

PROVERBS: ANCIENT WISDOM FOR A POSTMODERN WORLD

First Reading: Proverbs 11:2; 25:27; 16:18-19; 18:12; 29:23; 22:4

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-9 *Free Bibles are available by the Besserer door.

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON / AUG 3 Civic Holiday - the church office is closed

TUES / AUG 4 Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / AUG 5 Church on Wednesday
7pm @ uOttawa Agora
Wurtemberg Home Group
7:30 pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

SAT / AUG 15 Church picnic and baptism
11 am @ Missie Lang's cottage (Directions available from a door host.)

We are thankful to have Genevieve Allard as our **Guest Worship Leader** today. Welcome, Genevieve!

The weekly **Tuesday Prayer Meeting** will resume on Tuesday, September 8 at 7pm.

Are you willing to help with Sunday School in August? Please sign up in the lobby after the service or see Lisa Moore Ede.

Our friend, Norman Igloopialik, is at the Mamisarvik Healing Centre for two months. He would love to receive cards or notes of encouragement from his friends at Church of the Messiah. If you would like to send Norman a card or note, please do! Mamisarvik Healing Centre, 1863 Russell Road, Ottawa ON K1G 0N1

Being part of a **Home Group** is a great way to get connected to friends at Church of the Messiah. Not only do you get to know people on a more personal level, but you learn about God and Jesus as you study together. You are welcome to join any of the currently established Home Groups: (Tuesday - in Lowertown; Wednesday - in Westboro; Thursday - in Old Ottawa South (taking a break in the summer) Looking for something else? Let us know!

- A group that meets in a different part of the city?
- Men or Women only?
- Moms and Tots?
- A group that meets in your workplace?
- A group meeting Sunday @ 9am @ the OLT?

Please contact the office (info@messiahchurch.ca) if you would like more information or have some suggestions!



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

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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!

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, you are welcome to bring children to the south side of the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, children are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

The Offering Plate

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, please make cheques out to "Church of the Messiah." Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes. If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

Financial Update - Operating Fund

	JAN - JUN ACTUAL	JAN - JUN TARGET
Offering	\$135,083	\$153,555

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rector Rev. Canon George Sinclair	Pastor of Evangelism & Discipleship Daniel Gilman
Administrator Shirley Allan	Guest Worship Leader Genevieve Allard

Wardens:

Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson, Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Dana Scherf

AFTER FAILURE

Dear Friends,

Everybody fails. It is not that we fail all of the time, but that we cannot live without failing in some of our endeavors. For a Christian, how do we live after failure?

There is a wonderful Scripture text which historically has played a key role in Anglican worship. Morning and Evening Prayer are "orders of worship" that a person can do by themselves in private worship and they can also be used for public worship. Early on in both Morning and Evening Prayer there is an exhortation which explains worship and calls us to worship. As part of that exhortation, Ezekiel 18:23 is paraphrased. The original text [ESV] is, *Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live.* The Prayer Book paraphrase puts it in the form of an exhortation, "God takes no delight in the death of a sinner, but that he should turn from his wickedness, and live." Ezekiel wrote before Jesus. His promise is even more powerful after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now we know that we truly are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. In love and mercy, God held nothing back. He gave us His only Son to take our place so that He bore our doom and we are granted His destiny.

When we fail, we are tempted to despair. But God desires us to live. So, after failure, come to God in prayer. Thank Him for Jesus. Thank Him that in Jesus, God's final word about you will not be, "rejected as a failure." In Jesus His "final" word to you will be, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Ask the Lord what he wants you to learn after failure. Be ready to repent of any sin on your part which contributed to failing. Ask the Lord to make clear to you the role that your pride plays in your feelings of despair after failure. Ask for Him to help in repenting of pride. Ask Him to help you to have a humble confidence in Jesus. Ask the Lord to make clear to you whether this failure is a stop sign or a sign for humble persistence to try again or a guideline that you are to move in a new direction.

In particular, mindful of Jesus as your gracious Saviour and Lord, ask Him, "What's next?" Spend less time in prayer dwelling on the past and more time asking the Lord, "What's next?" "What would You have me do now?" Remember that in Jesus, God is never finished with you. Given your eternal destiny in the New Heaven and Earth, He has only just begun!

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