

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.

"You are not your own; you were bought at a price.
Therefore honor God with your bodies."
1 Co 10:19b - 20

For Our Mission

We are committed to preach and teach in mutual support of **Worship, Service and Growth**.

Most of us can find something to pray for in respect of our current marital status. Growth is all by grace. Remember - Singleness is hard, but by grace it can glorify God and be a beautiful gift. Marriage is hard, but by grace it can glorify God and be a beautiful gift.

For Our World

Perhaps you would agree with the cartoon tag line "My desire to be well-informed is currently at odds with my desire to be sane."

Nevertheless, check out the International Justice Mission web site <http://www.ijm.org/>

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." – Romans 12:12

For Our Congregation

- For the following people who continue to struggle with a variety of health issues: David Wilson, Pat Dermenjjan; Lynda Weber (Dave Weber's wife); Will Truppe; Michele Nielsen; Judy Lediet; Harvey Gabriel
- For David Foster who left 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.
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

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HEARING:

Commissioning a Pastor

1 Cor. 9:1-18 (pg. 1148)

📖 Ephesians 4:11-13

☆ In God's design, spiritual growth happens through your connection with a church where spiritual _____ are helping you grow.

1. What is a Pastor?

📖 1 Peter 5:1-2

📖 Acts 20:28-30

The Role of Elders in Shepherding the Church:

1. **Loving the Flock** - Come to know, counsel, and care for God's people at Summerside.
2. **Leading the Flock** - Encourage/envision/stimulate God's people forward, empowering them to fulfill his purposes in his church and the world.
3. **Protecting the Flock** - Recognize dangers that God's people face and seek to prepare them for and encourage them as they face those dangers.
4. **Feeding the Flock** - Provide opportunities for God's people to come to know him and make him known to others through the ministry of God's word.

2. Should a Pastor be paid, or just volunteer? (9:1-14)

Who were the Apostles

- ◆ Men commissioned by Christ to be his authoritative representatives.
- ◆ They all had seen Christ (1 Corinthians 9:1) and were authenticated by signs, wonders, and miracles (2 Corinthians 12:12).
- ◆ The first apostles were the 12 disciples (Luke 6:13).
- ◆ Matthias was added to replace Judas, the traitor (Acts 1:26).
- ◆ Paul was added by Christ (1 Corinthians 15:8-9).
- ◆ The word is also used for a “messenger” (Philippians 2:25), which leads some people speak of missionaries as some form of modern day “apostles” or “messengers”.

A. Paul's Rights (9:4-6)

1. Have his daily needs met (9:4)
2. Have enough for his wife to join him (9:5)
3. Have support so he can spend his time in ministry (9:6)

B. Reasons for paying full time ministers (9:7-14)

1. *Everyday life* (9:7)
2. *Old Testament precedent* (9:8-11)
3. *Temple customs* (9:13)
4. *The teaching of Jesus* (9:14)

📖 Luke 10:7; 1 Timothy 5:18; Galatians 6:6

3. The bottom line: It's all about the _____ (9:12b, 15-18)

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. Share a time when someone in full time ministry made an impact in your life.
2. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. How does the thought of Christ giving people to the church, for our benefit, affect the way we think about people in ministry? Did this week's message challenge you to think differently about pastors? In what ways?
3. Review the four aspects of the role of elders in a church. Think of some specific examples of how elders serve in each of those areas. What are some ways the congregation helps or hinders the elders as they carry out their role?
4. Have you ever used the expression "it's just a rental"? We don't think about doing any maintenance on a short-term rental vehicle because we aren't going to have it very long. We expect someone else to do the hard work of making it last a long time. If you expect your new Lead Pastor to be around for the next 20 years, how should that change the way you think about him, or how you relate to him?
5. Think about ways that people could answer this question: What would I be willing to give up for the sake of the gospel?
6. Talk about some specific requests you could pray for your pastors, other staff, or missionaries.

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.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists,
the pastors and teachers to equip his people for works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up.

Ephesians 4:11-12^(NM)