

JARS OF CLAY: BEING HUMAN IN CHRIST
IS REGRET TO BE THE STORY OF MY LIFE?

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 7:5-16

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Gospel: John 1: 35-45

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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.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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- 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.
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- 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.

POSSIBLE CHANGE!

Dear Friends,

There are lots of Anglican jokes about the Anglican's fear of change and resistance to change. A friend of mine used to joke that Anglicans were terrified of the text, *Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we will be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable and we shall all be changed.* (1 Corinthians 15: 51-52) To Anglicans, he said, sudden irresistible change brought dread, not longing. I know that most people who call Messiah their church home are not "Anglicans", so I am not sure how rumours of change will affect you. But I want you to know we might be making some Sunday morning changes. I would love your prayers and I would love your best wisdom.

How we "do church" on a Sunday morning is basically how we set it up the first Sunday we moved into the Ottawa Little Theatre. Some things that we did were actually supposed to be temporary. For instance, the screens that we have at the front. These three screens are pictures of the stained glass windows at the front of the church building we used to own. Originally we wanted the three screens to be at the front of church as a comfort to people who, for the sake of the Gospel, walked away from their beloved building. However, the intent was to develop many screens for the front and use them as well. Simply put, we never got around to implementing this.

Some things have changed at the OLT. A year or two ago the OLT extended the stage out by a little over two feet. We might have "done" Sunday mornings differently if the stage had been that deep when we first started.

So basically, we want to look with fresh eyes at how we set up for and "run" Sunday mornings. In a couple of weeks we will bring in some friendly church planters to tell us how they would set up the stage and Sunday School and all. They will bring truly fresh and friendly eyes to our set up. There are a few others from the congregation with some experience who are looking at different ways to set up.

So, please pray about this. Please share your best wisdom. Please feel free to email me (george@messiahchurch.ca) or speak to me in person or by phone (613 235 0596). We would love your feedback on: nursery set up; Sunday School set up and placement; coffee time; Sunday service logistics; how people "enter" the building and whatever else you can think of. I do not promise that we will do everything suggested, but I promise to listen, to think and pray about it.

On a final note, connected but separate from most of this blog. In the next couple of weeks the choir will return to some of our Sunday morning services. We might also add more "Morning Prayer" services (services without the Lord's Supper). 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) No one on their death bed wishes they had watched more YouTube.
- 2) The true and living God comforts the downcast.
- 3) God does not want me to live a life of regret; He desires me to live a life of godly repentance.

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: Heavenly Father, whose nature it is to comfort the downcast, please comfort me. Please deliver me from the hardness of heart that seeks to live without regret. Please deliver me from a heart ungripped by the Gospel that lives unendingly with regret. Please grant me a godly sorrow for my sins, so that I am more deeply gripped by the Gospel and then repent in such a way that my sanctification deepens without regret. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

For godly sorrow produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly sorrow produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10

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 7:5-16.

2. LEARN

- How does this passage connect to everything Paul has been writing?
- Having come to the end of the first major portion of this letter, what do you believe to be the key theme/themes? What is Paul's main pastoral reason for writing this letter?
- What is Paul saying to the Corinthians and why is he saying it? What does this teach us today?
- Paul has explained key differences between "godly" grief over sin and "worldly" grief. What do we learn are the differences? (v8-13)

3. INWARDLY DIGEST

- How have these two kinds of grief over sin and failure been at work in your life? How does a truer understanding of love of the gospel help with this struggle?
- Share something the Lord has spoken to you personally about from reading 2 Corinthians.

4. PRAY

- Thank God for how He has met you, and lovingly disciplined and encouraged you while you have been reading this book.
- Praise him for the precious truths you learned about His grace to you in Christ.
- Confess the things you have been careless or hard-hearted about.
- Ask Him to continue with you in mercy and grace as your heavenly Father, helping you with the areas His Spirit has been addressing.

EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 23

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

Thursday, November 24

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

Friday, November 25

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

Saturday, November 26

5pm Advent Potluck Dinner and Carol Sing @ St Peter and St Paul's Anglican Church (152 Metcalfe St)

Monday, November 28

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

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 20: Reading the Psalms for Spiritual Benefit -Wyatt Graham (Executive Director of The Gospel Coalition Canada)
- 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