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## 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.

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## 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.

As you cultivate and refine your daily habits of prayer, remember the suggestion of the ACTS framework.

**Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication.**

If we tailor our requests according to our prior experience and insights, faith is optimized.

### For Our Mission

- We want to be committed through 2018 to doing these things:
  - **Worshipping, Serving, and Growing.**
- We grow by serving and worshipping. We worship as we grow and serve.

### For Our World

It is possible for the most obscure person in a church, with a heart right toward God, to exercise as much power for the evangelization of the world, as it is for those who stand in the most prominent positions. - John R. Mott

### For Our Congregation

- Dana Orchard has developed an infection in her kidneys and had to be transferred back to Victoria Hospital on Commissioners. We're hoping she won't require dialysis.
- Jill Wilson is recovering at home after having had surgery on both of her feet.
- 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

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# WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

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## HEARING:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The "New You" starts with New Creation

(pg. 1145)

## 1. You'll never experience the new life if you aren't a new creation in Christ!

📖 Ephesians 2:1-3 / Col 2:13

*You'll never know the new life; be a new you; if you aren't a new creation in Christ*

## 2. When you're a new creation in Christ, everything is new

Three ways the gospel makes us new:

1. New \_\_\_\_\_ to Direct your life

2. New \_\_\_\_\_ to Use for God:

3. New \_\_\_\_\_ to Obey

*We fail when we forget*

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## 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. What's your New Year's resolution? Have you ever had success in these types of resolutions before?
2. Read through 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. What from the passage and the sermon stood out to you? What did God teach you and how are you planning on applying it to your life?
3. Explain why it's an important distinction to note that: *Jesus didn't come to make us better; he came to make us new.* Why is making us "better" not good enough?
4. How does the hope of the gospel (that we are a new creation in Christ) help us live with hope and confidence that this year can be different and better than the year before?
5. Spend some time praying that we as a church would:
  - a. Follow the new king that directs us
  - b. Use the new gifts that God gives us
  - c. Make use of the new power to obey God

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## 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](http://www.chelseagreen.church) or find them on Facebook.

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## 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.

2 Cor 5:17<sup>NIV</sup>

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!