



## 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

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

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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](mailto:givings@messiahchurch.ca). Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Give" tab (far right side) on our website ([messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca))
- 4) 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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

### FINANCIAL UPDATE AT MARCH 31, 2016

Target Offering: \$ 69,405

Actual Offering: \$ 68,887

## STRATEGIC PRAYER NEEDED!

Dear friends,

I confess I do not tire of quoting Hudson Taylor, "When we work, we work. When we pray, God works." I think he captures much biblical wisdom. A great Bible quote on prayer, "...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6 (ESV). By the way, a Bible quote trumps a Hudson Taylor quote every time, since Hudson Taylor is human like you and me, but the Bible is God's Word written.

Anyhow, I am asking for your prayers. We at Messiah need to make some strategic decisions in the next month or so. We need God's help and direction and wisdom, so please pray.

First, please pray that God will lead us to recognize the worship leader that He would raise up for Messiah. Pray that the person God is calling will recognize the call. Pray that we will recognize who God is calling. Especially pray for those who offer themselves for consideration - but then we choose someone else.

Please pray for Church on Wednesday. God has blessed this ministry, so praise God for this. We have several decisions to make. First, what type of ministry to Young Adults will we have between May and August? Second, should we go for a larger venue in September? If we do this, we will probably have to change the evening. Or, should we stay with Wednesday evening and maybe add a second evening? This option poses "human resource" issues. As well, with Joey moving, we need to develop a "house band". Who? Please pray.

Please pray for Ryle College. We have several areas in great need of God's wisdom and direction. First, the whole issue of accreditation. There is too much to talk about in a short blog. But we need God's direction and provision in next steps and options around full accreditation or its equivalent. As well, because of our modest success this year, we need to sort out scheduling issues when we have "first" and "second" year students. Finally, pray for God's financial provision!

My last request is a bit of a grab bag. Please pray that Messiah can become an "island of life" in our city. Pray that we will be led into concrete steps to be this Island of Life in a culture that is increasingly embracing the culture of death.

As well, please pray that God will use us to plant ANiC churches in Kanata, Leitrim, Manotick, Orleans, Cornwall, Kemptville, Carleton Place and Arnprior. Please pray! Thank you for praying. Pray God will use us to make disciples of Jesus, gripped by the Gospel, living for God's glory.

George +

## 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) I will walk across the room to welcome wall-weeds.
- 2) I will die to being a legend in my own mind.
- 3) The more I cling to self-righteousness and self-justification, the less I love.

### 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, I confess that I am often blind to the idols of my age and the idols of my heart. I let the idols of my age and the idols of my heart guide the way I hear Your Word written - and guide the way I understand and live Your Word written. Thank You for the Gospel! Thank You that in Jesus Christ crucified, You do not weigh my merits but pardon my offenses. Please pour out Your Holy Spirit upon me so I can recognize the idols of my age and of my heart. Please work in my heart so that it is Your Gospel which guides how I hear and live Your Word written. Then help me to live with genuine love, abhorring what is evil and clinging to what is good. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

*Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.*  
Romans 12:9

### 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

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### Getting to know me.

When you put something together, do you read the instructions first or do you start assembling?

### Getting into the Bible.

Pray that you will be gripped by the mercies of God as you read God's Word. Pray He will renew your mind and help you live as a living sacrifice.

- 1) Read Romans 12: 9-21
- 2) Read Romans 1: 16-17 and Exodus 20: 1-17.
- 3) Read Romans 12: 17-21. Then read 1 Peter 2: 21-25.

### Getting real.

Has the Lord brought you under conviction in some way as you have read His Word written? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

## UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MON / APR 11	Ministry Leaders Prayer Meeting 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St
TUE / APR 12	Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
WED / APR 13	Church on Wednesday 7pm @ uOttawa UCU  Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THUR / APR 14	King Edward Home Group 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.
FRI / APR 15	Revive Youth Group 7pm @ École Ste Anne (235 Beausoleil)  Men's Gathering 8pm @ 584 Tweedsmuir Ave.

**Learner's Exchange has returned!** Come out at 9:15am Sundays to hear a 30-minute TED-style talk followed by a 10-minute Q&A. Light breakfast food will be available.

### Upcoming talks:

- April 10: Embracing a Biblical understanding of leisure (Paul Heintzman)
- April 17: Music and the Gospel (Heidi Jost)
- April 24: Euthanasia (Julia Beazley)
- May 1: The flaws and failure of moral relativism (Jonathan Camiré)
- May 8: Anglicanism 101 (Gary Graber)

**NEW!** You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Give" tab (far right side) on our website ([messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca)) and click the "Donate Now" button under PayPal.

You can **support our Revive Youth Group** by purchasing or donating new or used basketballs, soccer balls, dodge balls (soft, large balls), skipping ropes and hula hoops. Contact Hilary or Josh deBoer ([hilary.moate@gmail.com](mailto:hilary.moate@gmail.com)) or the church office ([info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)) if you will help!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Don't miss an interesting debate on Sunday, May 1 @7pm here at the OLT. Dr Os Guinness, a renowned Christian, will debate with Dr. Christopher DiCarlo, a well-known atheist about *Meaning without a Maker*. The suggested donation is \$5. Space is limited, so please register at [www.diganddelve.ca](http://www.diganddelve.ca)