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.



Near the end of our lives, many of us struggle to move beyond the death of our dreams, beyond how we have been wounded and cheated, and beyond all the resentments that come with aging. This is one of the final tasks of the spiritual life: the movement from resentment to gratitude, from cursing to blessing, from bitterness to graciousness. And it is a monumental task.

- Ronald Rolheiser, Prayer Our Deepest Longing

For Our Mission

- Read carefully and take some time to see if you can develop a prayer with a biblical basis in respect of items in the weekly "Ministries and Announcements" sheet before you dispose of it.
- Ps 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. "

For Our World

Visit the web site of the Fellowship https://www.fellowship.ca/. One of the features is a monthly calendar that addresses people, project and situational needs. Just select "Resources" and then a month to see prayer requests.

For Our Congregation

For **Dana Orchard** and **Lloyd Weiss** who are on the waiting list for a kidney transplant:





Summerside Community Church

December 9, 2018

Speaker: Pastor Mark Cuthbert



HEARING:

The Presence of God

Exodus 33-34 (pg. 89)

☆Would you be satisfied, if you had heaven without the presence of God? ☆Likewise, could you have a merry Christmas without the presence of Christ?

Background: Exodus 32 -

33:1-6 - Go without God!

33:7-11 - Footnote about Moses' Tent

33:12-23 Moses pleads with God

34:1-7 - God reveals Himself to Moses
1. He is Compassionate
2. He is
3. He is Slow to Anger
4. He is Abounding in love
5. He is Abounding in
6. He Maintains love to thousands
7. He is
8. He is
Why are all these details important?
2 Corinthians 3:18
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. Do you think you are ready for Christmas? Why or why not?
- 2. What stood out the most for you, from the events that took place in Exodus 32-34?
- 3. Look through the list of God's attributes that were revealed to Moses in Exodus 34:6-7. Which of those do you appreciate the most? Why? Which of those attributes do you need to learn more about?
- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18. First look for the events the Paul refers to that parallel Exodus 33-34. Then look for the ways things have changed with the coming of Christ.
- 5. Did this week's message challenge your perspective on Christmas in any way?
- 6. As you pray, ask God to help you make sure that you don't celebrate Christmas without the presence of Christ!

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.

"And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin..."

Exodus 34:6-7 (NIV)