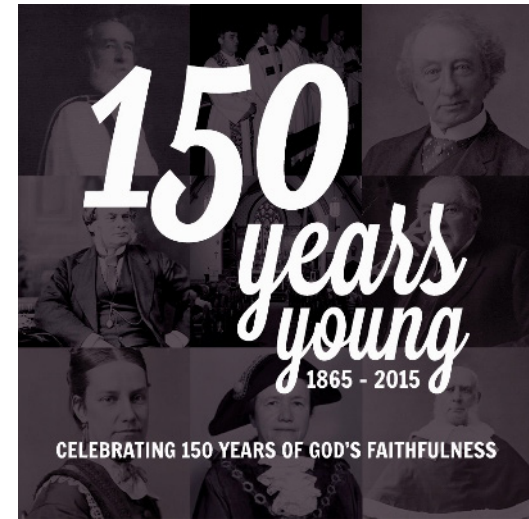


THE FATAL MISTAKE OF RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY
GRACE SHAPED LIFE: THE BOOK OF ROMANS

First Reading: Romans 4: 1-25 *Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email george@messiahchurch.ca



Making disciples gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.

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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.

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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

ALL SAINTS' DAY - PRAYING FOR THE DEAD?

Dear friends,

Whoa! All Saints' Day? Isn't that the day when people pray for the dead? Why is Messiah marking this day?

I was not raised Anglican. I attended Baptist and charismatic-type churches before I stumbled into an Anglican church for the first time at the age of 24. I "fell in love" with the Anglican Way very quickly and Anglican churches have been my church home ever since. While I loved the Anglican way of following Jesus, there are elements of Anglicanism that I was uncomfortable with. One of those things was the way ordinary (and many ordained) Anglicans talked about All Saints' Day. The focus was often on remembering the dead in Heaven and praying for loved ones in general. I must confess that for many years I did not want to look into this very deeply - I think I feared that I would find an Anglican doctrine which was a deal-breaker for me. This began to change when I noticed what the 1662 Book of Common Prayer taught. The two Bible readings for the day did not focus on praying for the dead. The Gospel text was the Sermon on the Mount. The first reading was from the book of Revelation and gave a picture of "followers of the Lamb" on earth being sealed by God while the Saints in Heaven praised God for sealing people on earth.

Note how the Collect for All Saints' Day teaches us to pray. "O Almighty God, who has knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Your Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow Your blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which You have prepared for them that unfeignedly love You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

We are taught to pray for God's grace so we can live a godly and virtuous life. Isn't this a great thing to pray for! Please pray it for yourself and Messiah and me, your pastor. The collect teaches us to pray for a longing for Heaven and an unfeigned love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. This is a great good to pray for! Please pray this for yourself and Messiah and me, your pastor! In fact, this Collect is beautifully written and packs much truth in a few words. Maybe we should make this prayer a daily prayer for a long season of our life. I now love All Saints' Day.

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) The Bible is God's Word written - so it is always relevant to living life.
- 2) God will NEVER be in my debt.
- 3) Faith faces facts in light of the living God and His promises.

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, forgive me for trusting in who I am or what I do. Forgive me for trusting in rituals or institutions to make me right with You. Forgive me for trusting fantasies and idols to make me right with You. Forgive me for trusting in my ethnicity or family or religion to make me right with You. Forgive me for thinking my sacrifices put You in my debt. Dear Lord, thank You for the Good News that You have provided the way to be made right with You. Please help me to trust You and Your promise. Thank You that Jesus, my Lord, was delivered up for my transgressions and raised for me to be made right with You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, Romans 4:5

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.

What was the last wedding you attended?

Getting into the Bible.

Please remember to pray before you read God's word. Ask Him to bring His word written home to you.

- 1. Read Romans 4.
- 2. Read Genesis 15; Genesis 17:1-14 and Psalm 32.

Getting real.

Has God brought something home to you as you have read His word? Can you share this with others so they can pray with you?

TUE / NOV 3 Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / NOV 4 Church on Wednesday
7pm @ uOttawa UCU
Hintonburg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THU / NOV 5 Moms and Tots Drop-in
10am-noon @ 119 Rochester St
Old Ottawa South Home Group
7pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.
King Edward Home Group
7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave

We are thankful for the **musical leadership** of Genevieve Allard today.

Join us at **Dig & Delve** on November 13-14 as we investigate some of the deepest questions people ask about Being Human. Tickets (\$30 (students) / \$45 (non-students) are available at diganddelve.ca

Messiah Women. You won't want to miss **Movie Night** at Deane Ronayne's home (14 Ashdale Ave.). Join us on Saturday, November 14 @ 7pm. We will watch the movie, *The Hundred Foot Journey*. Please let us know you will be coming by signing up at the coffee bar today or by contacting the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

You can pick up **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** today. Each shoebox is filled with hygiene items, school supplies and toys, and is given to children regardless of gender, race, or religion. When culturally appropriate, copies of a book entitled *The Greatest Gift*, which has been translated into 130 different languages, are offered to children after the shoe boxes have been distributed. Please return your shoeboxes by **November 15**.

The Marriage Course is returning in 2016! The Marriage Course is for any couple who wants to invest in their marriage, whether you have been together 1 or 61 years and whether you have a strong relationship or are struggling. Many say it feels like a date night. You will be served a candlelit meal at a romantic table for two while listening to practical talks that are informative and fun, presented on DVD. There is never any group work and you will never be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner. It will run on Sunday evenings beginning on February 14, 2016. There is space for six couples. Need more info? Want to sign up? info@messiahchurch.ca

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