

What is Podcasting?

According to Wikipedia, a podcast is a collection of [digital media](#) files which are distributed over the [Internet](#), often using [syndication feeds](#), for playback on [portable media players](#) and [personal computers](#). The term podcast, like "[broadcast](#)", can refer either to the series of content itself or to the method by which it is syndicated; the latter is also termed podcasting. The [host](#) or [author](#) of a podcast is often called a podcaster. You can go to [Wikipedia](#) for more information about podcasts and podcasting.

What are the benefits of Podcasts?

As a "subscriber" to a podcast you can easily receive new "episodes" without having to go to the original source of the audio or video content. That means that if you like to listen to and/or view 10 different "programs" and if those programs offer a podcast then you can simply subscribe to each of the podcasts and they will automatically download for you without you having to manually go out to each of the 10 sites to download and listen to them. For Summitview and Day Seven, each message will be published as a separate "episode" and so if you are subscribed, the messages will be downloaded for you automatically.

Think of a podcast as a TV show with multiple episodes. As each episode is published, you can automatically download it and watch it at your convenience.

How can I receive a Podcast?

First of all, it's important to note that you do not need an iPod or any other portable media player to enjoy podcasts. The name podcasting can be confusing in that regard. The only requirement is a computer with an Internet connection and a set of speakers or headphones.

Many podcast subscribers use [Apple iTunes](#) to manage their podcast. iTunes is free and is an excellent media player that works really well on the two most popular operating systems, Microsoft Windows and Mac OS X. In fact, iTunes has a unique podcast directory built right in. If you use iTunes and are connected to the internet, you can simply go to the podcast page on either the Summitview or Day Seven Podcast pages and click the "Subscribe to iTunes" link and you will be taken directly to the podcast in iTunes. You can then select "Subscribe" in iTunes and you will begin receiving podcasts via iTunes. You can then configure iTunes to download podcasts automatically and to manage them according to your preferences. See iTunes help for more information on managing your podcasts.

If you don't use iTunes, there are many options for retrieving and storing podcasts. You might start by taking a look at [Juice](#), an open-source podcast receiver. It's been around for some time and it has a strong feature set.

Many RSS feed aggregators also have built in podcast players built in to them. For example, subscribing to either the Summitview or Day Seven podcast within [Google Reader](#) will provide a player for each message.

How do I know the “feed address” for the Podcasts?

You can get the podcast feed address for either the Summitview or Day Seven by going to the Podcast page. You can then click on the “Subscribe to Podcast” link. A new browser window will open with the podcast feed address in the browsers link address area. The address are as follows:

Summitview podcast: <http://feeds.feedburner.com/summitviewccpodcast>

Day Seven podcast: <http://feeds.feedburner.com/DaySevenChurchPodcast>

What if I have problems using the podcasts?

If you have problems subscribing to or using the podcasts contact the church office at 970.461.075 or by email at office@summitviewcc.com.