



## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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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.

### Are you new? Get connected!

Is this your first visit to Church of the Messiah? Thank you for being with us. We are glad you're here. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Contact us: [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or 613.235.0596. Check out the Welcome Centre in the lobby or [messiahchurch.ca](http://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 Green Room (basement) before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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**Rev. Canon George Sinclair**  
Rector

**Jonathan Camiré**  
Ministry Intern - Evangelism and  
Discipleship

**Yasmine Alli-Smith**  
Ministry Intern

**Deborah Reid**    **Shirley Allan**  
Worship Leader    Administrator

**Daniel Gilman**  
Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship  
(Children, Youth and Young Adults)

**Rev. Neil Stephens**  
Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

**Wardens:**  
Dick Butler        Jeremiah Hadwen  
Earl Maynard      Shannon Ripley  
Karl Ruban         Dana Scherf

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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If you are visiting, please feel free to let the basket 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 basket on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Email your contribution to [givings@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:givings@messiahchurch.ca) Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Contact" tab (far right side) on our website ([messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca))
- 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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

## On Baptism: Part 7

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Dear Friends,

How is it that some "Bible-believing" Christians believe that the Bible allows the baptism of infants? This is my seventh blog on this question. Today I will begin to talk about the strengths of the Anglican position.

First, the baptism of the children of Christian parents is in keeping with how every Christian parent tries to raise their children. No Christian parent wants to see their child live far from God for a long season of their life. While every Christian will be grateful for the conversion of someone who has lived far from God, we long for something different for our children. We pray for our child. We love our child. We read them Bible stories. We explain right and wrong. We bring them to church. We hope they will come to know and trust Jesus from a very young age. In fact, we hope there will never be a time when they do not know and trust Jesus. The baptism of the child of Christian parents "fits" with how Christians try to parent their children.

Second, the baptism of the children of Christian parents is very wise about how many people raised in Christian homes become Christian.

The Baptist account of baptism tends to assume that a person has had a clear and recognizable conversion at a certain point in time. But many who grow up in Christian homes do not have a "conversion moment." They have always trusted Jesus, probably with ups and downs, hopefully with growing maturity. In baptistic churches a common problem is that those who have followed Jesus from childhood have to seek some "moment" or discover some "moment" so they can say they have "become" a Christian so they can be baptized. Ironically, the more successful the parents are in praying for and loving their children to be followers of Jesus from day-one, the more these children and their parents must act as if they were "unsuccessful", having only become Christians at a certain time in their teens. In the case of a child of Christian parents who has always trusted Jesus, the child who is now an "adult" can honestly say, without embarrassment or defensiveness, "You know, I believe I have always trusted Jesus as my Saviour and my Lord." The baptism of the child of Christian parents wisely "fits" with how many people from Christian homes become a Christian.

Finally, the baptism of the children of Christian parents fits with how Christian parents should *want* to parent their children. It is "meet, right and our bounden duty" to desire and strive and pray that our child will have a saving faith in Jesus Christ. We should not want our child to "pick their own religion". If we are in Christ, we "naturally" desire every one of our children to know Jesus as Saviour and Lord. So, the baptism of the child of Christian parents wisely fits with how we, as parents, should want to parent.

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**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 more I seek to be god-like, the farther I run from God.
- 2) The Lord will not allow human beings to destroy the earth.
- 3) Every human foetus is made in the image of God and was given life by God.

**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, You alone are the giver of life. You alone are the creator and sustainer of all things. You are Lord of life and Lord of the earth. Please help me to know that I am but a steward of some of what is Yours. Please grip me with the knowledge of Who Jesus is and what He did for me on the cross, so I can begin to live free as Your steward, living for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen!!

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

*For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.* Hebrews 10: 14 (ESV)

**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**

Do you give blood? What is your blood type?

**Getting into the Bible**

Ask the Lord of the Bible to bring His word deep into your heart.

- Read Genesis 8:20-9:29.
- Read Genesis 8:20 and 9:4-6. Then read Leviticus 1: 3-4; Romans 3: 21-26; Hebrews 7: 23-28; Hebrews 10: 11-24.

**Getting real**

- Has the Lord used these Scriptures, the discussion or the Sunday service to "press in on you" some way? Can you share this with someone else so they can pray with you?

**Tuesday, June 13**

- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson

**Wednesday, June 14**

- 6:30pm: Church in the Park @ Strathcona Park
- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

**Thursday, June 15**

- 7pm: Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

**Friday, June 16**

- Adventure613 attends Ottawa Champions baseball game. Details: daniel@messiahchurch.ca

**Messiah's Electoral Vestry** will be held on **Monday, June 19** at 7pm at the Bible House (315 Lisgar St). Everyone is welcome to attend.

**After-service Picnic:** Bring a picnic lunch on **Sunday, June 25** and head over to Strathcona Park after the 10am service for a gathering of food, fun and fellowship!

**Mission Angola:** From July 8-13 around 80 missionaries and their families will come from all over Angola for six days of Bible teaching and refreshment at SIM'S Spiritual Life Conference. George has been invited to be the Bible teacher at this conference. He will speak six times and be available for counseling. As well as ministering to front-line missionaries, he will preach at local churches on two consecutive Sundays. He will also have an opportunity to work with local Angolan pastors in the Lubango region. He is to speak at a couple of pastor's conferences. Messiah's Council has given George their blessing and encouragement and has released him, on Messiah's behalf, to go to Angola to minister, preach and teach. Please pray that God will use George as he preaches and ministers and that He will be glorified. Pray, too, that the money needed to defray his expenses (about \$5000) will be raised. Because Lubango is off the beaten track, there are high travel costs. You can support George by placing a cheque, made payable to Church of the Messiah, in the offering plate. Please clearly indicate that your donation is to support the Mission Angola Fund. You can send a donation electronically to the office via PayPal or e-transfer: info@messiahchurch.ca All donations are tax-deductible. Any extra funds will go into Messiah's mission fund to support overseas missionary work.

**Worship location change:** The OLT is undergoing a major renovation and the auditorium will not be available for our use for five Sundays (July 30 - August 27 inclusive). For a couple of months we have been looking for an alternative place to worship for those Sundays. Please pray that these arrangements will fall into place soon!