

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 third worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair Rector	Jeremy Giles Ministry Intern	Wardens Dick Butler
Amy van Hemmen Administrative Manager	Daniel Gilman Ministry Intern	Gary Graber
Jeremiah Smith Worship Leader		John Rayson
		Shannon Ripley
		Karl Ruban
		Dana Scherf

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by.
If you would like to donate, there are two ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Financial Update at February 28:

Target Offering: \$53,666

Actual Offering: \$35,737

St Joe's Easter Bin

We invite you to bring warm clothing and non-perishable food to donate to St. Joe's Supper Table. The bin is located by the Besserer door. Monetary donations are also welcome. (Tax receipts will be provided) Please indicate your donation on your offering envelope.

More on Bible "Reading"

Dear friends,

I am a pretty fast reader. This sometimes gets in the way of my Bible reading. I can dash through the Bible text and I come away with the basic sense, but I have only read the text in a superficial manner. One way that I deal with this is to mix-up my Bible reading. I read bigger chunks of the Bible, trying to read carefully and not dash, but I also read a short text in such a way that I am forced to read more slowly and attentively. I do this by using "NET Bible" or "Lumina," - these are two forms of the same on-line Bible translation.

On one half of the screen is the Bible text. On the other half of the screen are "notes." NET Bible has a large number of translator notes which comment on the literal wording, verb tenses which are different from English verb tenses and a range of other translation issues. So to slow down my reading and enter more deeply into the text, I pause and read every translation note and then look back at the text and re-read the text in light of the translation notes. I might only read 10 or 12 verses this way as I slowly go through a book in the Bible.

Another way to combine reading larger chunks of the Bible and also slow down and notice specific texts is to add Bible memorization to your devotional time. Just because something seems "old-fashioned" doesn't mean it's not useful and important! Every week in the bulletin I suggest a memory verse connected to the sermon texts. You can Google "key Bible verses to memorize" or ask other Christians to suggest great verses to memorize. At its simplest, memorization involves saying the verse over and over again - out loud - until you remember the text without reading it.

One final suggestion for "slowing down" and/or fitting Bible reading into your day: listen to the Bible! There are many resources out there to listen to the Bible. I use "YouVersion" which provides free audio for many different Bible translations. Sometimes I listen to the Bible as I drive. Sometimes I go on a prayer walk and listen to the Bible as I walk. Sometimes I will listen to the Bible as I do simple mechanical tasks which do not require much concentration. I have found it extremely helpful to "hear" the Word rather than read it.

So, read the Word. Pray for me that I will be a faithful Bible reader.

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) As Jesus convicts and leads I will act promptly.
- 2) As Jesus convicts and leads I will obey with great persistence.
- 3) I will live today knowing Jesus is the Great Provider.

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 God, sometimes I live presuming You will give me what I want. Sometimes I believe that You do not care for me and will not meet my needs. Sometimes I believe that I have put You in my debt and I am upset that You do not come through. Dear Lord, please still my soul, for You alone are exalted. Help me to live today and every day knowing that Jesus Christ crucified is Your great provision and that You are Jehovah Jireh, God the Provider. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

"But he said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is David's son? For David himself says in the Book of Psalms, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." Luke 20: 41-43

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.

Do you like fishing? When you fish, do you "catch and release" or do you keep some fish to eat?

Getting into the Bible.

Please pray for the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit as you read the Bible.

- 1) Read Genesis 22.
- 2) Read Genesis 22:8. Then read John 1:29, 36; 1 Peter 1: 18-19
- 3) Read James 2:21-23; Hebrews 11: 17-19; Romans 8:32; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Getting real.

How has the Holy Spirit convicted you or provoked you as you read the Bible? Can you share something of this so others can pray for you?

TUE / MAR 31 Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

The House (Home Group)

7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group

7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / APR 1 Church on Wednesday

7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

The Wurtemberg Home Group

7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THU / APR 2 Church on Thursday

5:00pm @ Algonquin

Visit churchonthursday.ca for details.

The Old Ottawa South Home Group

7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

FRI / APR 3 Good Friday Services

9:30 am @ OLT - Children's service

10:30 am @ OLT - Good Friday service

SUN / APR 5 Easter Sunday

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection!

Quiet & Contemplative Easter Service @ 8:00am

Contemporary & Lively Easter Service @ 10:00am

SAT / APR 11 WAY Authentic Leadership Conference

9:45 am - 4:15 pm @ Laurentian Leadership

Centre (252 Metcalfe St.) This seminar will help to sharpen your worldview about leadership from a Biblical perspective. It is open to all aged 16+. Cost is \$50 (includes lunch and snacks).

SAT / APR 18 Women's Breakfast

9:30 am @ The Bible House /315 Lisgar

Sign up sheet available at the coffee bar

after the service or sign up by email:

shirley@messiahchurch.ca

Please note that there is no Jericho Road Coffee House on April 1.