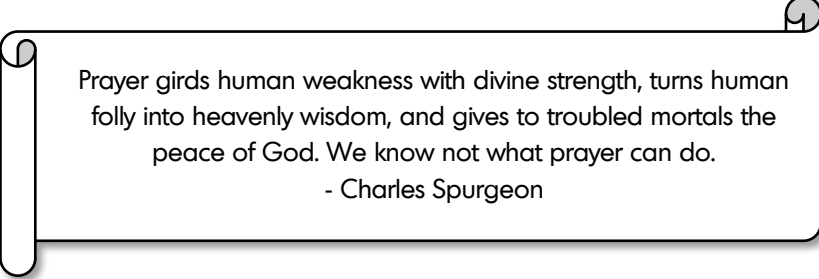

READING

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 girds human weakness with divine strength, turns human folly into heavenly wisdom, and gives to troubled mortals the peace of God. We know not what prayer can do.

- Charles Spurgeon

For Our Mission

Worship God, **Serve** others, **Grow** together.

Psalm 118:24 - This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (ESV)

May our joy be a testimony to those around us who live with fear and anxiety. God give us grace to encourage rather than judge and condemn. Who might you pray for this week?

For Our World

We must remember that although man has fallen from God, and that the results of this fall are in evidence in his every thought and deed, nevertheless, thanks to God's common grace, man is safeguarded against complete deterioration. - J. H. Bavink

Be encouraged in prayer for the souls who may seem most resistant to the entry of truth. There is hope while there is breath.

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; Harvey Gabriel
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WORSHIP GUIDE *Philippians*

Summerside Community Church

April 30, 2017

Speaker: Dr. Deven K. MacDonald

- BEING MADE NEW -

HEARING:

Good News for Tired Christians

Philippians 1:9-18

^{1:9} And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

→ **Love for Jesus needs to grow**

→ **Love for others needs to grow**

^{1:10-11} so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

→ **God glorifying choices**

→ **God glorifying People**

^{1:12-18} Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. ¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,

1. Growing in LOVE gives you a _____
2. Growing in LOVE Gives you a way to _____ on your _____
3. Growing in LOVE Gives you a way to _____ your _____

Prayer: Jesus, grow our love for you and our love for one another even deeper this year.

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. How has God been teaching you in the book of Philippians so far?
2. How have you been doing with your readings and family readings?
3. Why do you think Paul leaves the "object of our love" in verse 8 ambiguous? What's the relationship between our love for God and our love for one another? Why are these two so related?
4. Read the passage again carefully. How does Paul expect our growth in love to impact our choices and our character? Explain in your own words what verses 8, 9, 10 and are getting at.
5. How can you practically grow in love this week for Jesus? How are your habits revealing your heart and how are they reinforcing your affection? This is a bit of a thinker!

REMEMBERING

As we engage with the book of Philippians, we are inviting the congregation to memorize 2:1-11. Join us in this life-changing challenge by memorizing one verse each week over the next 11 weeks.

"Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,..."
Philippians 2:1^{NIV}