

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 third worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by.
If you would like to donate, there are two 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.

Financial Update at May 31:
Target Offering: \$126, 520
Actual Offering: \$115, 845

READING PROVERBS WITH AMNESIA

Dear friends,

Human beings like putting God in a box to tame Him. The true and living God never stays in a box and He is never tame or tamed. The true and living God is sovereign and wildly good. So, I do not want to be misunderstood - in what follows I do not intend to put God in a box or tame Him.

Two of the reasons that we get very little out of reading the book of Proverbs is that we read it with amnesia and we only read bits and pieces of it. My second point probably sounds really odd. After all, aren't proverbs, by their very nature, stand-alone, pithy one-liners? Yes and no. Some proverbs are quite powerful on their own. However, many proverbs need to be read together to see their power. So, a secular proverb is "too many cooks spoil the broth." Another secular proverb is "many hands make light work." On one hand they contradict each other. On the other hand, we know that some times one proverb is the one we should follow and other times (often in hindsight) we realize we should have followed the other proverb. The "wisdom problem" is knowing which proverb is the wise one in a particular context and in advance (not in hindsight). So it is with some of the proverbs in the book of Proverbs. Contrasting proverbs are scattered throughout the book and are rarely side-by-side. So when we pick up Proverbs and read a couple at random, they sound trite or wrong, but the cumulative weight of reading related proverbs is here we can start to see God's wisdom. So, many proverbs only make sense when read with other related proverbs.

This also touches on our amnesia problem. Even when we read Proverbs from beginning to end we do not remember the earlier, similar proverbs. But the amnesia problem runs deeper. Today in my sermon I will talk about the role Proverbs 1:7 plays in the whole book. The fear of the Lord is not only the first step to moral wisdom; it is to be kept in mind as we read every proverb. When we try to read a proverb later and forget Proverbs 1: 7 we are reading with amnesia. There is another amnesia factor, as well. The proverbs are to be read in the context of all of the Bible, but especially in terms of God, as a King of a kingdom, and of Jesus as the Saviour sent by God, the King, to redeem and to inaugurate His new covenant and kingdom. On one hand, this context is a given because Proverbs is in the Bible. On the other hand, the book points to this in verse 1. It is written by the son of David (pointing to great David's greater Son) and the King of Israel, God's old covenant people. To read Proverbs forgetting this is to read with amnesia.

A closing comment. Praise God for His sovereign power and love. He takes amnesiacs like you and me and, despite our sin, sometimes speaks with great power as we read His Word written. He is not tame!

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) In the good life, cynicism dies in me and a concern for justice grows.
- 2) In the good life, my moral compromise withers and righteousness flourishes.
- 3) In the good life, I put to death my addiction to vice and nurture humble virtue.

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, please grow in me the fear of the Lord. Please grow in me a hunger for true wisdom. Please deliver me from being a mocker or a fool. Please grow in me a sensitivity to Your Word so that I will change my course to stay on Your path, the path of life and freedom. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7 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 have any phobias?

Getting into the Bible.

Ask Jesus to open your mind so you will understand God's Word written.

- 1. Read Proverbs 1:1-7.
- 2. Read Proverbs 1:7. Then read Proverbs 9:10; 10:27; 14:2, 16-17.
- 3. Read Proverbs 1:7. Then read Acts 9:31; 2 Corinthians 5:11; 7:1; 1 John 4:18.

Getting real.

Has God spoken to you in some way as you have read the Bible? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

TUE / JUN 30 **Messiah Prayer Meeting**
7pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.
The House (Home Group)
7pm @ 148 Augusta St.
Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / JUL 1 **Happy Canada Day!**
The church office is closed.

Don't miss the church picnic on Saturday, August 15! This will be held at Missie Lang's cottage in conjunction with a lake baptism. Rain date is Saturday, August 22. Details coming soon.

Want to get together for a picnic before the middle of August? Why not bring your own picnic lunch (and a little extra to share) and head over to Strathcona Park (Laurier Ave East at the Rideau River) for a casual get-together after the service on Sunday, July 5th? BYO food, drinks, chairs, balls, frisbees etc.

Today is the last Sunday you can park at no charge in the Besserer St and King Edward Ave parking lots. Please pick up a pass from the Besserer door host to park in the Target garage next door from now on.

Are you willing to help with Sunday School in July and August? Please sign up in the lobby after the service. Questions? See Lisa Moore Ede.

Check out where Messiah supports missionaries!

