

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: \$44,000
Funds given in November and December 2014: \$43,400

ENTERTAINING ANGELS

Dear friends,

My title is not referring to the old Newsboys song. I am not talking about angels who travel around entertaining Christians with their antics. My title comes from Hebrews 13:2: *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.* (ESV) The Bible tells us we need to show hospitality to strangers. What habits can we, as a congregation, and we, as individuals, develop so we become a more hospitable church?

First, begin with prayer. Please pray that we will notice people who are new. Please pray we will walk towards new people to welcome them. Please pray that people will do this spontaneously and of their own volition. Please pray that we, as a congregation, will think through "organized" ways to welcome every guest who comes to Messiah. Please pray we will do this in a way that loves and respects people and brings glory to God.

Second, commit to living and practicing the "Five Minute Rule". When left to our own devices, when the service ends we gather up our stuff and look for friends. The Five Minute Rule invites us to spend the first five minutes after the service ends looking around and noticing if there is someone new to welcome. Another key aspect of the Five Minute Rule is what happens when you come to the lobby for a coffee after the service. Once again, pause and scan the lobby to see if someone new might be present - and then walk over to welcome them. This practice is especially important if you notice they are alone. Spontaneous hospitality is vastly more touching and meaningful than "organized" hospitality.

Third, be prepared to laugh! You might greet a new person and find out they have been coming for months! Do not be offended if you are the "new" person and do not be embarrassed if you are the one making the mistake. Instead, have a good laugh! Then, have a good chat.

Fourth, welcome people outside of your cohort. By this I mean that an older person can welcome a younger person - and vice versa. Single people can welcome families and families can welcome single people. If you are a woman and you feel nervous about welcoming a man (or vice versa), grab someone you know and welcome together.

In closing, please pray! Pray that people who come to Messiah will sense the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and that they will meet with Jesus. Pray that we welcome well as well!

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) I am divided until I see Jesus face-to-face.
- 2) The Bible is right. I flatter myself too much to detect or hate my sin.
- 3) The real and living God will always infringe upon my desire to have absolute sovereignty over my life.

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, even after I have become Your child by adoption and grace I still sin. I confess that I do not understand my own actions, for I do not do what I want but I do the very thing I hate. I am Yours, eternally gripped by Your strong hands of love, but I know that sin is also a power within me. Only You can save me! Only You can deliver me! Please pour out Your Holy Spirit upon me to deliver me and help me to live a holy life that brings You glory. In Jesus' name.

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

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Romans 7: 15

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.

Have you ever attended a church that was very legalistic?

Getting into the Bible.

In preparation to read God's word written, please remember to pray that God will help you to understand, remember and apply His word.

- 1) Read Romans 7: 7-25
- 2) Read Romans 7:7. Then read Matthew 5: 17-6:18.
- 3) Read Romans 7: 24-25. Then read Romans 8: 1-11.

Getting real.

Has the Lord convicted you in some way? Can you share something of this with others so they can pray for you?

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TUE / DEC 8** **Lowertown Home Group**
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
- WED / DEC 9** **Hand out invitations to Messiah services**
5:30pm @ uOttawa Agora
Church on Wednesday
7pm @ uOttawa UCU
Hintonburg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
- THU / DEC 10** **Moms and Tots Drop-in**
10am-noon @ 119 Rochester St.
King Edward Home Group
7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.
- FRI / DEC 11** **Revive Youth Group**
7pm @ 315 Lisgar St.

Will you help invite uOttawa students to Messiah's Advent and Christmas services? Please speak to Brian Crook if you will join him in handing out invitations on campus. Wednesday, Dec 9 @5:30pm. Meet at the Agora. **Caroling at uOttawa:** Please join Brian Crook for caroling on the uOttawa campus. Wednesday, December 16 @5:30pm. Meet at the Agora. See Brian after the service if you are interested.

Interested in having an international student join you for your Christmas Day meal? Please speak to Brian Crook 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 from December 13 - 27.

Christmas Remembrance: If you would like the name of loved ones who have passed away added to our Christmas Remembrance List, please contact the office by December 13.

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

Are you able to help as a door host or offering collector on Dec24 or 25? Please contact the office!

Christmas Services @ Messiah:

Sunday, December 13: Christmas pageant @ 10am worship
Sunday, December 20: Arise Ballet @ 10am worship
Thursday, December 24: Quiet/traditional worship @ 2pm
Thursday, December 24: Family friendly worship @ 7pm
Friday, December 25: Worship @ 10am
Sunday, December 27: Worship @ 10am
Friday, January 1: Prayer and Holy Communion @ 10am (@ The Bible House - 315 Lisgar St.)