

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 messiahchurch.office@gmail.com 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, you are welcome to bring children to the north side of the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, children are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

The Offering Plate

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, please make cheques out to "Church of the Messiah." If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

TODAY'S SERVICE

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First Reading	The Gospel	*Free Bibles are available
Revelation 11	Matthew 24:23-31	at the Besserer door.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rector Rev. Canon George Sinclair	Worship Leader & Young Adults Leader Jeremiah Smith
Administrative & Communications Manager Amy van Hemmen	Ministry Interns Jeremy Giles & Daniel Gilman
Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Natasha Wallace	

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MON/ FEB 17 Women's Prayer Group**
8:30am @ Heidi Jost's
- TUE/ FEB 18 Lowertown Home Group**
7:00pm @ Ian Murray's
Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ Messiah Office
- WED/ FEB 19 Senior's Bible Study**
2:00pm @ Messiah Office
Men's Bible Study
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre
The Wurttemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ The van Hemmen's
- THU/ FEB 20 The House (Young Adults)**
6:30pm @ The Giles'
Old Ottawa South Home Group
7:30pm @ Ann Wilson's
- FRI/ FEB 21 Youth Group - Rock Climbing**
7:00pm @ Coyote Rock Gym
- SAT/ MAR 1 The Rescue Summit 2014**
Visit rescuesummit.com for more info.
- SAT/ MAR 1 Promise Keepers Men's Conference**
Email jrayson@rogers.com to register.
- SAT/ MAR 8 Annual Vestry & Potluck**
4:00pm @ St. P&P's (152 Metcalfe)
- SUN/ MAR 9 Alternate Location for Sunday Services**
Stay tuned for details.
- FRI - SUN MAR 28-30 Messiah Women's Retreat!**
Bethesda Renewal Centre

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BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE

Karl Ruban, CA,CFP,RFP,CPCA is offering to be a resource to the church on the Biblical Principles of Finance. Topics include Money and Children, Budgeting, Investment and Saving and several other areas. This could be presented on a group or family basis. Karl will be available after the 10:00am service on February 23 to receive your input and answer questions.

① I NEED TO DEVELOP GODLY ATTITUDES

First steps to developing godly attitudes are:

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Say the attitude again and again to help it sink in.

Do this in conjunction with A & B!

- Attitude A) Everyone fails sometimes, but in Jesus, failure will not be the final word about me.
- Attitude B) Only the living God gets the final word about any person or anything that happens.
- Attitude C) My God is able to deliver me, but if not, I will still worship Him alone.

② 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.

Lord God Almighty, You alone reign forever and ever. You alone will bring in Your kingdom. You alone have true power. You alone are the final judge of all. You alone are the great reward. You alone are worthy of all reverence, praise and worship. Thank You for Your reign, please reign in me to Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

③ I NEED TO GET GOD'S WORD IN MY MIND & HEART

"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. (Revelation 11:17 ESV)

④ 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 _____."

Dear Friends,

Everyone who trusts Jesus as their Saviour and starts to follow Him as Lord is called into full-time Christian service. For most people, we grow in discipleship as we work as social workers, engineers, carpenters, musicians, entrepreneurs, salespersons, office workers, stay-at-home parents, etc. Some of us are called to make our living from gospel ministry as a pastor or para-church worker, missionary, evangelist or some such role. It is for the latter category, those who may be called to make their living from gospel ministry, that a ministry internship program is for.

To begin with, the church needs to see internship as the Christian equivalent of being venture capitalists. We should not take on a young person as an intern if we have strong reservations about their call. But at the same time, we never know for certain who is called. So not all interns will go on into "full-time" Christian service. That is fine. It is a good thing for a young person to realize they are not called before they invest three years of their life in seminary. So, sometimes internship serves to discourage pursuing ordination - but hopefully does this in an encouraging way!

Over the years, we have had both full-time and part-time interns. We currently have two part-time interns: Jeremy Giles and Daniel Gilman. One receives a stipend from the church, the other raises his own support. There are three main pillars of internship. First is giving the intern opportunities to preach and teach the Bible and then get feedback from me. Second is giving the intern some opportunities for study. Right now, this is done by having the intern take one or two courses at the Ottawa Theological College. The third pillar is giving the intern weekly "quality time" with the Pastor. During this time, we develop a relationship and have wide-ranging talks about personal, spiritual and ministry issues. If there is time, the intern is given a range of ministry opportunities and is also called to be "helpful" to the overall ministry of Messiah.

When a church commits to having interns, it is making a commitment to the "Christian movement" beyond our church. Obviously interns bring good things to our church. But we are investing in young people to equip them in the hope of a long and fruitful ministry which we will not directly benefit from.

Please pray for our interns. Please consider giving to our Ministry Intern Fund over and above your usual givings to the church. Please pray for God to send more young adults to our church to be interns.

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