

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

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) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Give" tab (far right side) on our website (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

FINANCIAL UPDATE AT FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Target Offering: \$46,270

Actual Offering: \$42,485

FIRST STEPS IN KNOWING YOUR GRACE GIFTS

Dear friends,

Some of us struggle with knowing what our spiritual gifts are. Today I want to share a few first steps to knowing your gifts.

First. It is pointless to look for something which is not there. On the other hand, it is sensible and wise to search for what is there. The Bible is clear. When you come to a saving faith in Jesus, the same grace that comes upon you is the grace that bestows one or more grace gifts. So, if you are a Christian, you have gifts.

Second. Pray. Ask the Lord to show you what your gifts are. Ask Him to deliver you from any laziness or pride or fear or busy-ness which stops you from serving or using your gifts. Ask Him to give you a desire to know your gifts and use them to serve Him and bring Him glory.

Third. Ask Him to help you commit to having a "home church". Many of us today are wounded by consumerism. So we visit churches for a season as consumers. We do not seek a church to be our church home. A consumerist mind-set and lifestyle will mean that you do not discover your gifts and/or use them to serve God and others to His glory and the furtherance of His Kingdom. So pray that you will die to consumerism and find and be involved in a church home.

Fourth, read today's text again (Romans 12: 3-8) and also read the two other main Bible texts which talk about gifts. These are 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4: 1-16. The Bible mentions other gifts (one is celibacy, another is making beautiful art), but these three passages give you a quick "big picture" look. Read over these lists and pray for wisdom. I do not think the Bible gives an exhaustive list, by the way. So know these texts but do not get fixated on them.

Fifth. In the context of your local church, ask yourself "what itches?" or "what do you want to scratch?" In other words, what need do you see that needs to be dealt with? It might be that this awareness is the Holy Spirit's prompting to step up and get involved and help meet the need. Take some concrete action by walking towards the need rather than away from it. Call (613 235 0596) or email (info@messiahchurch.ca) the office for some help on this!

Sixth. Do something. God can't steer a ship that is at anchor or tied to the dock. Do something. Begin with something simple and practical like helping with hosting or coffee or set-up. Choose prayerful action and engagement and God will continue to guide and direct.

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) God gives me gifts to make a difference in other people's lives to His glory.
- 2) I will measure myself by the Gospel, not my toys.
- 3) Because I am prone to self-deception, I need God's grace every day.

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, You know how I tend to think too highly of myself. You know how hard it is for me to get over myself. You know how hard it is for me to not think of every thing in terms of myself. Thank You for the Gospel. Thank You for the grace You bestow in Jesus my Lord. Please help me to be gripped by the Gospel so that I will think with sober judgment. Please help me to make the Gospel the standard and the lens by which I think. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of him self more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. Romans 12:3

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.

Do you have any tattoos?

Getting into the Bible.

Remember to pray for God to transform and renew your mind as you read His Word written.

- 1) Read Romans 12: 1-8
- 2) Read Romans 12: 4-5. Then read: Ephesians 1: 15-23; Colossians 1: 15-29; 1 Corinthians 10: 14-22.
- 3) Read Romans 12: 6-8. Then read: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-31; Ephesians 4: 1-16

Getting real.

What has God "brought home" to you or convinced you of? Can you share some of this so others can pray with you and for you?

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON / APR 4	Prayer Meeting 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St.
TUE / APR 5	Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
WED / APR 6	Church on Wednesday 7pm @ uOttawa UCU Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THUR / APR 7	Old Ottawa South Home Group 7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave. King Edward Home Group 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.

Please stay after today's service for a **Potluck Lunch!**

Messiah Women! Last chance to sign up for the Potluck Breakfast to be held on Saturday, April 9 at 9:30am at 315 Lisgar St. Please sign up at the coffee station.

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 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)

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)

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