



## 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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or 613.235.0596. 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, 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

<b>Rev. Canon George Sinclair</b> Rector	<b>Daniel Gilman</b> Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
<b>Shirley Allan</b> Administrator	<b>Joey McNitt</b> Worship Leader
<b>Jonathan Camiré</b> Ministry Intern	<b>Wardens:</b> 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

### Financial Update

Praise God for His generous provision! We were able to end the 2015 financial year with a small surplus!

## HOLISTIC CHRISTIANS

Dear friends,

I do not want to make you feel guilty, but I do want to encourage you to commit to reading all of the Bible. I do not want to make you feel guilty, but I do want to encourage you to read the Bible every day for the rest of your life. Holistic Christians read the Bible cover-to-cover many times over the course of their lives.

If you already seek to read the Bible every day and are reading it cover to cover, praise God! Keep reading! Please pray for me and pray for Messiah that we will be a "people of the Book" who meditate upon all of God's Word written all of our lives.

If you are an intermittent Bible reader; or if you have never been a Bible reader; or if you read the Bible regularly but have never read all of the Bible, then please take some of the following suggestions to heart.

First of all, pray to the Lord and ask Him to help you become a daily Bible reader who reads all of the Bible.

Second, go to a website like Bible Gateway and try reading several versions of the Bible to see what version you find easiest to read. Choose a longer chapter like Luke 1. Then try reading it from the New International Version, the English Standard Version and the New Living Translation. One of these three versions should do the trick. Other versions to consider are The Message, the New American Standard Bible, New King James Version and the King James Version - but my guess is that one of the first three versions will work for you. They are the most read versions for a reason!

Third, once you've picked a version, consider buying or using a "Bible-in-a-year" version of the translation you are most likely to read. These Bibles are rearranged into 365 sections. Each section will give you several passages. You can also find good reading guides on-line. Bible Gateway ([biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)) has several. YouVersion ([youversion.com](http://youversion.com)), which has a great App, also has Bible-in-a-year plans.

Fourth, a simpler method is to commit to reading the New Testament and Psalms first. I usually recommend that people develop their Bible reading habit/discipline with the "easier" New Testament and Psalms. Get your Bible and two book marks. Read one chapter a day from the new Testament and one from the Psalms. Begin at Matthew 1 and Psalm 1. Continue on through both the New Testament and the Psalms and when you finish, go back to the beginning. There are 150 chapters in Psalms and 260 chapters in the New Testament.

I will write more on this topic in my next several blogs.

I pray that you will become a "person of the Book"! Please pray for me.

George +

## GROWING IN GRACE

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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) I cannot believe the Gospel without renouncing every rival gospel.
- 2) I will meditate upon God's Word written day and night.
- 3) I will read all of God's Word written all of 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, please make me a disciple of Jesus, gripped by the Gospel, who is living for Your glory. As I am gripped by the Gospel, help me to not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of mockers. As I am gripped by the Gospel, please help me to delight in Your Word written and meditate on it day and night. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.* Psalm 1: 1-2

### 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

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### Getting to know me.

What was one of the happiest days of your life?

### Getting into the Bible.

Please pray first! Ask the Lord to lead and guide you into all truth.

- 1) Read Psalm 1.
- 2) Read Psalm 1: 1-2. Then read Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Matthew 5: 1-12; Colossians 2: 1-15.
- 3) Read Psalm 1: 3-6. Then read Matthew 7: 15-27; John 3:16; John 14:6.

### Getting real.

Has God's Word written convicted you in some way? Can you share some of this with others so they can pray for you?

## UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MON / JAN 11	Prayer Meeting 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St.
TUE / JAN 12	Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
WED / JAN 13	Church on Wednesday 7pm @ uOttawa UCU Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THU / JAN 14	King Edward Home Group 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.

**The Marriage Course** is returning to Church of the Messiah! Many say it feels like a date night. You will be served a candlelit meal at a romantic table for two while listening to practical DVD talks. There is never any group work and you will never be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your spouse. Beginning Sunday, February 14 and over seven sessions you will discover practical tools to help you:

- understand each other's needs
- communicate more effectively
- grow closer through resolving conflict
- heal the ways you've hurt each other
- recognize how your upbringing affects your relationship
- improve relationships with parents and in-laws
- develop greater sexual intimacy
- discover each other's love languages and much, much more!

There is no cost. The course is for ANY marriage, young or old / in great shape or experiencing some challenges. Sign up at the coffee bar after the service or contact the office: [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

The Winter term at **Ryle Theological College** starts the week of January 18! Courses offered this term:

- Reformation History
- Old Testament: Historical Books
- Systematic Theology 1: Doctrine of God
- Introduction to Greek

Contact the office for info or to register: [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

Join us for **Learner's Exchange**: 30 minute TED-style talk / 10-minute Q&A session / Sunday mornings / 9:15 / OLT lobby

- Jan 17 : Why pray for Jerusalem? (Jess Cantelon)
- Jan 24: Why pro-life? What can I do? (Jonathan Camiré)
- Jan 31: TBD
- Feb 7: Financial Stewardship (Karl Ruban)