

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.

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

We are committed to **Worshipping, Serving, and Growing.**

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. - 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (NLT)

For Our World

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

- 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.
- If you are aware of other organizations serving similar community needs, pray for them.

For Our Congregation

- For the following people who continue to struggle with a variety of health issues: David Wilson, Pat Demenjian; Lynda Weber (Dave Weber's wife); Will Truppe; Michele Nielsen; Judy Lediet; Ken Bowman; Harvey Gabriel
- For David Foster who is leaving on Jan. 26 for a 3 week trip to Tanzania where he will be providing training to believers to help reach out to the large Muslim population in that area.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

January 22, 2017

Pastor Deven K. MacDonald



HEARING:

Singleness and the Glory of God

1 Cor. 7:8-16 (pg. 1146)

Singleness is hard but by grace, it can glorify God
and be a beautiful gift

If you are single, remember:

1. It's a _____ way to _____ (1 Cor 7:7,8)

God's Promise to his Covenant People:

Isiah 56:4-5

"To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose what pleases me
and hold fast to my covenant—
to them I will give within my temple and its walls
a memorial and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that will endure forever.

2. It's not a _____ life

Matt 19:12

For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

So,

3. Be _____ with Where God has You (1 Cor 7:25-28)

4. Be _____ on the _____ (1 Cor 7:32-35)

5. Be _____ (1 Cor 7:9 and 36-38)

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

1. Why do you think that, in Christian circles, we often obsess over marriage?
2. Have you ever thought about singleness as a gift? That it's something that's not "second best."
3. Practically speaking, in what ways does a single person have more freedom to serve God day to day? Talk it through.
4. Imagine with me: How would you counsel a friend who is single but struggles with sexual temptation, loneliness, and a longing for intimacy? What if they clearly are being called to a life of celibacy? How would you encourage them with the gospel and grace of Jesus? What can Jesus give them in their time of trial? How should they invest in the church community? Put your theology into practice!
5. Take some time and pray for the singles in our church. Pray for their purity and that they would find their satisfaction and joy in Jesus and honour him with their time and resources.

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.

I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.

1 Cor. 7:7^(NIV)