
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.



A Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson



Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.
Amen.



For Our Congregation

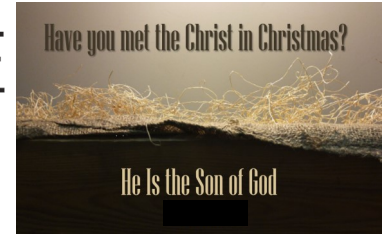
- Elmer Williams has been moved into long-term care at Kensington Village. He is in Room 111. He is happy and is getting a little stronger
- Dana Orchard continues to recover, in Parkwood, from back surgery
- Jill Wilson had successful surgery on both of her feet on Dec. 12 and is at home recovering. She will be confined to her bed for several weeks

WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

December 17, 2017

Speaker: Dr. Deven K MacDonald



HEARING:

Have you met the Christ in Christmas?

Jesus as Son of God

Luke 1:32-35 (pg. 1025)

→ **Many have claimed to be a son of a god (both modern and ancient):**

- ◆ Crazy people today
- ◆ Perseus
- ◆ Heracles
- ◆ Theseus
- ◆ Alexander the Great
- ◆ Roman Caesars

→ **But none were like Jesus:**

☆ Jesus was Jewish! Look to Old Testament to understand him.

→ **Jesus is the one and Only True Son of God:**

📖 Luke 1:26-35 (Christmas Story)

- ◆ "Son of Mary" (1:31)
- ◆ Virgin Birth: "Jesus was miraculously conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary without sexual union with man"
- ◆ "Son of the Most High" (1:32; 2:35)
- ◆ "Son of David" (1:32)

📖 Luke 3:21-22 (Baptism)

◆ "You are my Son ..." (3:22)

📖 Luke 3:23-38 (Genealogy)

◆ Luke highlights three people: _____, Abraham, and

◆ Jesus is the fulfillment!

→ What does this mean for us?

- ◆ We can know God
- ◆ Jesus knows you
- ◆ We have a new family

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.

	Nov	YTD
Needed for our Vision (budget)	\$39,269.	\$215,980
Actual Receipts	<u>\$37,829</u>	<u>\$201,693</u>
Difference	\$ -1,440	\$ - 14,287

Other Receipts in October- Caring Fund: \$4,532.54 Building Fund: \$527
New Church: \$19,047

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.

Community Group Questions

1. How do you take after your parents in either looks, personality, temperament, etc.? What is it that people have noted you share with your relatives?
2. Read through Luke 1:26-38. Take note of each time Jesus as "Son" is talked about. What do each of these uses tell us about who Jesus is?
3. Where else in the New Testament does the concept of Jesus as God's Son come up? Look in your concordance, cross reference, or just Google it. Read some of these passages and share what it reveals about Jesus.
4. Why is it important that Jesus is both, "Son of Mary," and "Son of God"?

CHURCH PLANT

Summerside is planting a church. We are passionate about seeing disciples made. Stay up-to-date with the church plants at www.chelseagreen.church or find them on Facebook.

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.

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,..."

Luke 1:32^(NIV)