

READING

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

Dec 18 - Zech 5, Ps 129-131	Dec 23 - Zech 10, Ps 140-141	Dec 28 - Mal 1, Ps 146-147
Dec 19 - Zech 6, Ps 132-134	Dec 24 - Zech 11, Ps 142	Dec 29 - Mal 2, Ps 148
Dec 20 - Zech 7, Ps 135-136	Dec 25 - Zech 12, Ps 143	Dec 30 - Mal 3, Ps 149
Dec 21 - Zech 8, Ps 137-138	Dec 26 - Zech 13, Ps 144	Dec 31, Mal 4, Ps 150
Dec 22 - Zech 9, Ps 139	Dec 27 - Zech 14, Ps 145	

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.

Prayer requires that we stand in God's presence with open hands, naked and vulnerable, proclaiming to ourselves and to others that without God we can do nothing. Discipleship does not mean to use God when we can no longer function ourselves. On the contrary, it means to recognize that we can do nothing at all, but that God can do everything through us. As disciples, we find not some but all of our strength, hope, courage, and confidence in God. Therefore, prayer must be our first concern.

- Henry Nouwen

For Our Mission

- Pray that everyone exposed to the Christmas story will gain some insight into the magnificent grace of God, and His willingness to provide for our needs.
- Pray for the lonely, ill, grieving and elderly through this winter season.

For Our World

Several countries are taking steps to restrict ministries such as Compassion due to fears that groups are using humanitarian work to mask evangelization efforts. India has made it impossible to transfer funds into the country with a view to reduce "activities detrimental to the national interest." This impacts 145,000 children supported by Compassion International.

For Our Congregation

- For the following people who continue to struggle with a variety of health issues: Judy Lediet, David Wilson, Pat Dermenjian; Lynda Weber (Dave Weber's wife); Will Truppe; Michele Nielsen
- Please pray for the women who are at Divorce Care here on Tuesday nights
- Harvey Gabriel is at Parkwood Hospital recovering from the complications during his triple bypass surgery. He had a stroke in the back of his brain that affected his optic nerve and, now, he cannot see and is also having challenges in processing information. Please pray for Harvey and Lorraine as they struggle with this
- Ken Bowman continues to recover at home after triple bypass surgery. Please pray for healing and restoration for Ken and strength for Leslie as she cares for him
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

December 18, 2016

Pastor Deven MacDonald



Have you met the
Christ in Christmas?

HEARING:

Have you met the Christ in Christmas?

He Is Jesus!

Matthew 1 (pg. 965)

God's focus on his name:

Isaiah 48:9

For my name's sake I defer my anger, for the sake of my praise I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off. Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.

1. His name is Jesus; It _____ salvation

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Matthew 20:28 "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many"

► Jesus is more than just an example; he's the savior.

2. His Name is Jesus; He _____ salvation

2 Cor 5:21 "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Col 1:19-20 "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross"

► Jesus secures our salvation through his death.

3. His Name is Jesus; He _____ salvation

Rom 10:13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"

► Jesus offers salvation to all who will trust in him.

GIVING

This monthly financial update is a reminder that giving is a significant part of our worship and as family we all have a responsibility to support our ministry as we serve together. Give generously; give in faith, give expecting God to use it to transform lives and glorify himself.

	November	Year Totals
Needed for our Vision (budget)	\$37,077	\$203,923
Actual Receipts	<u>\$35,334</u>	<u>\$179,594</u>
Difference	\$ - 1,743	\$ -24,329

Other Receipts in November: Caring Fund: \$3,404* Building Fund: \$1,475

*Includes Missionaries' Christmas Gifts \$2,184

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. What is the weirdest, most ridiculous name you've ever heard of?
2. Can you think of a character from a movie or book who has a name that reveals their character or abilities?
3. Pastor Deven talked about the problem with viewing Jesus as just an example for us to follow. Why is this not enough?
4. Read 2 Cor 5:21; Col 1:19-20. What do these verses tell us about how Jesus secured our salvation? Look at the specific words used.
5. Take some time as a group and pray that Jesus, the Savior, would save people in our church and community. Christmas Eve is a great time to invite friends and family to church who usually wouldn't be interested. Who can you invite? Who can you be praying for?

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

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name
Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21 ^(NIV)