

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 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 Vestiaire before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
Rector

Rev. Neil Stephens
Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

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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 "Contact" 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

The Nashville Statement

Dear friends,

A week or two ago a group of Christians in the United States released a short statement on what the Bible teaches about sexuality, gender and marriage. The statement is called "The Nashville Statement". The text can be found at <https://cbmw.org/nashville-statement/>

I do not normally hear of such statements and I do not normally know much about the controversies such statements create. Generally speaking, I am unaware of the Twitter and blog tsunamis that erupt. But, by happenstance, I became aware of the statement and some of the controversy. I read the statement twice. Slept on the matter. Read the statement again. Then I signed the statement. Why?

We live in a time where people who reject Biblical teaching, and in fact find it highly offensive, are organized and vocal and assertive. I am not writing this to complain. I am stating the obvious. They have the freedom to follow their conscience. However, on my part, as one who has been redeemed by Jesus and calls Him my Saviour and my Lord, I have an obligation to my Lord to bear witness to Him and the truth of His word.

The Nashville Statement is not a perfect statement, but it is a good statement, which gently but clearly expresses the consensual, historical understanding of what the Bible teaches on sexuality, gender and marriage in light of the current North American context. So I signed it.

Francis Schaeffer, an important Christian apologist and thinker from the mid-1960s to mid-1980s, said that Christians need to distinguish between being a co-belligerent and an ally.

To be an ally is to make common cause on many issues. To be a co-belligerent is to work together on one matter only. Much of the Christian criticism of the Nashville Statement fails to make this helpful distinction. People complain about the theology or the politics or writings of some of the main signatories and/or the organization which sponsored the statement. However, people are only invited to sign the statement. I did so as a co-belligerent not as an ally. I was not endorsing the organization or every writer's work - I was endorsing the statement as written. If and when a better statement comes out, I can sign that as well. The main thing is the importance of taking a stand when there is a need.

By the way, the statement, as written, is in complete agreement with Messiah's and ANiC's statement of faith and purposes.

Please pray!

George +

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) In Jesus, God bestows upon me his unmerited mercy and love.
- 2) In Jesus, God brings me from enmity with Him to peace with Him.
- 3) I want to grow in the knowledge of Who Jesus is and what He did for me on the cross.

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:

Father in heaven, thank You that You sent Jesus Christ to give Himself for my sins and to deliver me from the present evil age. Thank You for this eternal gift of grace and peace for me and all who have received the Gospel. Please grip me with the Gospel so I will live for Your glory. Please help me to grow in knowing, trusting and sharing Your one and only Gospel. In Jesus' name. Amen!!

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

As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. Galatians 1: 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

Getting to know me

The Bible text tells us both bad news and good news. In general, are you an optimist or a pessimist?

Getting into the Bible

Remember to pray! Ask the Lord to lead and guide you into all truth.

Read Galatians 1: 1-9

Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Mark 10:45; Philippians 2: 5-11; Hebrews 10: 1-10

Getting Real

Has the Lord pressed in on you in some way as you have read and prayed and discussed? Can you share this with someone so they can pray with you about it?

EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: Worship services will be held next Sunday at 8 am and 10am at École Ste Anne.

GREAT NEWS! Sunday, September 24: We return to worship in the newly renovated auditorium at the Ottawa Little Theatre! Services will be held at 8am and 10am.

Tuesday, September 12

- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson - studying the book of Leviticus

Wednesday, September 13

- 7pm: Church on Wednesday resumes @ uOttawa
- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

Thursday, September 14

- 7:15pm: Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside. All are welcome to join us for Bible study and prayer followed by coffee and chat! Call Ann at 613 730 1335.

You are invited to lunch with a Baroness!

- Date: Saturday September 23, 2017, 12 noon
- Location: Metropolitan Bible Church, 2176 Prince of Wales Dr
- Cost: No charge. This event is sponsored by the ARDFC. A freewill offering will be taken for ARDFC's Cameroon healthcare project.
- Information: For more information and to RSVP by Tuesday, September 12, please see the ARDFC website. www.ardfc.ca

Check out the insert in your bulletin.

ARDFC (Anglican Relief Development Fund Canada) have set up a way for Canadians to easily donate for **Hurricane Harvey relief** (and likely Hurricane Irma relief, too!) By giving through ARDFC individuals will be able to receive a receipt for Canadian tax purposes as well as support the "on the ground" relief efforts of fellow ACNA churches. All money received for this purpose will be channeled to the ACNA diocese in that area. (See <http://ardf.org/support-hurricane-relief-effort-texas/> for details) You can donate online at <http://ardfc.ca/donate.htm>