps Dinner is coming up on the 31st of October from 6pm. This dinner is an opportunity for us to gather, share a meal, and hear from Rev David Rietveld and the DAC Staff team about our Next Steps as a Church, and how you can partner with us to grow God's kingdom. Gather your friends, your Bible Study and your family members as we look at what it looks like to be disciples. Book your tickets here (family tickets also available). **Why don't you RSVP today?**



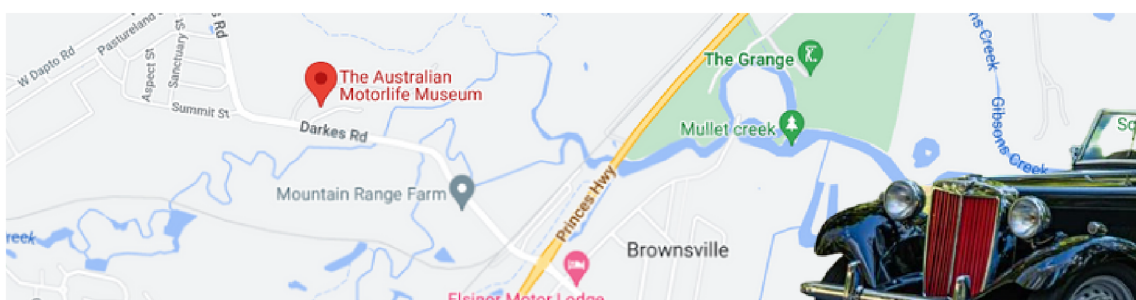
DSSB Coffee and Dessert Night



A huge thank you to everyone who attended our latest Dapto Schools Scripture Board Coffee and Dessert Night. The event was well attended by a range of local churches and fun was had by all. Amy (SRE teacher - Dapto High) gave us a fun and insightful view into her classes, Jono Marshall (Regional Director - Generate SU Australia) spoke about SRE as a whole, as well as hearing from the board and singing songs! An update will soon follow with the fundraising results.

Connect Men

This Saturday, the 28th of October, Connect Men will relive days gone by at the Australian Motor Life Museum. Let's connect and wander together through an extensive collection of motoring history. Tickets will cost \$20 for an adult, or \$15 for a senior. Join us from 10am, and stay as long as you like. BYO lunch if you'd like to hang around.



Safe Ministry

Dapto Anglican Church is committed to Safe Ministry Practices. If you have a question or concern, we are here to help.

Please contact:

- Julie Houghton, Parish Safe Ministry Representative, by confidential email safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au or through our church office on 42611001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945



Christmas is only 8 weeks away!

We hope that you are slowly getting into the Christmas spirit and are getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Save the dates of our Christmas services and invite your family and friends to hear the real, hope-filled message of Christmas.

Christmas Eve
Sunday 24th December

At the Ministry Centre

9am Service

4pm Service

St Luke's
11pm Service

Christmas Day
Monday 25th December

At the Ministry Centre

9am Service



Working & Cleaning Bee



Working together to maintain our property

Friday Nov 10th
10am till 2pm



Saturday Nov 11th
9am till 12pm

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Prayer to use daily: Our prayer this week comes from 2 Thessalonians 1:11 and is a great prayer for all those whom you pray.

I constantly pray that our God may count you worthy of his service, and that by his power he may fulfil every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of the Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

MOURNING

Please continue to pray for Jim B, Sarah & Jonathon M, and their family following the recent death of Jim's mother-in-law and Sarah & Jonathon's Grandmother.

EXPECTANT PARENTS

Tara and Nathan O; Lisa and Matt G.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Please continue to pray for our people in Residential Care Homes: Jean W, Kath H, Phyllis D, Audrey & Alan R, Gae & Allen Q, Elsie N, Barbara L, Pamela B, Gordon M, Beth W, Betty B (Piper House, Dapto); Robyn K (Digger's Rest, Corrimal); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H, Trevor W (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Wendye C (Farmborough Uniting, Unanderra); Cheryl T (Hammond Care, Horsley); Graham S (The Links, Wollongong); Brian B (William Beach Gardens, Dapto).

8AM / WED 2PM

Please pray for Jim B as he recovers from his surgery; Continue to pray for Phil W as he recovers from surgery to his leg; Also please continue to pray for Wal S for good recovery and further surgery.

10AM

Please continue to pray for Michael V following his recent heart surgery; Also continue to pray for Trish G; Shaina's son, Roman; and Pat's friend, Jan J; Also continue to pray for Andrew W, Phillip P, and Janice S as they all have health issues.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Please pray for Lynne N's brother, Stephen, as he is having his Targeted Chemo adjusted and has been unwell; Also, keep praying for Lynne N as she goes through the protocols for her new medication for her Crohn's. Also pray for good results as she has a Squamous Cell cancer removed from the top of her ear.