

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!

Is this your first visit to Church of the Messiah? Thank you for being with us. We are glad you're here. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Contact us: info@messiahchurch.ca or 613.235.0596. 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 last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair Rector	Daniel Gilman Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
Shirley Allan Administrator	Joey McNitt Worship Leader
Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern	Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson, Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Dana Scherf

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the basket go by. If you would like to donate, there are many ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering basket on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) Pre-authorized debit – You can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. To get started, please contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

PARKING: No-cost parking is available at either the parking garage to the north of the theatre or in the outdoor lot to the west of the theatre. Pick up a parking pass (for the garage) or \$5 in coins (for the outdoor lot) from the Besserer door host.

BEING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF HISTORY

Dear friends,

I am on the wrong side of history. I know this is true because I am repeatedly told this in newspapers, books, blogs and on television and movies. I was reminded that I am on the wrong side of history this week in local newspapers. I am on the wrong side of history because of some of the moral truths that I hold - moral truths with social implications. Let's pause and think about this for a moment, because I am not alone. By current thinking, all Christians are on the wrong side of history.

First of all, the "wrong side of history" argument is currently made mainly by those who are "left wing" or "progressive". Those who know history know that there have been many right wing versions of the same belief. So, when Christians dissent and argue against "the wrong (or right) side of history" it is not revealing a "right wing" prejudice.

Secondly, think about the claim being made for a moment. The speaker who says that people who hold certain views are on the right or wrong side of history are making a god-like claim. They claim to know the future. They claim to know an unending future without variations or cycles. How can anyone claim this? The fact is that most people who pronounce on the right or wrong side of history do not think through the fact that they are making god-like claims for themselves and those who think the same way. No one knows the future in this way. Only God can know the future.

Thirdly, whether intentionally or unintentionally, when someone plays the "wrong side of history" card, they are doing so to stop conversation, argument, thinking, debate and discovery. Ironically, it is an anti-intellectual move often made by intellectuals.

Fourthly, why should the moral view of a majority of people in the future be true and/or good? Usually, when people think about moral matters, they quickly reject the idea that whatever the majority believes to be good is, in fact, good. How is this capitulation to the view of the majority made more reasonable by talking of a future majority?

Finally, Christians believe there is a God who does exist. His nature and character are the source and ground of what is good. A breaking or removing or bending or twisting or unbalancing of goodness is evil. Right and wrong do not depend on a majority vote. Right and wrong are not determined by a majority vote. In light of God's grace freely offered in Jesus Christ crucified, we are to humbly bear witness to inconvenient moral truths.

George +

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) Everyone needs true justice and true mercy.
- 2) My faith in Jesus weakens as my pride grows.
- 3) My faith in Jesus grows as my fear of the Lord grows.

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 God, You are unendingly rich and wise. You alone know all things. If it were not for Your self-revelation in Your Word written and the death and resurrection of Your Son and our Saviour, we would know nothing of Your heart and mind. Your judgments are unsearchable and Your ways are inscrutable. No one can grasp Your mind or give You advice. No one can ever out-give You or put You in their debt. Lord, from You and through You and to You are all things. To You be glory forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11: 33-36

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.

Who is your favourite superhero?

Getting into the Bible.

Remember to pray that the Lord will lead and guide you into all truth.

- 1) Read Romans 11: 1-36.
- 2) On the New Covenant: Read Jeremiah 31: 31-34.
- 3) Background to Romans 9-11: Read Deuteronomy 32: 1-43.
- 4) God's glory: Read Romans 11: 33-36; 16: 25-27; Galatians 1: 3-5; Ephesians 3: 20-21; Philippians 4: 20; 1 Timothy 1: 17; 2 Timothy 4: 18.

Getting real.

In what ways has the Lord convicted you? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON / MAR 7

Prayer Meeting
7pm @ 315 Lisgar St.

TUE / MAR 8

Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / MAR 9

Church on Wednesday
7pm @ uOttawa UCU

Hintonburg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THUR / MAR 10

King Edward Home Group
7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.

FRI / MAR 25

Good Friday worship @ the OLT
9:30am Children's service
10:30am Good Friday worship

Please join us for a **time of prayer on Sunday mornings** between services. We meet at 9:30 in the side lobby area near the coffee station.

Mark your calendars! The worship service regularly held at 10am on Sunday, March 13 will be held at 9am. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 12.

It's time for another Potluck Lunch! Join us on Sunday, April 3 after the 10am service for a light lunch and fellowship. Please bring sandwiches, finger food or dessert to share.

Messiah Women! Our popular Potluck Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 9:30am at 315 Lisgar St. Please sign up at the coffee station.

Vestry Documents available. Copies of the documents provided at the February 27 Vestry are available on the stage near the Besserer door.

Do you have a heart for children? Are you interested in telling kids about Jesus? Church of the Messiah is looking for people to serve in the Sunday School ministry during the 10am service. Your commitment can be as frequent as you'd like. Help in getting started will be provided. Interested? Feel free to "follow the cross" with the kids and see what happens! Need more info? Please speak to Lisa Moore Ede or Shirley Allan (shirley@messiahchurch.ca)