

THE SUMMIT

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Monthly Newsletter November 2011

Moonlight Magic

Thursday, November 17 @ 6:30pm

This year, our very own Summit Band will be helping kick off the Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of the Court House by leading the SSM community in some Christmas music!

The Summit building will be open that night as well with the Summit Band playing more Christmas music on the half hour. There will be goodies and coffee of course, as well as a Craft/Bake sale fundraiser hosted by the Sault Area Home Schoolers Association!



Santa Clause Parade

Saturday, November 19 @ 6pm

Come and love on our city through a very practical ministry as we do our third annual Hot Chocolate and Cookie drive! This is where we hand these goodies out freely to anyone around our building while they are watching the parade. We'll have the doors open for people to come and watch from inside too so we will need LOTS of help on this day!

We need people to bake cookies and bag them in two's plus lots of volunteers to hand out and greet people!

Pastor's Note

There are militant groups in our world that are threatening and persecuting those who share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These stories break our hearts. We can feel really frustrated and helpless. I mean what can we do? God's given us a way to help ... We can pray!

There's a story in the bible of a woman named Esther who saw her people saved all through the power of prayer.

Esther, a Jewish orphan, was deported to the city of Susa following the Babylonian invasion of Jerusalem. She was raised by her cousin, Mordecai (Esther 2:7). Following the dismissal of his first queen, King Xerxes chose Esther as his new queen. Not long after that, Esther's guardian, Mordecai, insulted the King's chief administrative official, Haman (3:1-6). Haman responded to the insult by plotting to have all of Mordecai's people - the Jews - executed in

one day. Haman convinced the king that the Jews should be put to death, arguing that they were stubbornly resistant to the king's leadership (3:7-11).

Mordecai and many Jews responded to the king's decree with mourning, fasting, and grief. Esther got word of Mordecai's grief yet did not know the cause of it. When she finally spoke to him, she learned of the royal decree against her people (4:1-14)

Mordecai implored Esther to go before her king to ask for the lives of the Jews, which she courageously did (7). Once Haman's plot against the Jews was uncovered, he and his sons were executed instead of Esther's people (7:9-10, 8:14).

We too can help 'our people' (the people of God being persecuted), by PRAYING TOGETHER. Esther joined with others to pray (4:15). Praying alone is good (Matthew 6:6) but together is also so powerful and rewarding, "For where two or three come

together in my name, there am I with them (Matthew 18:20)." Together our prayers for the persecuted can affect the outcome of their lives - even half way around the world.

Also we need to be WILLING TO SACRIFICE. Esther actually risked her life for her people. It was forbidden to enter the king's inner court without his invitation, yet Esther boldly went in on behalf of her people and said "If I perish, I perish" (4:16). We too must be willing to die to our desires to make some time to pray for our persecuted family. Maybe sleep a bit less, watch less t.v., skip a meal or two. Esther could have lived passively in luxury, indifferent to the suffering of others, but she chose not to.

God help each of us become burden bearers like Esther and remember our responsibility to help Christians facing persecution for your Name!

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Meet the Summit

Jeremy and Nicole Wilhelm share a bit about who they are, along with their new addition to the family!

Nicole - You are stranded on an island – what is the one thing you would have with you? Clean underwear. If you could have a superpower for a day – what would it be? Teleportation - then I could travel the world in that one day! Can you describe your journey to being a follower of Christ? I remember sitting on the edge of my bed with my Mom as a little girl, and asking Jesus to forgive my sins and come into my heart. I grew up in a Christian home but life wasn't always easy - I did have my moments! The amazing thing about being a Christian is knowing that there is a greater plan for my life; and that ultimately God is in control. Sometimes I find myself trying to "muscle my way through" to make things go how I want them to. It is when I let go and give it up to him in prayer that I truly feel at peace and see him at work in my life. Every now and then I find I need to remind myself that this is in fact a journey and that God isn't expecting perfection. And so, with his help I journey onward. . . **Favourite song/band as of right now:** Needtobreathe: Stones Under Rushing Water (It reminds me to slow down and what's really important in life). **What do you like best about The Summit?** How the sermons always challenge me to grow in my faith. I can go back and look up scriptures used in the teachings that pertain to what is going on in life at that moment. **Best food in the world:** Depends on my mood! My Mom's homemade perogies, mac n' cheese, anything chocolate. So many choices....now I'm getting hungry! **What do you like most about the fall?** Back to school of course! New school supplies, clean sneakers. . . a new beginning with the possibility of great things to come. **If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?** Anywhere hot where I could lay on the beach. **One word that describes you:** Particular (I know what like and definitely what I don't). **Can you describe a time in your life where your faith was tested?** How did you get through? Waiting to get a permanent teaching position. That was a real test of patience, I found peace reading my Bible. Philippians 4:6-7 really helped. **If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?** That there wasn't so much suffering. **If you could be present for any event/story in the bible, which would you want to be at?** How do I choose? The birth of Jesus, when Jesus feeds five thousand, Daniel in the lion's den, the parting of the Red Sea. All seem so amazing! **Where do you work and what do you do?** Currently on maternity leave (taught JK at Isabel Fletcher last year).



Jeremy - You are stranded on an island – what is the one thing you would have with you? Sounds cheesy but I would want my bible - If I am all alone I might be able to catch up on my reading. **If you could have a superpower for a day – what would it be?** The ability to fly - just like Superman! **Can you describe your journey to being a follower of Christ?** Its been a long journey - I can see glimpses of Christ knocking on the door throughout my entire life. It wasn't until I met Nicole and her family that I finally opened that door. It wasn't one of those miraculous conversions - I wasn't knocked to the ground by a blinding light from heaven - I can't even pinpoint the moment, it was a process over time where I came to realize that I did believe and did know that Christ was my saviour and a part of my life. **Favourite song/band as of right now.** Currently: NeedtoBreathe - Slumber. All time favourite: Johnny Cash - God's Gonna Cut You Down. **What do you like best about The Summit?** The focus on teaching direct biblical truths, leaving "religion" out of the equation. **Best food in the world:** Beef tenderloin slow cooked on my wood smoker. **What do you like most about the fall?** The temperature - not too hot, not too cold. **If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?** Lalibela, Ethiopia - There are these amazing churches there that were cut right into the rock during the 12th century, Google it!! **One word that describes you:** Inquisitive. **Can you describe a time in your life where your faith was tested?** **How did you get through?** Some of my most challenging times were during university. Having a Christian faith in a place so set against biblical teachings was difficult. My degree is in engineering and many of the science classes challenged the foundations of the Bible. It forced me to dig into the Word and research the truth. I came through with an even stronger faith and understanding of the world, being able to refute many of the challenges I faced. **If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?** Their hatred of Christ. **If you could be present for any event/story in the bible, which would you want to be at?** The seven days of creation - its such a controversial topic, I would love to see God at work easily doing what seems impossible. **Where do you work and what do you do?** I work for Caughill Consulting - an architectural and engineering consulting firm. I am the Field and Technical Coordinator.

BAKING

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Nov	Dec
6th-Steph	4th-Nancy
13th-Trisha R.	11th-Andrea
20th-Stacie	18th-Karen
27th-Andrea	Merry Christmas

If you are unavailable for the Sunday you are schedule please call Andrea at 705-575-2865 or email angelaporte55@gmail.com

Delicious Treat!

Apple Galette Recipe

- 3-4 apples (2 pounds or so),
peeled, quartered & sliced
- a squeeze of lemon
- 3 tablespoons sugar (plus
more for dusting)
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 egg
- 3 teaspoons water

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

This is an easy and forgiving recipe to make with kids!



Allow chilled pastry (below) to soften a bit on the countertop (10 minutes or so) while you prepare the filling. Mix apples with lemon, then add sugar, cinnamon and flour and stir to coat. Roll pastry to 1/8th inch thickness. Mound apple filling in center and pull pastry up around it, folding as you go. Mix egg with water to form egg wash and brush on pastry. Dust with sugar. Place on parchment lined cookie sheet and chill in the refrigerator for 10 minutes. Once chilled, place in center of pre-heated oven. Cook 30-40 minutes or until browned and apple filling is bubbling.

Cream Cheese Pastry

- 8 tablespoons (1 stick unsalted butter) at room temperature
- 4 ounces cream cheese at room temperature
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1-1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Process butter, cream cheese and cream to thoroughly combine. Add flour and salt and process until combined and a ball forms. Divide the dough into two disks and wrap in plastic. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before rolling out.

Hot Spiced Cider

- 8 cups apple cider or apple juice
- 1/4-1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 6 inches stick cinnamon
- 1 tsp whole allspice
- 1 tsp whole cloves



1. In a saucepan combine cider/juice and brown sugar. For spice bag, place cinnamon, allspice, and the 1 tsp whole cloves on a double-thick, 6-inch-square piece of 100% cheesecloth. Bring corners together and tie with a clean string. Add bag to cider mixture.
2. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer 10 minutes. Makes about 8, 8-ounce servings.

Community Activities

Here are some great ways to enjoy your time in November with friends and family!

Pretend it's summer in the fall!

- Preschool Swim @ John Rhodes Community Centre Pool
8:30-9:45//11:15-1:00 Monday to Friday
- Open Swim @ John Rhodes Community Centre Pool Fri 7:30-9/Saturday & Sunday 1-3
- Family Swim @ John Rhodes Community Centre Pool Saturday 6-8pm



Before the snow falls, try a family hike!

- Hiawatha Highlands Trails - check out the waterfalls! <http://www.canadatrails.ca/hiking/on/hiawatha.html>
- Fort Creek Conservation Area Trails - another lovely site right in the middle of the city! <http://www.ssmrca.ca/uploads/file/pdf/FCBrochure8.5x14Jun.o8.pdf>
- Try the Soo's Hub Trail - it's paved, so easy to navigate with a stroller or wagon! http://www.cityssm.on.ca/Open_Page.aspx?ID=609&deptid=1

Prayer Focus

Each month, we have specific prayer requests that we'd like for the members of The Summit to keep in their constant prayers. This November, let us join with Christians across Canada to pray for the persecuted church.



**SUICIDE BOMBER ATTACKS
INDONESIAN CHURCH**

TWO PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN LEADERS SHOT DEAD

**IRANIAN FACING DEATH FOR THE
"CRIME" OF BEING A CHRISTIAN**

SOMALI CONVERT TO CHRISTIANITY KIDNAPPED BEHEADED

**MORE THAN 100 CHRISTIANS KILLED
IN NIGERIA'S PLATEAU STATE**

World News Headlines from September 2011 alone!

**THIS NOVEMBER
REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE
PERSECUTED CHURCH**

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS PAOC APDC PRAY EVERY DAY



AN URGENT CALL TO PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS FACING PERSECUTION

Stories abound from over 50 countries where the persecution of Christians is at its worst. Countries like Iran, Eritrea, Pakistan and Turkey tell us about intimidation, harassment, accusations and violence.

Family members are threatened, individuals are coerced to sign admissions that they have been deceived and forced to return to their former religious beliefs rather than continuing as a disciple of Christ.

Those imprisoned in Jesus Name remain more enthused about sharing the Gospel message and hopeful for greater impact.

A pastor of a Sri Lankan church associated with the PAOC can clearly point out to those that visit various parts of his church building that have been bombed 5 times over the past ten years.

It's a stark reminder that fellow believers in our world who share the love of Christ faithfully, urgently need the prayer support of Pentecostal Canadians.

During the month of November, please set aside time to pray for those who are being persecuted for the sake of the Gospel.

Together we can pray for:

- those imprisoned and facing brutal mistreatment, even death
- family members that are anxiously awaiting the release of their loved ones
- the ones doing the persecuting














CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

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HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP

NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>If we've missed your special day and/or you want to receive electronic updates from The Summit, sign up online at http://www.thesummitcommunity.com/contact/</p>		1	2 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm Olivia Charrette 	3	4	5
6 Life Group: Smith's @ 7:00pm Seth Bishop 	7 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm	8 Joelle Litalien  Deklyn Murdoch 	9 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm Erin Lodge 	10 Music Team Practice @ 7-9pm Heath Bishop 	11	12 Trisha Bedley  Ethan Bedley 
13 Life Group: Smith's @ 7:00pm David Kirk  Graham Kirk 	14 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm Olivia Mizzi 	15	16 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm	17 Moonlight Magic @ 6:30pm	18	19 Santa Clause Parade @ 6pm **we need your help to minister to the city!
20 Life Group: Smith's @ 7:00pm	21 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm Colin Murdoch 	22	23 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm Council Meeting 6:30pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>***LIFE GROUP NOTICE***</p> <p>Please Contact Gary & Cathie Myers and Kevin & Krista Dundas about each of their actual LIFE GROUP start up dates (<i>numbers below</i>).</p> </div>		26
27 Life Group: Smith's @ 7:00pm	28 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm	29	30 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm Joshua Wamsteeker 	<p>Do you want to join a life group? Just give any of the leaders a call to find out more information!</p> <p>Laura O'Laney - 175 Woodward Ave - 705.206.6616 Gerald & Claudette Murdoch - 126 Denis St - 705.942.4894 Gary & Cathy Myers - 7 Gold Range Cr - 705.254.6541 Heath & Diane Bishop - 20 Pelican Dr - 705.946.1341 Nathan & Ali Smith - 26 The Crescent - 705.253.4789 Kevin & Krista Dundas - 945 North St - 705.759.1619</p>		

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