

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

Are you new? Get connected!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email info@messiahchurch.ca or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at messiahchurch.ca

Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
Rector

Daniel Gilman
Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship

Shirley Allan
Administrator

Joey McNitt
Worship Leader

Jonathan Camiré
Ministry Intern

Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber,
John Rayson, Shannon Ripley,
Karl Ruban, Dana Scherf

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, there are many ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.
- 3) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 4) Pre-authorized debit – You can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. To get started, please contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

Financial Update at September 30:

Target Offering: \$222,679

Actual Offering: \$199,764

150 YEARS YOUNG: AT BEST A MIXED BAG

Dear friends,

We should not give thanks for our heritage. We should give thanks for our godly heritage. The first service for what is now Church of the Messiah took place on October 22, 1865 in a court room on Daly Avenue. On October 25 we will mark 150 years as a congregation. We will probably also do some other events during the year to mark being 150 years young. But my hope is that we will focus on our godly heritage, not our heritage.

Some churches just talk about their heritage. It is as if their heritage is inherently godly, so their heritage is good. But even the best church is not perfect. If we had a perfect church, you would not let me in - and the church would not let you in. Often when churches merely celebrate their heritage, they are acting as if the church is a social club or a tribe.

In social clubs or tribes it is appropriate to celebrate and remember all who have been part of the tribe or club. But a local church is not a tribe or a club.

When I say we should celebrate our godly heritage, I am not suggesting we should root out the sins of earlier generations and issue apologies and repent for them. It is always easy to "repent" for the sins that other people - dead people - did when they were alive. It costs us nothing and can help us feel virtuous and superior. Jesus does call His people to repent. But He calls me to repent of my sins and Messiah to repent of our sins - not our forbearers' sins.

The fact is that our church is a mixture of frailties. Frail goods and frail sins. Our sins are frail because they are ours. Our virtues are strong in the sense that Jesus is the Author and Perfecter of our faith. In Him, any good in us is strong. But the good in us is always frail to the degree it is ours. Our heritage does have godly "goods". For these we should be thankful and praise God. He is the source of all grace and all that is good. Whatever good we do flows from Him.

Article 19 of the (Anglican) 39 Articles has a great, brief summary of what God desires of His church. "The visible church is a congregation of faithful men and women where the pure Word of God is preached and where the sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper) are administered as Christ commanded..."

Please pray that God will build us into a prayerful, Bible-teaching evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world! Happy Thanksgiving.

George +

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- 1) Lord, You know every secret of my heart.
- 2) Lord, make me more and more open to You.
- 3) Lord, help me to live today knowing that You are untamed and sovereign.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading: Dear Lord, only You can circumcise my heart. Only You can baptize my heart. I can have my body circumcised or baptized, but only Your Holy Spirit can immerse me in the finished work of Jesus, baptizing and circumcising my heart. Thank You that when I came to faith in Jesus as my Saviour and Lord, that You poured out Your Holy Spirit upon me to circumcise and baptize my heart and give me Your life. Please make me a disciple of Jesus, gripped by the Gospel, who lives for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God. Romans 2: 29

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

GOING DEEPER

Getting to know me.

Would you (Did you) have your baby boy circumcised?

Getting into the Bible.

Ask the Lord to renew your mind so that you may know Him and know His will and way.

- 1. Read: Romans 2: 17-29
- 2. Read: Romans 2: 25-29. Then read: Genesis 15: 1-21; 17: 1-14; Leviticus 26: 41; Deuteronomy 10: 12-17; Jeremiah 9: 26; Luke 3: 15-17; Colossians 2: 11.

Getting real.

How has the Lord "brought you under conviction" or "nudged" you as you have read His word? Can you share this with others so they can pray for you?

MON / OCT 12 Happy Thanksgiving - the office is closed

TUE / OCT 13 Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / OCT 14 Church on Wednesday
7pm @ uOttawa UCU
Hintonburg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THU / OCT 15 Moms and Tots Drop-in
10am-noon@ 119 Rochester St
King Edward Home Group
7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave

FRI / OCT 16 Revive Youth Group
7pm @ Ecole Ste Anne - 340 York St

The books, *The Meaning of Marriage* (Tim Keller) and *What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality* (Kevin DeYoung), are available in the church library. Contact the office if you are interested in borrowing them.

Save the date! Join us at **Dig & Delve on November 13-14** as we investigate some of the deepest questions people ask about *Being Human*. What does scientific evidence reveal about the origin of life on earth? Are humans unique? How do we decide when a life begins and when it should end? Are we moral free-agents? What is the uniquely Christian response to our identity and purpose as humans? Come and find out! Tickets (\$30 (students) / \$45 (non-students) are available at diganddelve.ca

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