JARS OF CLAY: BEING HUMAN IN CHRIST AM I EVER ENOUGH?

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 2:14 - 3:6 *Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door. Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-45 Listen to sermons on iTunes: Church of the Messiah





Making disciples of Jesus 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!

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 come to the front after the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair Rector

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Ministry Intern

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Shirley Allan

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE AT AUGUST 31, 2016:

Target Offering: \$ 194,995 Actual Offering: \$ 179,706

I REALLY NEED YOUR PRAYERS!

Dear friends,

I don't like talking about the different things I do. But I always need your prayer; so, as your pastor, I'd like to share with you some of my involvements. Please pray that the Lord will help me to not do bad things. But please also pray that the Lord will help me know what good things I should say "no" to because it is not God's will that I take part in that task. Please pray as well that I will recognize when the Lord is calling me to take on some new role or task or project. Please pray that I will do all things to His glory!

Please pray for me as I chair the Dig & Delve leadership team. Dig & Delve is a yearly apologetics conference in Ottawa. Our next conference is November 4 and 5.

Please pray for me as I chair the Biblically Faithful Working Group for Messiah's denomination. Bishop Charlie has shared five "priorities" that he prays will be woven into the DNA of the Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC). One of these five priorities is that ANiC be a Bible-people through and through. I head up a small group of people from across Canada that are trying to be used by God to plan events and provide resources, teaching and relationships as He makes us a deeply and thoroughly Biblical people and movement.

Please pray for me as the Principal of Ryle Seminary. We are seminary planters! Please pray for me as I provide relevant leadership in establishing and growing a seminary and training centre here in Ottawa.

Please pray for me as a founding council member of the Gospel Coalition Canada. There is a great need for such a coalition in Canada. We are learning from The Gospel Coalition in the US which, through its conferences, blogs, resources and relationships, is playing an important role in furthering a biblically faithful Gospel-centred movement in churches across denominational lines.

Please pray for me as I speak "outside the church walls". About once a month I speak on Parliament Hill to the Parliament Hill Christian Fellowship. I am one of four preachers who speak on CFRA radio every Sunday morning. In October I will be part of a panel at the Reformed Student Club at the University of Ottawa. Please pray for me as I provide leadership as the Pastor of Church of the Messiah. In our church and beyond, please pray that I will be led by Jesus - I only want to follow Him. Messiah should follow no one else! Please pray I will learn to lead like Jesus. Please pray that I will lead people to Jesus, God's Son and the one and only Saviour.

Thank you for praying for me! I always need your prayers.

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) Lord, please still my boasting in myself.
- 2) Lord, please grow in me a deep trust that You are enough.
- 3) Lord, please lead me today to do what is best next.

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 Father in heaven, I confess before You that I often see only one of two options; to tower above others or to cower from others. Please deliver me from this! I thank You that Jesus Messiah has triumphed over every principality and power. I thank You that He is my Saviour and my Lord. Please help me to live each day as Your servant, to Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3: 5-6

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

1. READ 2 Corinthians 2:14 - 3:6

2. LEARN

- How does this passage connect to what Paul has already written?
- Read Ezekiel 36: 24-28. What particular promise of God does Paul see fulfilled in Christ?
- · What is Paul saying to the Corinthians? What is he saying to us?

3. INWARDLY DIGEST

- How are you currently experiencing a sense of insufficiency in trusting and serving Christ?
- How does the reality that it is God who spreads, God who writes, God who commissions and the Spirit who gives light address this sense of insufficiency?

4. PRAY

- Choose one scripture and take a couple of minutes to think about what it is teaching you.
 - turn something you have learned from this verse into thanksgiving
 - turn something from this verse into confession
 - turn something from this verse into praise to God
 - turn something from this verse into supplication (asking)
- The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

TODAY:

1pm

9:15am Learner's Exchange - Daniel Desgroseilliers

speaks about campus evangelism.

Tuesday, September 27

Bible House Study Group @315 Lisgar St (side

door)

7pm Lowértown Home Group @ 110 Nelson St

Wednesday, September 28

3:30pm Ryle Seminary chapel service @ 315 Lisgar St

(ground floor). All welcome.

7pm Čhurch on Wednesday @uOttawa

(churchonwednesday.ca)

7:30pm Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont Ave

Thursday, September 29

7:15pm Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 14 Ashdale

Ave. (note different location)

Friday, September 30

7pm Adventure613 (youth group) @ École Ste Anne -

235 Beausoleil

Please contact the office to add the name of a loved one to the In **Memory** List we will publish on **Thanksqiving Sunday.** info@messiahchurch.ca

Each year we collect items of non-perishable food and gently used / new clothing as a **Thanksgiving gift to St Joe's** Grocery and Clothing Program. Please bring your donations to church on October 2 or 9.

Bishop Charlie Masters will visit Church of the Messiah on October 16. If you are interested in being confirmed, OR would like to be officially received into Anglicanism, OR would like to renew/reaffirm your baptism, by Bishop Charlie, please contact Shirley at info@messiahchurch.ca or 613 235 0596.

Potluck Lunch - We will hold a potluck lunch after the 10am service on October 16. Please bring sandwiches and other finger foods to share.

Dig & Delve tickets are available NOW. Early bird student pricing available until September 30 at: diganddelve.ca/register/

An evening of gospel music featuring Lynda and Ernie Cox and the London Trio Plus will be held at Sunnyside Wesleyan Church (58 Grosvenor Ave) on Saturday, September 30 @ 7pm. This is a benefit concert for Good News Christian Ministries, a Christian broadcast on CFRA. Free admission/freewill offering.