
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.

"The greatest gift a church can receive is to have a group of families who take their responsibilities with such Christian seriousness that they are willing to completely alter their lifestyle to raise up disciples for Jesus Christ."
- Abraham Kuyper

For Our Mission

- "Discipleship isn't a program or an event; it's a way of life. It's not for a limited time, but for our whole life. Discipleship isn't for beginners alone; it's for all believers for every day of their life. Discipleship isn't just one of the things the church does; it is what the church does." - Bill Hull

For Our World

Considering the population in and around London, pray for:

- Those who lead in the community
- Those who serve the community
- Those who are at risk and vulnerable in our community

For Our Congregation

- **Carol McKay** has been experiencing dementia-like symptoms for several months. A brain scan revealed a mass that needs to be diagnosed further. She had an MRI this past Friday so that the doctors can decide what to do next;
- **Lloyd Weiss** found out from his doctors last week that his hemoglobin had dropped. He had a blood and iron transfusion late last week in order to raise the levels to what is needed for his kidney transplant. He must now wait until his hemoglobin reaches the required level in order to continue with the transplant;

WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

November 24, 2019

Speaker: Dr. Deven K. MacDonald



HEARING:

Meaningful Membership

Part 1

1. **Jesus saves you into The Church (Invisible / Universal)**

Invisible / Universal Church: The Church as God sees it

📖 Ephesians 5:25

📖 2 Timothy 2:19

2. **Jesus expects you to be a member of a Local Church (Visible / Local)**

Visible / Local Church: The church as we see it

3. Eight Reasons Why You Need a Local Church:

- i. God commands it (Hebrews 10:24, 25)
- ii. Jesus loves the church
- iii. The pattern of the biblical writers
- iv. The pattern of the _____ (Acts 2:42-47)
- v. That's where you grow best
- vi. That's where your gifts are used best
- vii. _____
- viii. That's what the world needs

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

Everyday Disciple:

1. How have you done in praying for your Next Door List? How have you been living "questionable lives" in front of them? What opportunities has God given you with these people?
2. How is your Bible reading and prayer life? Are these disciplines present in your life? What have you been learning from God's word?

Sunday Sermon:

1. Discuss as a group: What is the universal church? What is a local church?
2. Why do you think many of us have a tendency to want to do our own thing rather than submit to a local church? (Note: does the word "submit" just rub you the wrong way?).
3. Read Hebrews 10:24, 25 and Acts 2:42-27. Discuss what God's Word teaches us about how we're to function and interact as a church.

Application and Prayer:

1. Spend some time praying that we, as a church, would model what we read in Hebrews 10 and Acts 2 (from question above). Pray that God would move in our church to bring glory to his name.

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.

"The Lord knows those who are his..."

2 Timothy 2:19a^(NIV)