

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

Jonathan Camiré

Ministry Intern - Evangelism and Discipleship

Yasmine Alli-Smith

Ministry Intern

Deborah Reid

Worship Leader

Shirley Allan

Administrator

Daniel Gilman

Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship (Children, Youth and Young Adults)

Rev. Neil Stephens

Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

Wardens:

Dick Butler

Earl Maynard

Karl Ruban

Jeremiah Hadwen

Shannon Ripley

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 "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 OCTOBER 30, 2016: Preliminary estimates, based on financial data available, indicate we need \$88,000 to balance the books by year end. Please pray for discernment as you make giving decisions and we make spending decisions.

WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER WEIRD CHRISTMAS - SO PLEASE PRAY

Dear Friends,

Please pray for Messiah over the Christmas season - especially on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day (which is on a Sunday this year).

Most churches in the Ottawa area have their largest attendance of the year at their Christmas Eve services. We are weird because our services have below average attendance. There are several reasons for this. For many people, Christmas is a time of nostalgia, so a nice church building, well decorated, is a draw. We meet in a theatre, not a draw for nostalgia. Our services are "in the city" and often people move to "the city" to cut ties to their Christian roots. We are not part of a large denomination with a large number of people who trace their roots to that denomination - and then give it preference on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Many of us who call Messiah their church home grew up not going to church at Christmas either because we grew up secular, or in a Christian tradition that did not have services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day unless they were on a Sunday. Finally, many of us at Messiah "go away" for Christmas - very few have family members "coming here".

Why do I mention this? To help you understand the need for prayer. We still have "Christmas guests", but we are very stretched in people to help with all that is involved with the service - hosts, musicians, singers, communion assistants and coffee hosts (on New Year's Day). So, please pray that the Lord will raise up people to step up and take on these roles. Please consider being involved and helping out if you will be in town from December 18 to January 1. You can help those one or two times without committing to help all of the time. Please contact the office (shirley@messiahchurch.ca) if you can help.

Please pray as well that we will be hospitable and friendly to the guests who will come. If we are in the odd situation of having both a smaller attendance and half of the people being guests, then there is a greater need for those of us who call Messiah "home" to be welcoming, helpful and hospitable.

Please pray that the Lord will draw seekers and skeptics and saints to Messiah over this season. Please pray that as the Lord draws guests that He will deeply pour out His Holy Spirit upon all who come. Please pray for the musicians and singers for the Lord's anointing on their ministry. Please pray for me as I open God's Word and tell of Jesus, God's Son and our long awaited Messiah Saviour.

Dear friends, thank you for praying. Please pray that Messiah will grow in prayer; that we will become a more prayerful church; that we will be evermore dependent on God; that we will seek to live for His glory and the growth of His Kingdom.

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) Money does not naturally create generosity, but God's grace does.
- 2) Being generous is a grace-empowered choice.
- 3) If I wait to have enough money to be financially generous, I will never be generous.

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 Christ, God's Son and my Saviour, please grip me with Your grace. Please help me to be gripped by Your grace. I know that from all eternity, You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God but three Persons, dwelt in glory. Thank You, Lord, that for our sake, You became poor, taking on our human nature in Your incarnation, living a human life and dying on the cross as my substitute. Thank You for the unmerited grace of this act of exchange, becoming poor, that I, by faith in You, might become eternally rich. Amen.

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

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8: 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

1. **READ** 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9.

2. **LEARN**

- How does this passage connect to what Paul has just written?
- Read 1 Corinthians 16: 1-4 What do you learn that adds to our passage?
- What is Paul saying to the Corinthians?
- What is Paul saying to us?

3. **INWARDLY DIGEST**

- Central to this very practical passage is the extremely beautiful and famous v9. Paul believes that the key to unlocking the grip that money, power and possessions have on all of us, is understanding and meditating on the wealth and poverty of Christ on our behalf.
- Share something with your group that reminds you, first of the majesty of Christ, and then of the humility of Christ

4. **PRAY**

- Choose one scripture and take a couple of minutes on your own 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).

Monday, November 28

- 7pm: Messiah serves at Jericho Road Coffeehouse (First Baptist - Elgin and Laurier) Sign up in the lobby!

Tuesday, November 29

- 1:30pm: Bible House Study Group @315 Lisgar (side door)
- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson

Wednesday, November 30

- 3:30pm: Ryle Seminary chapel service @ 315 Lisgar
- 7pm: Church on Wednesday @uOttawa (churchonwednesday.ca)
- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

Thursday, December 1

- 7:15pm: Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside

Friday, December 2

- 7pm: Adventure613 (youth group) @ École Ste Anne - 235 Beausoleil

Sunday, December 11

Messiah Sunday School children make a presentation during the 10am worship service.

Sunday, December 18

Arise Ballet presents "Heaven Everywhere" during the 10am worship service.

Learner's Exchange meets Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the side lobby. Join us for a 20 minute talk followed by a Q&A session.

- November 27: Bridging the Kingdom: The Gospel across cultural divides - Norm and Audrey Henderson (Messiah-supported missionaries)
- December 4: Jean bosco Baranyizigiye speaks about his family's experiences as refugees (Messiah is partnering with an Ottawa church to help bring some of his family members to Canada).
- December 11: One holy, catholic, apostolic church - Gary Graber
- December 18: Beauty, Arts and Liturgy - Jonathan Camiré

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Ryle Seminary January Term: Dr Steve Griffin will teach Christian Apologetics daily from January 9 to 20 inclusive. To register or for info: info@ryleseminary.ca