

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!

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 last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair Rector	Daniel Gilman Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
Shirley Allan Administrator	Joey McNitt Worship Leader
Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern	Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson, Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Dana Scherf

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

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) **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

Funds needed to balance the books at December 31, 2015: \$20,000

PRAYING FOR MESSIAH

Dear friends,

"When we work, we work. When we pray, God works." Hudson Taylor

Here are some important things to pray into and for in the days and weeks ahead.

1. Please pray for Ryle College. Ryle is a theological college which is getting underway in Ottawa. Although it is being started by Messiah, our vision is that it will be a cross-denominational evangelical college. Our mission is, "equipping unashamed workers unashamed of the Gospel and unashamed of the whole counsel of God." Our vision is "building strong local Gospel churches at home and abroad one leader at a time." Please pray for the professors. Please pray for the students. Please pray for more students. Please pray for finances. Please pray as we build a (volunteer) staff to support the faculty and students. Please pray that we will be able to move to the next level in using Tyndale College's accreditation.

2. Please pray that we will know how to be a "centre of life" in a country increasingly embracing the culture of death. Please pray that we will do this in concrete, practical ways.

3. Please pray that God will use us to plant churches in Ottawa and beyond. I know this sounds a bit crazy! But I believe God wants us to pray for strong, evangelical ANIC church plants in Kanata, Manotick, Leitrim, Orleans, Cornwall, Arnprior and Kemptville. Please pray that God will raise up young men whom we can train, encourage and support to plant churches.

4. Please pray for Church on Wednesday, our ministry of evangelism and discipleship on the University of Ottawa campus. Please pray for Daniel Gilman as he provides leadership and does the bulk of the preaching. Please pray for Joey McNitt as he provides musical leadership. Please pray for strategic partnerships with Celebration! Church, Calvary Fellowship, Power to Change and Intersity Christian Fellowship. Please pray for an open door and resources for Carleton! Please pray God will use us to help Christians emerge from university as stronger Christians. Pray that God will use us to bring students to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

5. Please pray for our Youth Group and Sunday School. Please pray for Joshua and Hilary deBoer as they minister to our youth and as they think and pray as to how we can reach beyond our church to other youth. Please pray for Lisa Moore Ede as she leads the Sunday School. Again, pray that we minister to our own children very well. Pray God will draw children from beyond Messiah to hear about the Messiah.

6. Please pray that God will provide for our financial needs.

Thank you for praying.

George +

GROWING IN GRACE

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) Jesus is greater than every dragon I will ever face.
- 2) Jesus is with me as I face my inner and external dragons.
- 3) In the face of every dragon, I will think on Jesus, keep His commandments and bear witness to Him.

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, I thank You that you know the name and the power of every dragon I face within and without. I thank You for Jesus. I thank You that by His death and resurrection, sin and death and every dragon have been defeated. I thank You that by faith in Jesus I can share His victory. Help me to trustingly and obediently walk with Jesus in the dying days of the doomed dragon and its followers. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Revelation 12: 11

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.

Who is your favourite Hollywood "bad guy (or gal)"?

Getting into the Bible.

Thank the Lord for His word written. Ask Him to help you understand His word and live by His word.

- 1) Read Revelation 12: 1-17.
- 2) Read Revelation 12: 1. Then read Genesis 37: 1-11.
- 3) Read Revelation 12: 3. Then read Genesis 3: 1-15; Daniel 7: 1-7.
- 4) Read Revelation 12: 5. Then read Psalm 2; Isaiah 9: 1-7.
- 5) Read Revelation 12:6. Then read John 17.

Getting real.

Has the Lord impacted you with His Word? Can you share something of this with others so they can pray for you?

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in having an international student join you for your Christmas meal? Please speak to Brian Crook today and he will connect you with a student.

St Joe's Christmas Bin: We invite you to bring new or gently used clothing and non-perishable food items to donate to St. Joe's Supper Table. A collection bin will be available at the Besserer door entrance until December 27.

2016 offering envelopes are available. If you'd like a set of envelopes, please contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

The church office will be closed from December 21 until January 1; reopening on Monday, January 4. Voicemail will be checked daily.

Are you able to help our friend, Norman Igloopialik? Norman is looking for a free coffee table. If you can help, please speak to Norman today or contact him at: igloopialik@gmail.com / 613-700-4037 His address is 1309 rue Dussers St. Orleans

Christmas Services @ Messiah:

TODAY: Arise Ballet @ 10am worship

Thursday, December 24:
Quiet/traditional worship @ 2pm

Family-friendly worship @ 7pm

Friday, December 25:
Family-friendly worship @ 10am

Sunday, December 27:
Worship @ 8am & 10am

Friday, January 1:
Prayer and Holy Communion @ 10am (The Bible House - 315 Lisgar St. - ground floor)
