



## What's going on in March at The Summit?

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 The Love Dare	2	3	4 Living a Life of Worship	5	6 Men's Group
7 H2O Rooted Lesson The Blessed Life	8 The Love Dare	9 Dr. Tony Campolo The Church & Global Justice 7:30pm, Korah	10	11 Living a Life of Worship Ladies Night	12	13
14 H2O The Blessed Life	15 The Love Dare	16	17	18 Living a Life of Worship	19	20 Uprise 7pm @ White Pines
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**HOT KISS!**

Isaiah 6:1-7 (ESV)

...“Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, ... (and) having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

OUCH! I don't know about you, but kissing a live hot coal is not my idea of a good time! But neither is coming into the presence of a HOLY GOD either I guess.

When we encounter the presence of God we are made aware of our inadequacies, our finiteness, our weaknesses, our foolishness, our sin! It's not that He in any way flaunts his Greatness & Holiness, there's just no way for us to miss it when we compare ourselves to Him.

I've been thinking about this though, and it's actually a good place to be. Though this realization brings with it a certain amount of pain and discomfort, it's also in this place where true growth and transformation takes place. When we come into this place, layers of self can and have to be torn off! This is where the pain comes into play. I mean who really looks forward to having what they've taken lifetime to create or build up, be torn off and thrown away for something new!

But if we really are wanting the Lord to be able to use our lives to bring Him glory (*Isaiah 6:8-9a*), then kissing hot coals is where that new life begins ... in the presence of a Holy God, is the place of transformation.

**Pastor's Note:**

## Special Dates in March

On behalf of The Summit, we'd like to say a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following people:

- Kristen Rose ----- March 16**
- Judi Kars ----- March 5**
- Jane McNeely ----- March 8**
- Jeremy Wilhelm ----- March 13**
- Taylor Nunes ----- March 16**

Did we miss you in this list? Did we miss your anniversary? If so, that means we don't have your full contact information. Please complete our birthday list on our website under our "Contact" tab: [www.thesummitcommunity.com](http://www.thesummitcommunity.com).

## Prayer Needs

**Here are some items that you can be praying for on your own and as a family this month:**

- Safe move and for God to watch over the Rose family as they move east
- Healthy homes (marriages and families)
- The beginning of Rooted, our new Student Ministry
- Open doors for our personal mission in this city
- Physical wholeness to sick bodies
- Steve and Emily Lycopulus and their mission in Germany
- Peace and joy for stressful students

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## You think you know, but you have no idea...

As a new addition to our newsletter, we want to acquaint you with various members of The Summit!

### Paul Quesnele

**Where is your most favourite place?** The summit of Quandary Peak in Breckenridge, Colorado – 14,265 ft. above sea level and absolutely magnificent!

**Favourite movie:** Probably Zoolander – “What is this, a centre for ants?...How do you expect the children to read if they can’t even fit in the building? ... It needs to be 3 times this size!”

**CD in your car right now:** LOL, a cd-player in the '93 Tempo, not happening. My iPod is FULL of Hillsong United, Matt Kearny, Coldplay, John Mayer, Starfield, Brooke Fraser, and of course, The Summitband to name a few!

**When did you first become a follower of Christ?** I grew up do the nominal church going thing as a kid, but never really surrendered my life to Christ until my last year of my undergrad. I had just moved to Sudbury to finish my degree and I was able to get away from all of the obstacles that had held me back from entering a true and meaningful relationship with God. A friend took me out for a burger one night and he started speaking truth into my life...telling me that God had an amazing plan for me and was waiting for me to know him in a life-transforming way. On that night, September 27, 2006, I knew that I had a decision to make. In the quiet of my dorm room, I got on my knees and got real with my Creator. I chose to take up my cross and follow Him so that I could find true life (Matt. 16:24-25).

**Most prized possession?** Well, the token answer would be my family/friends...but I don't believe that I have them in my possession. So, something material that I love are my iPod touch and MacBook.

**What trait do you deplore in others?** Self-centeredness and fakeness.

**What trait do you admire in others?** Unfettered passion and zeal for God.

**What are you personally frightened by?** Horror movies – why would want to think up



these disgusting stories mystifies me! I'm also frightened by the unknown at times, and not having security in various areas of life.

**How do you spend your free time?** Hanging out with friends without an agenda, hiking, running, snowshoeing, and laying on the beach in the summer – can't wait for that again!

**What one person in history would you like to meet?** The Apostle Paul – not just because we share the same name.

**What would you ask them or chat with them about?** Reading his story about how he was pursued by God and was confronted directly on the road to Damascus has always intrigued me. I would ask him what he experienced that words couldn't do justice to and what he learned during the 3 days in which he was blind and fasting after his conversion.

**What is one sport you'd never try?** Ski Jumping – and you can probably guess why!

**Any last words?** Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

**Angela Piaskoski**

**If you could visit anywhere in the world where?** Top three right now are Dubai, Victoria Falls, Israel - but they change all the time :)

**Favourite Book:** The best book I have read in years is called "The Prisoner of Tehran" by Marina Nemat.

**What are you playing on your Playlist:** iPod Playlist... The sun is shining and the snow is melting so mostly Jack Johnson.

**When did you first become a follower of Christ?** I used to just believe in God and Jesus growing up because that is what my parents did. But my belief rarely ever crossed over into how I was living my life, it was my life and I liked it that way. I was very involved in the Anglican church as a teenager, I caught glimpses of

what a life with Christ at the centre meant and could be during that time, but the things of the World always appealed to me more. It was in my second year of University that Jesus really got a hold of me. I started going to student church and met a few friends who helped me see that living a life as a follower of Christ was not only doable, but the Way. I realized how much God loves us, the beauty of grace and the necessity of Jesus as Saviour. I surrendered my life over to Him and it has been an amazing journey of growing and learning ever since.

**Favourite Quote:** "I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love." -Mother Teresa.

**What trait do you dislike in others?** Rudeness.

**What trait do you admire in others?** Genuineness and honesty.

**How do you spend your free time?** Spending time with friends, playing with my niece and nephews, reading, going to the movies, outdoors stuff like hiking, snowshoeing, swimming, depends on the season...

**What are you personally frightened by?** Spiders.

**What one person would you like to meet?** Jackie Pullinger - Since 1966 she has been a missionary in the Walled City of Hong Kong. She got on a boat and prayed about when to get off and she ended up ministering to a community that no one else would dare or want to touch. Read her story in a book called Chasing the Dragon.

**What would you ask them or chat with them about?** I think I would want to hear about her ministry and maybe meet some of the drug addicts and prostitutes that she helped save, and hear their stories. Reading about them was amazing so I can imagine that hearing it would be as well. I would also ask her if she was ever scared in her journey and how she overcame that.

**What is one sport you'd never try?** Bull Riding.

**Any last words?** "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27... Love is a good last word.



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# Newsflash

## Check out the latest news from The Summit:

### Newsletter Additions

We would love to provide you with an outlet for your artistic expression through providing space in our monthly newsletter for any short poems, stories about how God has been moving in your life, or even digital images of any artwork that you'd like to share with The Summit community. We'll be collecting entries for our April 2010 newsletter until Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. So get those creative juices flowing and send your additions to:

[paul@thesummitcommunity.com](mailto:paul@thesummitcommunity.com)

### Rooted Student Ministry

Rooted is a Life Group for kids aged 9-13. The best way to start out a life of growing in a relationship with Jesus is by gaining "nourishment" which will create sturdy and far-reaching roots. Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV) "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." For the month of March Rooted will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings, during Pastor Jeremy's message (starting right after coffee break). On March 21st the lesson time will end then we will be having lunch together (Kids bring \$3 for food) and after lunch we will be having a Fun activity.

Sunday March 7th - Rooted Lesson

11:20am - End of Service

Sunday March 21st - Rooted Lesson

Lunch & Fun - 11:20am - 2:00pm

Parents Contact Angela @ 542-3817 or [angela@thesummitcommunity.com](mailto:angela@thesummitcommunity.com).

### An Evening w/ Dr. Tony Campolo

Tuesday March 9 - 7:30pm

Come out to Korah Collegiate for a great opportunity to hear from one of the most respected Christian communicators in North America as he discusses The Church and Global Justice. You won't want to miss this, so come early to reserve a seat and bring anyone you know!

### Life Groups Continuing

We've started many of our Life Groups that are listed on the calendar and they've been a great success. If you want to find out about any of these life groups (i.e. location and time) simply send an email to [wade@thesummitcommunity.com](mailto:wade@thesummitcommunity.com)

### Men's and Ladies Groups

As part of our Life Groups we have separate times of connection for men and women. For information on the men's group event on Saturday March 6, please contact Dave Hillyard at 575-

1796. Our ladies gathering will be held on Thursday March 11th at 7:30 pm. It will be hosted by Meghan Mizzi. Location: 59 Bellevue Ave.

### Note from Summit Council

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the faithful and dedicated service of three exiting Pastor's Council members, David Kars, Krista Dundas and Shawn Huston. Dave and Shawn have given of their hearts, and of their time, in this capacity since

October 2004, preceding the launch of The Summit as a family church, and Krista came on in 2006. I count it as a privilege and an honor to have been able to serve with all of them. Please join me in thanking Dave, Krista and Shawn for their service to us and our Lord! I have been a member of The Summit since 'the beginning' March of 2006. Unfortunately, my current employment situation is such that I am unable to attend many corporate services, so many of you may not even know who I am. (If you happen to see a bald guy at the soundboard, please take a moment to introduce yourself and say 'howdy') During my time at The Summit, I have experienced spiritual growth and maturity like no other period in my life! While I still have so far to go, I have been forever changed through building relationships with other Summiters, and deepening my relationship with Jesus Christ. It's not the building, awesome worship team, inspired messages, friendly members, or the exceptional Children's Ministry that have made the difference. That being said, God certainly has used all of these wonderful things together to provide an environment, which has nurtured me where I was at in my walk, and helped to guide my heart to a place where God can use me. It is my desire, that The Summit be a shining example of Jesus Christ in Sault Ste. Marie, not as a cliché, but through practical unconditional service to the community, and through building lasting relationships...not religiosity! In the same way that Jesus was sent to this world, not to enforce laws, but to fulfill the law. It is our job to share God's love...the end. Easy right? ;)

Nathan Smith



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