

READING

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

Oct 23 - Dan 8, Ps 50	Oct 26 - Dan 11, Ps 55	Oct 29 - Hos 2, Ps 60-61
Oct 24 - Dan 9, Ps 51	Oct 27 - Dan 12, Ps 56-57	Oct 30 - Hos 3-4, Ps 62-63
Oct 25 - Dan 10, Ps 52-54	Oct 28 - Hos 1, Ps 58-59	Oct 31 - Hos 5-6, Ps 64-65

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.

From a John Piper message 1988: In order to mobilize a movement of prayer in the church and in order to sustain a will to pray in our hearts, we must think and talk about other things besides prayer. 1. We must talk first about war. Because life is war. And it is utterly impossible for people to know what prayer really is until they know that they are in a war, and until they know that the stakes of that war are infinitely high. 2. We must talk about the Sovereignty of God. Because only from this great truth can we know that we will win the war. And only then will we have hope and strength to press on in a life of prayer. 3. Then, when we have spoken first about the war we are in and next about the sovereignty of God, then we can come to what I will call the awesome place of prayer in God's purposes for the world.

For Our Mission

Summerside children's ministries are lead and coordinated by Kat Dimoff, with a host of volunteers sowing into young lives. Nothing we do is more important than this.

- Pray for enough people to share the work; for joy and energy for each of the volunteers. Sometimes classes are busy and difficult; for the children - that their hearts would be open to receive and that the teachers and activities would making a lasting impact.

For Our World

In respect of political representatives, we should pray for their health & safety. We should pray that they would execute justice, that they would follow the Lord's ways & repent if they don't; that they will govern with wisdom for the "welfare of the city" (Jer. 29:7), not for personal gain or for the advantage of a favored few; that God will accomplish His purposes through them regardless of their willingness to be used by Him. Proverbs 21:1 tells us that "the king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He will." We can petition Him to work through even those who are resisting Him to fulfill His purposes.

For Our Congregation

- For the following people who continue to struggle with a variety of health issues: David Wilson, Pat Dermenjian; Lynda Weber (Dave Weber's wife); Will Truppe; Michele Nielsen
- Don Cross is recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Jr. High youth and leaders who will be returning from Bedlam, in Muskoka Woods, today

WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

October 23, 2016

Pastor Deven K. MacDonald



HEARING:

Picturing our Identity

1 Corinthians 3:5-17 (pg. 1144)

1. We're in this together (3:10)

"By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care."

2. We have one foundation (3:11)

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

3. We will all give an account so be careful to build well (3:12-15)

"If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames."

Reminder -

God's people are God's Temple (3:16,17)

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

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.

Community Group Questions

1. Have you ever seen the effects of a poor foundation? How did this affect the building?
2. God is the one who gives growth, and we are all called to just play our role (one sows seed, one waters), how does this encourage us to be active and work hard?
3. Why is Jesus our foundation? Talk through some of the reasons given in the sermon. Add your own. Why is it so important that we, as a church, have Jesus as our foundation? Why is it important for us, individually, to have Jesus as the foundation of our lives?
4. How should we live in light of having to stand before God someday to give an "account" for our works? Discuss why this is something for Christians to look forward to.
5. Spend some time praying as a group that we, as a church, and as individuals, would be working hard and building that which will last and endure. Pray that Jesus will guide us to keep him as our foundation, that we would center on him and work to please him.

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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which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11 ^(NIV)