

READING

We believe that regular Bible reading is the most important step we can take to grow spiritually. If you need a tool to help you be consistent, check out the options at the Resource table in the foyer.

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 Danish philosopher and theologian Søren Kierkegaard believed that boredom was the root of all evil. In other words, boredom isn't just boring. It's wrong. You cannot be in the presence of God and be bored at the same time. For that matter, you cannot be in the will of God and be bored at the same time. If you follow in the footsteps of Jesus, it will be anything but boring. The choice is yours — consecration or boredom? It's one or the other. If you don't consecrate yourself to Christ, you'll get bored. If you do, you won't. And that is where the battle is won or lost.

-Mark Batterson

For Our Mission

We are committed to doing 3 things: **Worshipping, Serving, and Growing.**

One opportunity to Grow is exposure to people whose views differ from our own. This can feel quite threatening. Do such situations arise naturally and regularly for you?

- Pray that Summerside ministries will help us put down deep roots into the truth as an anchor for our souls.
- Pray that we will be able to communicate in ways that combine truth and grace.

For Our World

Merciful God, we pray for all whose desperation leads them to the sea, to undertake perilous voyages, often following dangerous journeys over land: those escaping brutal wars, those fleeing religious persecution, those escaping climate disasters and economic ruin, those looking for hope in a hopeless situation.

May we look beyond our own fears and concerns to the needs of those who have nothing, risk everything and depend on the kindness of strangers. May our hearts be opened, our leaders be challenged and our self-interest be called out, in Jesus' name

- from <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

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; Judy Lediet; Ken Bowman. Harvey Gabriel
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

January 15, 2017

Pastor Mark Cuthbert



HEARING:

Enjoying Marriage

1 Cor. 7:1-7 (pg. 1146)

The Question They Were Asking: (7:1)

- ❖ Would Christians be better off just avoiding all sexual relationships:
- By avoiding getting married
 - Or avoiding physical intimacy in marriage

Paul's Answers:

1. Marriage involves the physical _____ of two bodies (7:2)

2. Husbands and wives should _____ one another (7:3-6)

a. Love _____ (7:3-4)

b. Love _____ (7:5-6)

3. Marriage and Singleness are _____ from God (7:7)

◇ What if no one is meeting my "needs"?

1. _____ your desires to God

2. _____ that God would change you

3. _____ to do the right thing

GIVING

This monthly financial update is evidence of God's provision through his people. As we begin a new year we are trusting God to work through his people to support their church family as we work together to do all the great work he has given us. Give generously; give in faith, give expecting God to use it to transform lives and glorify himself.

	Dec	Year Total (6 months)
Needed for our Vision (budget)	\$37,077	\$241,000
Actual Receipts	<u>\$64,883</u>	<u>\$244,527</u>
Difference	\$27,806	\$ 3,527

Other Receipts in December Caring Fund: \$1,525 Building Fund: \$1,240

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

Community Group Questions

- (Leaders can adapt this opening question to fit your group in a respectful way)
Take time to share a little of your "love" stories. Whether single, married, divorced or widowed, it would be meaningful for your group to share a little of your stories so that you can get to know each other better. Some of our stories could be painful, but it is good to allow others to understand a little of our painful past. Don't worry if this takes up most of your time together.
- What was the main challenge you got from this week's message?
- Love gives, and love respects: Talk about the ways these demonstrations of love show up in a marriage, home, school, or workplace.
- Talk about how marriage and singleness can be thought of as "gifts" from God. How does thinking of something as a gift, affect the way we deal with it?
- As you pray, remember one another, specially in light of hearing one another's stories.

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.

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Cor. 6:19-20 ^(NIV)