



## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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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 the Welcome Centre in the lobby or [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 Green Room (basement) before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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**Rev. Canon George Sinclair**  
Rector

**Jonathan Camiré**  
Ministry Intern - Evangelism and  
Discipleship

**Yasmine Alli-Smith**  
Ministry Intern

**Deborah Reid**    **Shirley Allan**  
Worship Leader    Administrator

**Daniel Gilman**  
Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship  
(Children, Youth and Young Adults)

**Rev. Neil Stephens**  
Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

**Wardens:**  
Dick Butler      Jeremiah Hadwen  
Earl Maynard    Shannon Ripley  
Karl Ruban      Dana Scherf

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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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) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Contact" tab (far right side) on our website ([messiahchurch.ca](http://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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

## On Baptism: Part 2

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Dear Friends,

How is it that some "Bible-believing" Christians believe the Bible allows the baptism of infants? This is my second blog on this question. Today I will focus on where Anglicanism (and Presbyterians) agree with Baptists and Pentecostals.

First, we agree that baptism was instituted (or commanded) by Jesus Himself for His church. Even though there is only one text that records this in the Gospels, all Christians agree that Jesus wanted His disciples to baptize. "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 18-20 - Jesus is the one speaking.)

Second, we agree that baptism does not "save". Putting this in a more technical way, Baptists and Anglicans do not believe in "baptismal regeneration." This is the idea that baptism *makes* a person "born again" or regenerated. Now, I need to pause here to explain what I mean by "Anglican believe". In fact, many Anglicans in Canada would be very surprised to hear that Anglicans do not believe in baptismal regeneration. Many Canadian Anglicans do believe that baptism "saves" a person, or "means they will go to Heaven". In a sociological sense, then, it is probably fairer to say that in Canada, most Anglicans believe in baptismal regeneration - including most clergy and bishops. However, I am using "Anglican" in the sense of its formal, historic doctrines/ideas. At the level of Anglican formularies, "what Anglicans, especially its clergy and bishops, are supposed to believe", it is clear that we are supposed to believe that we are saved by God's grace, received by faith in Jesus Christ and *not* by baptism. Please note that in all of my blogs on baptism I am referring to official Anglican formularies, not sociological Anglicanism in Canada.

So, Anglicans and Baptists agree that we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ, not by works and not by baptism. What else do we agree on? One more matter for now. We agree that Christ's "ordinances" or "sacraments", baptism and the Lord's Supper, do not work "automatically", but that a person's faith matters. This is another way of talking about the second point. The water of baptism does not create or impart or cause or force salvation. In the same way, being in a communion service and partaking of the bread and wine does not create or impart or cause or force some positive change from God in the one partaking. My faith and repentance matters in receiving from God.

We do agree that the baptism of Jesus is different from the baptism of John the Baptist - but this is going to require another blog.

Please pray for me. Please send me your comments and questions at [george@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:george@messiahchurch.ca)

George +

**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) Self-pity is not repentance - Lord, grant me true repentance!
- 2) Whining is not repentance - Lord, grant me true repentance!
- 3) Managing negative consequences is not repentance - Lord, grant me true 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:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and create a right spirit within me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise. For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Make me a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel, living for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen!!

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

*And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices," as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. 1 Samuel 15:22*

**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**

What are your three most favourite hymns or praise songs?

**Getting into the Bible**

Ask the Lord to speak to your "command centre" as you read and think about His word written.

- Read Genesis 4: 1-16
- Read 1 Samuel 15: 22-23, Psalm 40: 6-8; 51: 10, 15-17; Hosea 6:6.
- Read Hebrews 11: 1-4; 12:24; 1 John 3: 12-13.
- Read Hebrews 10: 1-18.

**Getting real**

- Has the Lord convicted you in some way? Has He prompted some action? Can you share this with others for prayer?

**Tuesday, May 2**

- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson

**Wednesday, May 3**

- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

**Thursday, May 4**

- 7pm: Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

**Friday, May 5**

- 7pm: Adventure613 (Messiah Youth) @ École Ste Anne (235 Beausoleil)

**Saturday, May 6**

- 7:30pm Messiah Women Games Night @ The Bible House (315 Lisgar St). Please sign up at the coffee station today!

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Sunday, May 14 ONLY**

- Traditional worship: 7:45am
- Contemporary worship: 9am

**There is a performance at the OLT today so we must be out of the theatre and lobby by 12:30.**

**Ryle Seminary's June term.** Ryle Seminary holds short, intensive courses in January and June. This year Dr. Pierre Constant will teach a New Testament course on the Pauline Epistles. This study of the letters of Paul to the various churches at Corinth, Ephesus, Galatia and Rome along with the Pauline pastoral epistles will be held on June 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 from 10am to 3pm at The Bible House (315 Lisgar St). Interested? [info@ryleseminary.ca](mailto:info@ryleseminary.ca)