

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, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by.
If you would like to donate, there are two ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Bible Reading : Part 3

Dear Friends,

One sure way to fail in developing a Bible reading habit is to begin with big plans. If you start with the plan to read 10 chapters a day, you are probably setting yourself up to fail. I know that sounds odd, but the devil will probably encourage you to pick a high and lofty Bible reading goal - because he knows it will lead you to fail and give up on daily Bible reading altogether. So when you begin to develop your habit of daily Bible reading, start with something like one chapter a day or one page a day. If you have a day where you feel like reading more - read more and praise God! But the next day, return to reading your one chapter a day.

Three or four months into your daily Bible reading, you might want to consider reading more. However you have a basic decision to make. Some writers emphasize study in your daily Bible reading and some writers emphasize reading. If you emphasize study in your daily Bible reading then it can be very difficult to add more Bible reading. Simply put, you need more time and more mental energy. In study, you often have questions you ask of the Bible text and you often have a pad or journal or computer where you write down your prayers and reflection. In a future blog I will talk about some study methods in Bible reading.

For now, I want to encourage you to simply read the Bible everyday and have as a goal the eventual reading of the Bible cover to cover. So, after three or four months, if it looks like you have developed a daily Bible reading habit, consider adding more than one chapter a day to your reading. For some people, those of us who love to read, it can be quite easy to add chapters to our daily reading.

Most Bible reading plans that take you through the whole Bible mix Old and New Testament readings in the same day. This is wise advice. In other words, you read a chapter in the New Testament and a chapter with Old Testament every day. In fact, many plans get into other ways of breaking the Bible up into different units. For a wide range of examples, go to Youversion and check out their Bible reading plans. One of the earliest "whole Bible reading plans" is Anglican! In the mid 1500's, as Cramner was leading the English Reformation, he developed a Prayer Book with a Bible reading guide that meant that over the course of a year you would read the Old Testament through once, the New Testament twice and the Psalter 12 times! Whole Bible reading is to be a key element of the Anglican Way in following Jesus.

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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) Believing in utopia never justifies evil done in the name of utopia.
- 2) Fallen human beings, even the redeemed, can never build a utopia.
- 3) Having a mind that trusts in Messiah Jesus bringing the Age-to-come, will lead to me doing good for God's glory in this Age.

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.

Lord Jesus Messiah, I confess before You that in myself, I can never be worthy to attain to the Age-to-come and the resurrection. Thank You for dying on the cross as my Saviour. I confess before You that it is by faith in God's grace alone, through faith alone, in You alone that makes me worthy to attain to the Age-to-come and the resurrection. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

" For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.." (1 Corinthians 15:53 ESV)

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 _____."

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Getting to know me.

Tell us about the last funeral you attended.

Getting into the Bible.

Please pray! Ask God to help you use your mind and heart to the best you can, AND, ask for the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit.

- 1) Read Luke 20:27-40.
- 2) Read 1 Corinthians 15. Then read Revelation 21: 1 - 22:5 and 2 Corinthians 4:7 - 5:10.

Getting real.

Has God spoken to you in some way? Has He convicted you in some way? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

TUE / MAR 17 Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

The House (Home Group)
7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group
7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / MAR 18 Church on Wednesday
7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

The Wurttemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THU / MAR 19 Church on Thursday
5:00pm @ Algonquin
Visit churchonthursday.ca for details.

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

THU / MAR 19 Ballet Magnificat! Hiding Place performance
7:00pm @ Woodvale Pentecostal Church
Doors open at 6:30pm
Tickets: www.eventbrite.ca

THU / MAR 20 Revive Youth!
7:00pm @ Ecole Sainte-Anne / 340 York St.

WED / APR 1 Jericho Road Coffeehouse
7:00pm @ St. Paul's United / 473 Cumberland St.
Food prep and volunteers needed.
Email info@messiahchurch.ca to get involved!

FRI / APR 3 Good Friday Service

SUN / APR 5 Easter Sunday

SAT / APR 18 Women's Breakfast
Save the date! More details to come.