# FOLLOWING THE LAMB IN THE DYING DAYS OF THE DRAGON **REVELATION 20**

Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email George at george@messiahchurch.ca

# <u>Going Deeper</u>

**2** GETTING INTO

THE BIBLE

① GETTING TO KNOW ME What would be a good question to introduce a discussion on hell?

Begin with prayer. Ask God to make you good soil so His word will bear much fruit in your life.

- 1) Read Revelation 20.
- 2) Read Rev. 20:11-13. Then read: Ezekiel 18:23, 32; 33:11, 2 Peter 3:8-13, John 3:16-21.
- 3) Read Rev. 20:10, 14-15. Then read: Matthew 10:26-28; 23:15,33; 24:45-51; 25:41-46. Mark 9:43-48.
- 4) Read Revelation 20.

**3** GETTING REAL

In light of these Bible passages, how can people pray for you?

What other prayer requests do you have?





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Please ask a greeter for assistance.

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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 north 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**." If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

# **TODAY'S SERVICE**

#### **SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

First Reading The Gospel
Revelation 20 John 10:11-16

\*Free Bibles are available at the Besserer door.

# **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**Rector** Rev. Canon George Sinclair Worship Leader & Young Adults Leader

Jeremiah Smith

Administrative & Communications Manager Amy van Hemmen

**Ministry Interns** 

Jeremy Giles & Daniel Gilman

Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson

Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Natasha Wallace

#### UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TUE / MAY 6** Lowertown Home Group

7:00pm @ lan Murray's

**Messiah Prayer Meeting** 

7:00pm @ Messiah Office (152 Metcalfe St.)

WED / MAY 7 Men's Bible Study

5:30pm @ Rideau Centre

**The Wurtemburg Home Group** 7:30pm @ The van Hemmen's

THU / MAY 8 National March for Life

12:00pm @ Parliament Hill

**The House** 

6:30pm @ The Giles'

FRI / MAY 9 Dr. Rick Reed presents:

Getting in on Giving Out the Good News

7:00pm @ Parkdale United Church (429 Parkdale Ave.) Reception to follow.

SAT / MAY 10 An Evening with A Missionary

5:30pm @ 169 Fifth Ave.

Email jeremiah@messiahchurch.ca for more info.

SUN / MAY 11 Mother's Day

SUN / MAY 18 10:00am Service will take place at 9:00am.

FRI / MAY 23 30 Hour Famine - World Vision

Visit <u>messiahchurch.ca/famine</u> to support Messiah's Youth as they raise funds to help reduce poverty around the world.

For more info, visit **messiahchurch.ca**, call **613.235.0596**, or email Amy at **amy@messiahchurch.ca**.

#### **REMINDER RE: PARKING**

Offering

Please DO NOT park in spaces reserved for "Ottawa Little Theatre Staff." These are reserved for OLT Staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

# **Financial Update - Operating Fund**

January - April 2014

<u>ACTUAL TARGET</u>

\$91,498 \$105,416

# Growing in Grace

May 4, 2014 Revelation 20

# 1 I NEED TO DEVELOP GODLY ATTITUDES

First steps to developing godly attitudes are:

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Say the attitude again and again to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitude A) I will appear before the judgment seat of the living God.

Attitude B) Everyone I meet today will appear before the judgment

seat of the living God.

Attitude C) Everyone is judged for every deed, both those deeds done

and those deeds left undone.

# (2) 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 God, I thank You and I praise You that You take no delight in the death of a sinner. I thank You and I praise You that You delight when a person turns away from evil and turns to You and lives. Please help me to be so gripped by the Gospel that I will daily repent and turn again to You and live. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

# (3) I NEED TO GET GOD'S WORD IN MY MIND & HEART

For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live." (Ezekiel 18:32 ESV)

# (4) 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_."

# Being Weak

Dear Friends,

I bumped into a pastor friend this week. He pastors a large suburban church. He is a good guy. He had heard through the grapevine that we are leaving our office space and are looking for new space. He asked me where we were going to move. I told him we had not rented any space yet. To this he replied, "Why haven't you rented office and ministry space yet?"

I said to him, "It's hard to rent office and ministry space when you have no money. If your church would cut us a cheque for \$50,000 a year, we will find great office space within a couple of days." He saw my point. He did not say he would get his church to cut us a cheque. We did have a good talk about possibilities that cost a lot less than 50 K a year.

We are weak. It can be a scary thing to be weak. We are happier when we are strong. It is easy to deny our weakness by pretending to be strong. It is easy for Christians to think that "pretending to be strong" is great faith. As a general rule, "pretending" is not "faith:" pretending is a turning away from faith in the living God. Pretending is a form of thinking about ourselves. Faith is coming to the living God in light of the reality of our situation.

When we pretend, we make demands of God. God needs to do what we need, so we can continue pretending. When we have faith in the living God, we do not demand, but we can ask. Most importantly, we ask to know His will and we ask for the strength to walk in His will for His glory.

So, please pray that the leaders of Messiah will prayerfully seek God's will and that we will seek the strength that comes from God to walk in His will for His glory. Pray that we will know what divine assignments God has for us. Pray that we will trust that God's will done in God's way will receive God's supply. Pray that we will remember, "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:10).

Please pray for Amy who is heading up our team looking for rental space. Please pray for her team members, Diane and Jeremy. Please pray for the Church Board as they weigh the options that Amy brings forward. Please pray that we will recognize God's provision for us.

George +