
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.

While prayer may start with believing God can do the impossible, peace is never found there. If we only imagine what God can do and then judge his goodness by how often he does the impossible for us, we'll never find true peace. His ability should cause our hearts to soar and ask for the impossible. But his sovereignty and wisdom should keep us grounded. They remind us that although God can do the impossible, he doesn't have to - and we can trust him regardless. Peace is found here and only here. Any other arrangement ends only in discontentment, especially if we hold God hostage to an outcome he's never promised. We'll always lack peace when we judge God's love for us by how many of our prayers are answered with a 'yes.' False hope is the most fertile soil for a crop of discontentment. - John Onwuchekwa

For Our Mission

Romans 8:26 - In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Prayer is motivated and directed by God as we cooperate with His intentions. Our mission, individually and corporately, is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

For Our World

As we start a new school year, let's lift up the teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, and students. Pray for a year full of growth and working together in healthy ways. Pray that the believers would engage with the schools in ways that reveal the loving God we worship and bring glory to His name. - Lauren Kim

For Our Congregation

- Continue to pray for **Ron Harris** as he experienced a fall which resulted in a setback in his recovery and, further, another hospital stay;
- **Doug Gibbs** has been diagnosed with a cancer that has spread to several organs and cannot be successfully treated;
- **Dana Orchard** is on a waiting list for a kidney transplant;
- **Justin Thomas** continues to struggle with some ongoing health issues;

WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

September 9, 2018

Speaker: Dr. Deven K MacDonald



HEARING:

Living To Last Isn't Easy

1. Why is it so hard to live well? Why is it hard to live to last?

Where did it go wrong?

📖 Genesis 3

2. But the good news of the Bible is that Jesus delivers us.

3. But We Still Wrestle:

_____ : 📖 Galatians 5:16
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_____ : 📖 1 Peter 5:8

4. **Living to Last in the now means letting go of control day by day (Lordship).**

📖 Matthew 16:24

5. **Living to Last in the now means living in light of what comes next (Savior)**

📖 Romans 8:18-25

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

1. Take some time and pray as a group for our two services (October 14th). Pray that God would provide the workers that we need to reach our friends and neighbours.
2. What did God teach your from his Word in Sunday's sermon?
3. Have you experienced times or seasons where following Jesus was especially hard - where you had to fight to live well?
4. We still wrestle with sin and struggle because of our "flesh; the world; and the devil". Which of the three stands out to you the most as being the hardest to stand against?
5. Practically speaking, what would it look like for you to live with hope at what comes "next" (resurrection and new creation)? What daily steps or practices could you take?

DEEPENING

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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.

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24 ^(NIV)