

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

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
Rector

Jeremy Giles
Ministry Intern

Wardens

Dick Butler

Amy van Hemmen
Administrative Manager

Daniel Gilman
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Worship Leader

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 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.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Dear friends,

The word "volunteer" is not found in the Bible. Does this make it an unbiblical word? Are we being unbiblical by having a Volunteer Sunday?

On one hand, a person's involvement with the church and her people should be voluntary. We should freely be involved. We should freely serve. There should be no sense of institutional or communal compulsion. As the Bible teaches, "Each person must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7 ESV). So, to the extent that the word volunteer captures the sense of voluntary, then volunteer is a good word.

On the other hand, a person's involvement in the life of the church is necessary. It is not really optional. In Islam, a person can be a good Muslim and never go to a mosque. There are daily, yearly and lifetime obligations, but all of the obligations can be fulfilled alone. The five times of daily prayer can be done anywhere and do not require the presence of other people. Buddhism and Hinduism are similar. There are obligations and a "path" to follow, but one can be a good Buddhist or Hindu and never go to a monastery or a temple.

The Jesus Way is inherently communal. We enter the Jesus Way one-by-one. We walk the Jesus Way with Jesus and others. We do not walk the Jesus Way by ourselves. When we enter the Jesus Way, God gives us spiritual gifts which we are to use for the good of other people and for the honouring of God. As a human being, we also have natural talents - abilities innate to us or developed over time in our jobs / school / life. These natural talents are to come under the Lordship of Jesus Messiah. We are learning to offer ourselves and our talents to God to bring Him glory and to bless people.

The Jesus Way is a Way where we always walk with Jesus and others. In light of this, the word "volunteer" is problematic, since it implies "being separate." However, there is no English word which easily replaces the word "volunteer." So, mindful of your walk with Christ, welcome to Volunteer Sunday - an opportunity for you to start giving to others for the glory of God and the good of people.

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) God has His own timing.
- 2) I never have time for prayer. I need to make time for prayer.
- 3) I am naturally self-righteous.

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 God, please help me to pray and not lose heart. Please help me to be persistent in prayer. Please help me to pray with a humble mind and a humble heart trusting in You alone. In Your mercy, please deliver me from all self-righteousness. Please help me to come to You with child-like faith. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

"But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:16 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.

When you pray, do you prefer to sit, to kneel, to stand, or...?

Getting into the Bible.

Pray to God that His word will master you. Ask for the in-filling of the Holy Spirit.

- 1) Read Luke 18:1-17.
- 2) Read Luke 18:9-14. Then read one or more of Psalm 34, 36, 51.

Getting real.

How has God challenged you or spoken to you? Can you share something of this with others so they can pray for you?

TODAY!**Volunteer Sunday**

Learn more about the many volunteer opportunities at Church of the Messiah! Volunteer coordinators will be available to connect and answer questions during coffee time following the 10:00AM Service.

TUE / FEB 3**Messiah Prayer Meeting**

7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

The House (Home Group)

7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group

7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / FEB 4**Church on Wednesday**

7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

The Wurtemberg Home Group

7:30pm @ 111 Wurtemberg St.

THU / FEB 5**Old Ottawa South Home Group**

7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

Church on Thursday

7:30pm @ Algonquin

Visit churchonthursday.ca for details.

FRI / FEB 6**An Evening with Bishop Charlie Masters**

7:00pm @ St. Peter & St. Paul's / 152 Metcalfe

An evening of worship and fellowship, followed by an opportunity to learn about Bishop Charlie's inspiring vision for the Anglican Network in Canada.

SAT / FEB 7**Rise & Shine! (with Bishop Charlie)**

9:00am @ St. Peter & St. Paul's / 152 Metcalfe

Children ages 5-12 and their families are invited to a free pancake breakfast between 9:00 - 10:00am, followed by a dynamic children's program including worship, drama and crafts from 10:00 - 11:30am.

WED / FEB 18**Ash Wednesday**

10:00am @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

7:30pm @ Jules Morin Park Fieldhouse

SAT / FEB 28**Messiah Annual Vestry & Potluck**

4:00pm @ St. Peter & St. Paul's / 152 Metcalfe St.

SUN / MAR 8**Early Service**

9:00am @ Ottawa Little Theatre

The regular 10:00am Service will take place at 9:00am on Sunday, March 8.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH SEEKING NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Visit messiahchurch.ca for job description. Applications due Feb. 6.