

READING

The following plan is designed to take you through the New Testament in one Year and the Old Testament in two years.

Sept. 25 - Ezek 28, Ps 13-14	Sept. 28 - Ezek 31, Ps 18	Oct. 1 - Ezek 34, Ps 22
Sept. 26 - Ezek 29, Ps 15-16	Sept. 29 - Ezek 32, Ps 19	Oct. 2 - Ezek 35, Ps 23-24
Sept. 27 - Ezek 30, Ps 17	Sept. 30 - Ezek 33, Ps 20-21	Oct. 3 - Ezek 36, Ps 25

PRAYING

This information is intended to help you pray for specific needs in our congregation and the world. Updates to prayer requests for individuals will be added as information is provided.

The prayer power has never been tried to its full capacity...if we want to see might wonders of divine power and grace wrought in the place of weakness, failure and disappointment, let us answer God's standing challenge, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and might things which thou knowest not."

- J. Hudson Taylor

For Our Mission

Consider this challenge to stretch your "prayer muscles". Read carefully and take the time to see if you can develop a prayer with a biblical basis in respect of items in the weekly "What's Happening...." and "Ministries" sheet before you dispose of it. Ps 127:1 *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.*

For Our World

Pray for the board, employees and volunteers of Mission Services of London. They shelter homeless men, women ,and families. They support people dealing with addiction and mental health issues. Their work for the hungry, homeless ,and hurting is not easy.

Ps 140:12. *I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy*

For Our Congregation

- For the following people who continue to struggle with a variety of health issues: Steve Field, Dave Wilson, David Wilson, Pat Dermenjian; Lynda Weber (Dave Weber's wife); Will Truppe; Michele Nielsen
- Praise God! Dana Orchard has now received the government grant which will allow her to have injections that are to considerable ease the daily pain that she struggles with;
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

September 25, 2016

Pastor Deven K. MacDonald



HEARING:

The Foolishness of God -# 1

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (pg. 1142)

If you think Christians are a bit nuts, you're not alone...

1 Cor 1:18-19

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
thee intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."*

Notes:

Foolish because it's scandalous

Foolish because of our pride

Foolish because it's simple

1 Cor 1:20, 21

Where is the wise person Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

Notes:

1 Cor 1:22-24

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Notes:

Jews demand a sign → Like us saying to God, "Do this and that, and then I'll follow you."

Greeks seek after wisdom → Like us saying to God, "You have to think like think, and believe what I believe for me to follow you."

God's response: Look at the answer I've given to you: Jesus Christ crucified!

DEEPENING

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APPLYING

It's one thing to hear God's Word, it's another to apply it! Answering the questions on your own before your group meets will help you be fully engaged in the discussion.

1. Do you ever feel like the message of Jesus is a bit crazy? Have you ever met someone who expressed just how crazy they thought Christians are?
2. Paul says that the message of the cross is foolishness to those who don't know Christ. It's foolish because it kills our pride. Can you explain this? Why do we want to be our own savior?
3. What type of signs were the Jews of Jesus' day expecting? From what you know of the Gospels, how did Jesus' words and actions run contrary to expectations?
4. Look at the final text (1 Cor 1:22-24). How do we tend to look at God and demand that he act and think like us? How are we prone to doing this?
5. Take some time as a group and pray that God would open eyes to see the truth of the message of Jesus. Our people and our missionaries are going out every week and sharing Christ with their friends and neighbors. Pray that God would use their witness to call people to himself.

REMEMBERING

Memorizing is one of the best ways of making truth stick. You can memorize something if you repeat it enough times. Try reading the verse 5 times a day until it sticks! Choose a part of it for your kids if needed.

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but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV)