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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.

*For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7*

*The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." Romans 8:15*

### For Our Mission

- Prayer is a way to share in the abundance of God's provision for our daily needs. It is access to spiritual encouragement for our self and for others, that allows us to act in love.
- Consider each of the postures in the acronym P.R.A.Y. – Pause, Rejoice, Reflect, Ask, Yield.

### For Our World

- Consider Jesus' instruction in Matthew 6:9-13.
- Missionary families that we know are finding their support falling below their basic budget needs for many reasons. Please remember them as you pray "Give us this day our daily bread."

### For Our Congregation

- **Jeremy Mullins' father** passed away January 20. Please pray for Jeremey, Heidi and the rest of the family during this time;
- **Lloyd Weiss** would like to thank everyone for their prayers. His hemoglobin is now at 99. Please pray for Lloyd as he seeks God's wisdom to direct him as to whether to go on the active transplant list or to continue to wait for his live donor;
- **Betty Cross** is taking preventative chemo pills. Continue to pray for Betty as she and Don navigate this new medication, and that she would continue to have courage and trust the Lord in this time.
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# WORSHIP GUIDE

Summerside Community Church

January 26, 2020

Speaker: Dr. Deven K. MacDonald

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## HEARING:

Faith Matters  
(Colossians 1:1-6a)

Notes on the Background of Colossians:

### Text:

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup> To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters<sup>[a]</sup> in Christ:

### Your Notes:

Paul:

Timothy:

Colosse:

## Text:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,<sup>4</sup> because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—<sup>5</sup> the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you.

## Your Notes:

## 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. Why is it so important for us to allow God's Word to shape us? Why is it important to read through, preach through, and study through books of the bible, rather than only studying things topically?
2. How is your personal bible reading? What is God teaching you as you read and study?

#### Sunday Sermon:

1. Why can Paul call believers "saints" in verse 2? What does this mean?
2. Why is it so important that our faith is in Jesus, rather than just "faith" in general?
3. What do you think Paul has in mind when he talks about the "hope stored up for you in heaven"?

#### Application and Prayer:


1. Read through Colossians this week. What do you think are the central themes of the book? What verses stick out to you?
2. Pray that God would work and move at Summerside to cause us to grow in holiness and to live out of who we are in Christ (Saints!)

## 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.

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people..."

Colossians 1:3, 4<sup>(NIV)</sup>