

Events and Announcements



Parents Date Night!

The Bible House (315 Lisgar St.)
February 9th (4:30pm-7:00pm)
Children Ages 0-15

Sign your kids up for an evening of games, a kid friendly dinner, crafts and a kids movie with popcorn! The catch? You and your spouse go on a date during that time! **RSVP** before February 8th if you plan to participate! jen@messiahchurch.ca



Coldest Night of the Year

On February 23rd in Lowertown, Ottawa, a walk-a-thon in support of Jericho Road Ministries and Capital City Missions will take place. All funds raised will go to the support of these organizations that deal directly with hurting, marginalized and street-involved persons.

Join Amy and Matt Usherwood on their team or donate by contacting Amy at dagenais03@gmail.com



The Annual Church of the Messiah Vestry

Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 at 4:00pm
at the Bible House (315 Lisgar St.)

Join us at 4:00pm for the meeting! We will review 2018 and look at the 2019 budget, and afterwards for a potluck dinner beginning at 5:30pm!



The parking garage next to the Ottawa Little Theatre is being managed by a new company. We need to negotiate a new parking arrangement with the new company. Note that this means our parking passes are no longer valid.

In the meantime, here are some suggestions. If you park in the lot behind the Theatre, we will pay for your parking if you ask (\$5). You can also park a block away at the Loblaws. If you make a small purchase, you get 2 hours of free parking. There is also lots of parking available on the road - parking is free on Sundays.

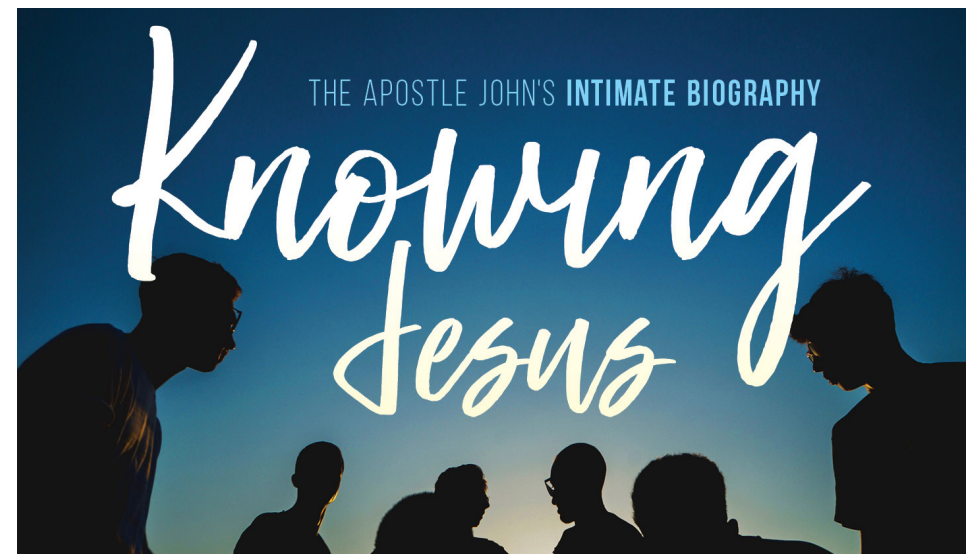


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WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

Sunday, February 3rd, 2019

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



John 14

Rev. George Sinclair - Rector



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Today's service:
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Knowing Jesus - John 14

GROWING IN GRACE

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. Jesus is the way to my true home.
2. Even amidst the changes and chances of this world, in Jesus, I am home.
3. Every word and action of Jesus is for my true peace.

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, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, thank You that You make Your dwelling place in those whom You make Your children by adoption and grace. Please work deeply within me, preparing me to live forever in the place prepared for me by my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

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 _____."

Who Will Win the Super Bowl?

Dear Friends,

There are many football fans who have two favourite teams. Their favourite team and whoever is playing against the New England Patriots. The Super Bowl is this Sunday evening and the New England Patriots are playing the Los Angeles Rams. There is an extra level of drama around this year's game. Two Sundays ago in the game between the New Orleans Saints and the Los Angeles Rams, very close to the end of the game, a big mistake by the officiating crew meant a clear penalty against the Rams was missed. If that penalty had been called, New Orleans almost certainly would have won the game. It was such a clear infraction against the rules that everyone agreed a penalty should have been called - even the player on the Rams who committed the (double) offence. However, a penalty was not called. New Orleans did not win. The L.A. Rams did win. An injustice occurred, and the team that benefited from the injustice will have a chance to win the Super Bowl.

Christians know that we live in the already/not-yet. This is the time between the death and resurrection of Jesus 2000 years ago, and His second coming sometime in the future. It is called "the already/not-yet", because some of the benefits of the New Heaven and Earth have already begun in us - we dwell in eternal life; we are part of the Lord's Kingdom/people/family; we can live each day in light of how the story of the world will end; the Holy Spirit indwells in us forever.

At the end of all things, perfect justice will be real. This perfect justice will be real for every human being, family, nation, institution throughout history. We will see perfect justice enacted and accomplished. "The Lord will do this and it will be marvelous to our eyes"

However, the End of all things is still in the future. Now, in the already/not yet, we live in a time when sometimes there is some justice and sometimes there is no justice. We have no guarantee that we will see justice enacted in our world right now. It is not that there is only injustice. The Lord by His common grace, maintains some justice. Human fallenness and freedom means sometimes injustice wins for now. The "for now" is important because for Christians, at the End, we will see the Lord's justice handed down to all humans, in all of our history.

All of this means several important things for Christians. First, we are to be people who care for justice, who desire to see justice done, who desire to walk and live in a just way. We are to work against and stand against injustice. We are to live each day in light of the End.

Second, we will know that sometimes injustice "wins" in this world. We should never make peace with this, or become cynical and resigned to injustice. See the first point again. Real injustice should not cause us to despair. We live in the already/not-yet. If this world is all there is, real injustice can lead to cynicism and despair. We are to act with hope, for we know how the story ends.

Third, we should be humbled by God's grace, marveling at His mercy given to us through Jesus and His death upon the cross. A Christian is not perfect. He or she knows that on the cross, God's perfect justice was made real, but that His grace and mercy was also poured out as Jesus willingly took upon Himself the justice you and I deserve. So we can live confident in Him, without pride, filled with gratitude for His mercy shown to us and received by faith alone.

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