

## Events and Announcements

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### Annual Vestry 2019

March 16th at The Bible House  
4pm meeting  
5:30pm potluck



### Learners Exchange

A series of TedTalk-style talks between services on Sunday mornings meant to equip confident disciples of Jesus! Join us in the lobby at 9:15am:

March 10 "Mindfulness, the Gospel, and the Medical community"  
March 17 "Jesus and Horror Flicks"  
March 24 "Basics of Christian Discipleship"



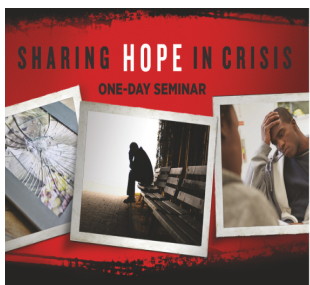
### Women's Art Event

March 30th at the Bible House

This time we will be working with chalk pastel!

Space is limited to 15 spots and the cost is \$15/person

Register at [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)



### Rapid Response Training Day

A one-day seminar led by the BGEA that will train people from your congregation in rapid response to disasters. Brought to you by Love Ottawa and the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team.

Saturday, March 23rd | 9AM - 4PM  
Arlington Woods Free Methodist Church  
225 McClellan Rd



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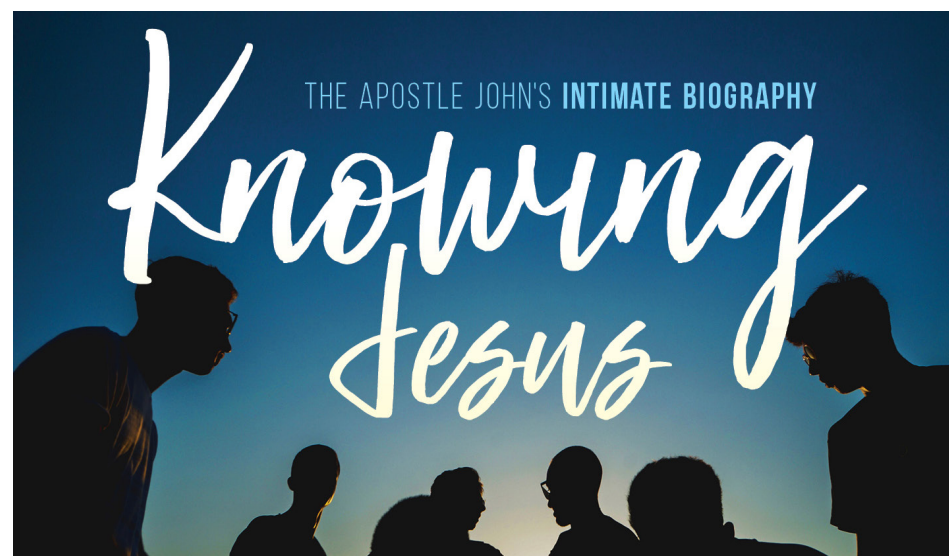
**WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!**

***Sunday, March 10th, 2019***

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

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**John 17:20-26**

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Rev. George Sinclair - Rector

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Today's service:  
[bible.com/events/578799](http://bible.com/events/578799)



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## Knowing Jesus - John 17:20-26

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### GROWING IN GRACE

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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. God's word written always has more to teach me.
2. In Christ, my destiny is to enter into His eternal glory.
3. In the world hope is insecure. In Christ we can hope in His trustworthy 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:

Righteous Father, we need hope to live well. You have made us so that hope is an important food for our soul. In the world the choice is between optimism and pessimism. But both look to insecure and fleeting goods. Please shape me by the Gospel so that more and more I will hope in Your unfailing promises and live for Your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

John 17:20-21

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_."

## The Gospel Coalition

Dear Friends,

For me, "Anglican" is an adjective, never a noun. So I would not call myself a Christian Anglican. I would call myself an Anglican Christian. Similarly, I would not call myself an evangelical Anglican. I am an Anglican evangelical. So while I am an Anglican by convictions, and take part in the common life of the Anglican Network in Canada, I do not restrict myself to my denomination. I believe it is important to work cross-denominationally. I also believe it is important to be linked with other churches cross-denominationally. One way I do this, and I hope we will do this more and more, is to be connected to The Gospel Coalition (TGC) movement, and in particular, The Gospel Coalition Canada (TGCC).

Before I go any further, I should let you know that I am an original Council member of TGCC. In fact, the two-day meeting of pastors from across Canada, that formed the TGCC, was hosted by Church of the Messiah. The two-day meeting took place in our ministry space at The Bible House. The TGCC Council has doubled in size from that first meeting. The Council now includes two other ANiC clergy: Ray David Glenn from St. George's Burlington and David Short from St. John's Vancouver.

TGC was started in the U.S. as a result of extended conversations and prayer between the Presbyterian pastor/writer Tim Keller and the Baptist New Testament scholar/writer Don Carson. They were concerned with the growth of "moral therapeutic deism" and "mere pragmatism" in the evangelical movement. By this I mean that increasingly the decisions and teachings in the evangelical was moving away from its Gospel-shaped, Gospel-grounded, Gospel-proclaiming, seriously biblical roots. Instead, there was the growth of moralism (especially political moralism), and the therapeutic and therapy, and "what-works-pragmatism" as the foundation for teaching and decision-making. So Keller and Carson thought they would form a council, primarily made of senior pastors leading local churches, which would seek to call the church back to unashamed, fully biblical, counter-cultural, Gospel witness. As well, they hoped that the Council could help in raising up resources for people, pastors and churches. The pastors met, TGC was formed, and there are now other TGC Councils/movements around the world. I feel honoured to be a part of TGCC. It is an honour to work across denominational lines to encourage and equip Gospel churches, and movements, and people in Canada.

So a couple of encouragements. First, I encourage you to check out the TGC Canada site and TGC U.S. sites. Both are really good resources. The U.S. site in particular, having been around longer, has lots of articles on all manner of relevant topics - and they have a great search function. Here you will find wise insights and teaching on both perennial questions/topics and the most current and pressing questions/topics of the day. So please check out the sites.

Second, please pray for TGCC. In the famous words of Psalm 127, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the labourers labour in vain." So please pray for the Council members (me included!), and Wyatt Graham, TGCC's Executive Director. Pray that the Lord will guide and provide for TGCC.

Third, please consider making a financial contribution to support TGCC. You can find details on their web page.

Fourth, consider attending one of the TGCC or TGC events. Once again check out the web sites. By the way, Wyatt Graham, TGCC Executive Director is also one of Ryle Seminaries adjunct faculty. He will be in Ottawa in late May, I will keep you posted if you would like to meet him; learn more; get involved.

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