

# SERMON NOTES:



May 16, 2010

# Highlights

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Ministry Team: Entire Congregation



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Learn patience, for it takes away worry. The Lord said He would come and His promise is equal to His presence.

## MESSAGE:

“Partnering in Prayer”  
Pastor Murray

Kidz Zone will be dismissed during the service.

## Upcoming Church Events:

### What's happening this week!

Tuesday: Fresh Air Playgroup at 1:30pm

Wednesday: Youth Group at 7pm

Adult Bible Study at 7pm

Friday: Fresh Air Playgroup at 10 am

### Did You Know:

The song, “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus,” is attributed to Sadhu Sundar Singh who was an Indian Christian missionary. He is believed to have died in the foothills of the Himalayas in 1929. Sundar Singh was born into an important landowning Sikh family in Patiala State in northern India. Sikhism is a religion, founded about 1500 AD, that teaches belief in one God and rejects the caste system. Sikhs, rejecting Hinduism and Islam since the sixteenth century, had become quite established in the area. Sundar Singh's mother took him to sit at the feet of a Sadhu, an ascetic holy man, who lived in the jungle some miles away, while also sending him to Ewing Christian High School, Ludhiana in order to learn English. The death of Sundar Singh's mother, when he was fourteen, plunged him into violence and despair. He took out his anger on the missionaries, persecuted Christian converts, and ridiculed their faith. In final defiance of their religion, he bought a Bible and burned it page by page in his home while his friends watched. Three nights later, he took a bath before going to the railroad track to commit suicide. While he was bathing, Sadhu loudly asked who was the true God. If the true God didn't show Himself that night, he would commit suicide. Finally, that night before the break of dawn, Singh saw a vision of Christ with His pierced hands. Before dawn, he awakened his father to announce that he had seen Jesus Christ in a vision and heard his voice. He told his father that henceforth he would follow Christ forever. Still no more than fifteen, he was utterly committed to Christ and in the twenty-five years left to him would witness extensively for his Lord. The discipleship of the teenager was immediately tested as his father pleaded and demanded that he give up this absurd conversion. When he refused, Sher Singh gave a farewell feast for his son, then denounced him and expelled him from the family. Several hours later, Sundar realised that his food had been poisoned, and his life was saved only by the help of a nearby Christian community.

On his sixteenth birthday, he was publicly baptised as a Christian in the parish church in Simla, a town high in the Himalayan foothills.

### People Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this Month:

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| 1  | Lisa Flasko -Hunter  |
| 9  | Sarah Hunter         |
| 29 | Murray & Glenda Lees |



"I know I have my congregation when only half are asleep."