



## 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 [messiahchurch.office@gmail.com](mailto:messiahchurch.office@gmail.com) or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at [messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca).

### Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, you are welcome to bring children to the north side of the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, children are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

### The Offering Plate

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, please make cheques out to "Church of the Messiah." If you prefer to donate online, go to [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org), then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

## TODAY'S SERVICE

### The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>The Gospel</b>	*Free Bibles are available
Revelation 9	Mark 4:35-41	at the Besserer door.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

<b>Rector</b> Rev. Canon George Sinclair	<b>Worship Leader &amp; Young Adults Leader</b> Jeremiah Smith
<b>Administrative &amp; Communications Manager</b> Amy van Hemmen	<b>Ministry Interns</b> Jeremy Giles & Daniel Gilman
<b>Wardens:</b> Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Natasha Wallace	

## UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MON/ FEB 3** **Women's Prayer Group**  
8:30am @ Heidi Jost's

**TUE/ FEB 4** **Lowertown Home Group**  
6:30pm @ Ian Murray's

**Messiah Prayer Meeting**  
7:00pm @ Messiah Office

**WED/ FEB 5** **Men's Bible Study**  
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre

**The Wurttemberg Home Group**  
7:30pm @ The van Hemmen's

**THU/ FEB 6** **The House (Young Adults)**  
6:30pm @ The Giles'

**Old Ottawa South Home Group**  
7:30pm @ Ann Wilson's

**FRI/ FEB 7** **Youth Dodgeball Night**  
7:00pm @ St. Anne's School (340 York)

**SAT/ FEB 8** **Women's Breakfast**  
9:00am @ 14 Ashdale Avenue  
RSVP today in the lobby!

**SAT/ MAR 1** **Messiah's Annual Vestry**  
Save the date. Stay tuned for details

**FRI - SUN** **Messiah Women's Retreat!**  
**MAR 28-30** Bethesda Renewal Centre

For more info, visit [messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca), call **613.235.0596**, or email Amy at [messiahchurch.office@gmail.com](mailto:messiahchurch.office@gmail.com).

### VESTRY REPORTS

Ministry Leaders are invited to submit their Annual Vestry Report by **FEBRUARY 16, 2014**. Please submit via email to [messiahchurch.office@gmail.com](mailto:messiahchurch.office@gmail.com).

### PRAYER FOR RENTAL SPACE

Please remember to pray for Church of the Messiah's Rental Search Team as they seek new office and ministry space in the coming months.

## ① I NEED TO DEVELOP GODLY ATTITUDES

First steps to developing godly attitudes are:

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Say the attitude again and again to help it sink in.

Do this in conjunction with A & B!

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| Attitude A) | Idols and demons always lie and tell me I cannot have new life in God through Grace.                        |
| Attitude B) | The Devil harms his own - God saves His own.  |
| Attitude C) | I have two problems with idolatry. First, I worship idols. Second, I rarely recognize that I worship idols. |

## ② 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.

I thank You living God, that You have delivered me from the domain of darkness and transferred me to the kingdom of Your beloved Son in whom I have redemption and the forgiveness of sins. By Your grace, please help me to stop worshipping idols and repent of what Your word calls sin. In Jesus Name. Amen.

## ③ I NEED TO GET GOD'S WORD IN MY MIND & HEART

"The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshipping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts." (Revelation 9:20-21 ESV)

## ④ 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 \_\_\_\_\_."

# A Small Crowd?

Dear Friends,

It is easy for a church to drift into becoming a crowd on Sunday. It might be a large crowd of thousands or a small crowd of dozens, but it is still a crowd present to observe a performance. People are in the room together but make no attempt to know or be known by the other people in the room. It is also easy for a church to become a clique or a set of cliques. Those who call a clique church their own are so focused on friends and family that they do not truly welcome guests. Often clique churches also talk like vampires. Members say to each other, "What we need around here is some new blood." Whether we are small or large, we need to pray God will deliver us from being a crowd and a clique. Here are four things to pray and think about.

First, please pray that we will deepen into community and not unravel into a crowd. We do not want to be a community united by politics or race or culture or music or taste. Pray we will grow into a community centered on, and built upon, Jesus and His saving death upon the cross. Pray we have a desire to connect with each other as we desire to connect with Jesus.

Second, please pray that people in Messiah will develop one or more significant relationships with people who call Messiah their church home. Jesus loved all the disciples, but He had a closer relationship with Peter, James and John. Pray that people in Messiah will develop close relationships with a few people as they develop a close relationship with Jesus. It is important for us to have a person or persons whom we come to know and who know us.

The third prayer is very important if we are praying into the first two matters. The first two prayers are prayers of deliverance from being a crowd. The third is a prayer of deliverance from unraveling into cliques. Please pray that God will make us deeply welcoming. Pray that as we learn to welcome Jesus more deeply into our life, we will learn to welcome guests and newcomers into our lives and into the community. Pray that we notice the person standing by themselves. Pray that we will walk across the room to say "hello" and talk and introduce. Pray that we will always prepare an "empty chair" or "place at the table" for the new guest who arrives.

Finally, please pray that God will draw people here who desire to know Jesus and be known by Him. Pray that we will be a people who invite and connect, all to the glory of the living God!

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