

## Events and Announcements



### St Joe's Collection Bin and Memorial Names

The St. Joe's Collection Bin will be at the Besserer door every Sunday from today up until to Easter. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and feminine products will be given to St. Joe's Supper Table ministry.

If you would like to have a loved one remembered by name in the Easter bulletin, please submit those names to the office no later than April 15th. Flowers will be present on the stage in memory of our loved ones. [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)



### Palm Sunday Potluck

Sunday, April 14th

Join us for a church potluck after the service in the lobby! Please bring a potluck item to share!



### DATE CHANGED Messiah Women's High Tea Party!

Join Messiah women for a tea party and music by Amy Usherwood. Please feel free to dress for the occasion! Hats and fascinators are all the rage at this party!

Saturday, May 11th | 2:30-4:00PM



**WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!**

**Sunday, April 7th, 2019**

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



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Today's service:  
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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. I will seek to develop a Gospel shaped, Bible saturated, prayerful Christian mind.
- 2. I will seek to make Jesus my Lord as I listen and speak with gentleness and respect.
- 3. Jesus, please be the Lord of more and more of my life.

**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:

Almighty God, have mercy on me and help me to set Jesus apart as the Lord and Saviour of my: identity, history, destiny, intellect, strength, money, sexuality, and day-to-day life. Please make me a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel who humbly reads Your word, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, lives for Your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

"but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"

1 Peter 3:15

**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 \_\_\_\_\_."

**"Conservative" and "Liberal" Christianity**

Dear Friends,

About twelve years ago or so a young woman wanted to do a comparative study on a "conservative" and a "liberal" church. She ended up approaching two Anglican churches. We were the "conservative" church – at the time we were still in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and would have been considered the most "conservative" Anglican Church in the Diocese because of, among other things, our biblically based stand on a social issue. The leading "liberal" church was also approached. As a part of her study, she would visit both churches on a Sunday morning, and then later interview people from each church. She approached me and I agreed that Messiah (at the time called St. Alban's) would participate.

She had a very nominal Christian background. If memory serves me, I think she attended a United Church a few times as a child. She visited the "liberal" church first. When she left, she was worried. In the "liberal" church, it was very formal. Priests and servers and choir were all in robes. The music was all organ driven and the choir dominated the service. The hymns were old – or at least seemed old. Everything was slow and solemn and serious. She said to herself, if this is what the "liberal" church is like, the "conservative" church will be even slower, more solemn – you get the idea. A week or so later she came to our church. She was shocked and confused. No robes? A band? Modern music? Not stuffy? I learned all of this later when she came to interview me. She was shocked at the difference and frankly could not get her mind around the disconnect between us being "conservative" and the average age and views and worship of our church.

A couple of brief points about all of that. First of all, "liberal" and "conservative" are political, not theological, words. When you use words which are primarily used in the political realm to try and distinguish between churches and denominations, you will keep making mistakes about what the groups are like. She expected the conservative church to be the one to resist change and hold on to the past. She was shocked when the "conservative" church was more "innovative" and "adaptive" and "flexible" in regards to music, liturgy, media, and structure than the "liberal" church.

The words "conservative" and "liberal", when applied to churches, are indicators of a profound difference, which has no connection to how the words "conservative" and "liberal" are usually used. In the Protestant world, a "liberal" Christian is one who is redefining the Christian faith so that it is shaped by one or more contemporary philosophies and/or ideologies. In other words, the philosophies or ideologies change the "Christian" faith so that the "faith" is aligned with, and does not contradict, the philosophy or ideology in question. Fifty years ago, the liberal Christian faith was changed to fit with Marxism and/or the sexual revolution and/or Rogerian therapy and/or philosophical naturalism. Today it might be postmodernism and/or feminism and/or queer theory and /or transgenderism and/or native spirituality.

So-called Conservative Protestant Christianity seeks "straight-up", "historical", biblically-faithful, biblically controlled Christianity – a Christianity which is prepared to dissent from the dominant philosophies and ideologies of society because Jesus Christ is the Lord and Saviour that people in every time and every people group truly need to be made right with the true and living God, creator and sustainer of all things.

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