



## 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>Wardens:</b> Dick Butler, Gary Graber John Rayson Shannon Ripley Karl Ruban Dana Scherf
<b>Jonathan Camiré</b> Ministry Intern	

## 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 MAY 31, 2016

Target Offering: \$ 125, 590

Actual Offering: \$ 114, 782

## THE EXAMINED LIFE

Dear friends,

"The unexamined life is not worth living." Socrates was a famous Greek philosopher who died in 399 BC. He went on trial in Athens for impiety (not showing proper respect to the gods and what the city believed was sacred) and for corrupting the youth of the city. At his trial, as part of his defense, he is recorded as saying, "The unexamined life is not worth living." Plato was sentenced to death by drinking poison.

Today and next week I will, maybe, surprise some people by saying some things which go against our cultural understanding. Actually, most weeks, we see ways that the Bible addresses human problems; sometimes the Bible provides a surprising justification for what the culture believes should be done. Sometimes the Bible disagrees and critiques cultural understandings. If the Bible really is God's Word written, then we should expect it to speak like this. Since God is the creator and sustainer of all things and He provides a measure of "common space" then we should expect that the Bible and a culture will often agree - even if the Bible grounds its position in a different way than the culture does. On the other hand, since every culture is "bent" or "fallen", and made up of bent/fallen human beings, then we should expect that there will always be ways that the Bible disagrees with the culture - teaching a different virtue and warning of a different vice.

So, on one hand, people at Messiah are accustomed to me showing how the Bible agrees and disagrees with cultural understandings; on the other hand, people might be surprised by some disagreements. Even though it is not in the Bible, I think everyone agrees with Socrates that "the unexamined life is not worth living." A Christian is a person who has been reconciled to God by putting their faith in the person and work of Jesus - God's effective and powerful provision to save fallen/bent human beings like you and me. For us, the examined life is rooted in being gripped by the Gospel as we search the Scriptures. We know that the Holy Spirit uses the Bible to bring Christians to examine their life.

About six or seven years ago my study of the Bible led me to set aside the so-called "egalitarian" position and see that "complimentarianism" is the consistent way to read and understand the Bible - if you listen to the sermon this week and next you will know what I am referring to if these terms are unfamiliar. For now, try to read the Bible every day. Try to read all of the Bible on a regular basis. Read for wide knowledge and deep knowledge. Memorize key texts. Expect the Bible to challenge you. Please pray for me as I preach and teach God's Word.

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 seek to make a difference for Jesus rather than seek titles for myself.
- 2) God knows me by name.
- 3) As I am gripped by the Gospel, I will die to my boasting and grow in boasting of Who Jesus is and what He has done and is doing.

### 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, help me to watch out for all false teachers and the obstacles and divisions they create. Dear Lord, please renew my mind so that my thinking is consistent with the pattern of sound teaching found in Your Word written. Please pour out Your Holy Spirit upon me so that I do not serve myself and my desires, but instead serve You and seek Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

*..to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.*  
Romans 16:27

### 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.

Do you have a favourite Bible verse? What is it?

### Getting into the Bible.

Remember to ask the Lord to lead you and guide you into all truth - truth to know and truth to live.

- 1) Read Romans 16.
- 2) Read Romans 16:20. Then read Genesis 3: 1-15.
- 3) Read Romans 16: 25-27. Then read 1 Corinthians 1: 18-2:16; Colossians 2: 1-3.

### Getting real.

Has the Lord spoken to you in some way as you read His Word written? Can you share about this so people can pray for you?

## UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MON / JUNE 6	Monday Night in the Park 6:30pm @ Strathcona Park
TUE / JUNE 7	Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
WED / JUNE 8	Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THUR / JUNE 9	King Edward Home Group 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.
FRI / JUNE 10	Revive Youth Group 7pm @ École Ste Anne (235 Beausoleil)

**BETWEEN-SERVICE PRAYER** will look different next Sunday, June 12. Come out to hear P and J speak about their work as missionaries in Asia. This will be followed by a time of prayer. Please join together in the side lobby at 9:15am.

**ELECTORAL VESTRY** - Monday, June 20 - 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St. All are welcome to attend this meeting. The election of several officers will take place and there will be an overview of church ministries and finances.

Plan to join together for a **CHURCH PICNIC!** Head over to Strathcona Park after the 10am worship service on Sunday, June 26. Bring a picnic lunch, chairs or a blanket, frisbees, balls etc and be prepared to have fun! We'll provide, plates, napkins and bottled water.

Our Ministry Intern, **Jonathan Camiré**, has been accepted to the Ravi Zacharias Summer School taking place in Langley, BC July 10-15. This year's theme is CONNECTING THE DOTS: Responding to tough questions through story, word and deed. Jonathan invites you to consider investing prayerfully and financially in his ministry.

- Please pray that he will learn a lot and grow in his faith as he attends this course.
- The cost of the course is \$1645 (registration with accommodation) with travel estimated as \$530. Jonathan received a scholarship of \$1045 from RZIM so he is looking for \$1130 to pay the outstanding fees. Please prayerfully consider supporting him financially.
- You can give via the offering plate. Please clearly indicate that your donation is to support Jonathan Camiré. You can send a donation directly to the office via PayPal or e-transfer (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") Please clearly indicate that your donation is to support Jonathan Camiré. Contact the church office for help.
- If there are funds received in excess of the \$1130 needed they will be set aside in Messiah's Ministry Intern Fund.