

## 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.

If Bible Christianity is to survive the present world upheaval, we shall need to have a fresh revelation of the greatness and the beauty of Jesus. He alone can raise our cold hearts to rapture and restore again the art of true worship.

- A.W. Tozer

### 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

We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining - they just shine. - Dwight L. Moody

### For Our Congregation

- Dana Orchard is currently receiving dialysis at Vic. Hospital. She is not sure how long she will be there, but will, at some point, be transferred back to Parkwood
- Jill Wilson is recovering at home after having had surgery on both of her feet
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# WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

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## HEARING:

Today is a unique day in the history of Summerside. We will be celebrating the great privilege of helping two new churches get started:

### 1. Q50 Community Church near Grimsby ON

- ♦ Over 15 years ago, Graham & Sharon Bulmer were sent out from Summerside to serve in Ecuador. God is now leading them to start a church in a growing community near St. Catharines.



### 2. Chelsea Green Community Church in Glen Cairn

- ♦ Peter & Samantha Barnaby and Derek & Ashley Enns are gathering a core group from Summerside and other London churches to launch a new church that will serve a community that needs a new church. Today, we commission them with their core group to this great task.
- ♦ Chelsea Green is currently meeting informally Sunday afternoons, but will begin Sunday morning services in the coming months.



## Why should we be starting new churches in Canada?

### 1. It is the best way to fulfill the Great Commission in our country.

- ◆ We are commanded to make disciples, baptize, and teach - that implies a church!
- ◆ When the early Christians sent out Paul to spread the Gospel, his primary strategy was to start new churches in the cities he visited.
- ◆ The expectation would be that new churches would be participating in planting other new churches themselves in the future.

### 2. It is a very effective way to reach new people.

- ◆ "Planting new churches is the most effective evangelistic methodology known under heaven." - C. Peter Wagner - a missiologist who devoted his life to studying church growth.
- ◆ New churches are very effective at reaching new residents and new socio-cultural groups of people.
- ◆ A number of studies have confirmed that the new churches gain most of their new members from the "unchurched" while older churches gain most of their new members from other churches.

### 3. It is an effective way of renewing an established church.

- ◆ It shifts the focus of the established congregation outward to fulfill the mission.
- ◆ It challenges the established congregation to evaluate their own ministries and to consider new approaches.
- ◆ It challenges people to sacrifice for the mission, not just financially, but in giving time and energy.
- ◆ It puts pressure on the need to raise up new leaders and provides opportunities for new leaders to emerge.
- ◆ It helps the church to demonstrate a commitment to God's bigger Kingdom purposes beyond our own church. God blesses people and congregations so that they can be a blessing to others.

## 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 are your initial thoughts or feelings when you hear about a new church being started: Indifferent? Excited? Confused? Explain.
2. Have you ever been involved in a new church? What was that like?
3. Read the following verses (even if you already know them!):

 Matthew 28:18-20

 Luke 24:46-49

 Acts 1:8

How does starting new churches fulfill the intent of these verses?

4. Review the three reasons (on the opposite page) why we should be starting new churches in Canada. Which of the statements do you find most compelling?
5. Helping to start Chelsea Green is a responsibility we are taking on as a church. Some are feeling led to help be part of the launch team to help establish the church. The rest of us need to consider how we can be part of this work. We can be involved by praying, giving financially to Summerside and Chelsea Green, or helping with service and outreach events. What is the most significant way you, or your group, can be involved in this new endeavor?

## 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.

## 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.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.  
Acts 1:8 <sup>(NIV)</sup>