

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 Gary Graber
Shirley Allan Administrative Manager	Daniel Gilman Ministry Intern	John Rayson Shannon Ripley
Jeremiah Smith Worship Leader		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. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Financial Update at April 30:

Target Offering: \$97,319
Actual Offering: \$90,736

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Dear friends,

Psalm 23 is one of the most beloved of Psalms. It is the Psalm that begins, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." When I run, I turn two parts of the 23rd psalm into a phrase I can repeat and meditate upon, "Jesus you're my shepherd, I shall not want, Your rod and Your staff, shall comfort me." In John 10:11, Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." (ESV) That is why I change Psalm 23 and turn it into a prayer to Jesus. He is the Christian's Good Shepherd.

While it is always true that Jesus is the Christian's Good Shepherd, it is especially important to remember this when we are in an extended season of difficulty. If I live with difficulty on my own, without seeking the Good Shepherd, then I will slip into attitudes and habits which keep the difficulty hard to bear and inclines my heart away from Jesus. Paul Miller in his great book on prayer, *A Praying Life*, has a list of contrasts based on whether or not we are engaging the Good Shepherd during our season of difficulty.

As I forget the Good Shepherd's active presence and power in my time of difficulty, it is easy to slide into being: bitter, angry, aimless, cynical, controlling, hopeless, thankless, blaming.

As I remember the Good Shepherd's active presence and power in my time of difficulty, then the following attitudes and habits of the heart can develop and grow in me: not bitter but waiting; not angry but watching; not aimless but wondering; not cynical but praying; not controlling but submitting; not hopeless but hoping; not thankless but thankful; not blaming but repenting.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He lay down His life for the sheep. He lay down His life for me, so that by repentance and trusting, I can have Him as my shepherd. He is my Good Shepherd every day. Even in the valley of the shadow of death, I need fear no evil, for Jesus is with me, even to the point of entering death. If He is your Good Shepherd as well, seek Him and cry out to Him at all times, but especially in a season of difficulty .

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) If the Spirit blows where He wishes, I will follow His leading.
- 2) I will "speak of what I know, and bear witness to what I have seen" in my own life.
- 3) I will learn to "acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and the power of the divine Majesty to worship the Unity." (1662 BCP, Collect for Trinity)

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, I confess before You that I don't always understand Your word. I don't always understand You and yet You ask me to trust You. Thank you, Father, that my salvation and my redemption depend on Your work and not my understanding. Thank you that in trusting You with all the trust I have, You will give me all that You deserve and not all that my trust deserves. Help me to trust You more and to understand You better as well. Amen

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

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules." Ezekiel 36:25-27 ESV

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.

If you lost all your memories except three, what would the third one be?

Getting into the Bible.

Remember to ask God to help you understand and live His Word written.

1. Read Isaiah 52:13-15
2. Read John 3: 5-8. Then read Ezekiel 36: 22-32, Isaiah 44: 1-5, Ezekiel 37: 9-10
3. Read John 3: 14-18

Getting real.

Has God spoken in your life as you have read and talked and thought about His Word? Can you share something of this so others can pray for you?

TUE / JUN 2 Messiah Prayer Meeting
7pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.
The House (Home Group)
7pm @ 148 Augusta St.
Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / JUN 3 Church on Wednesday
7pm @ uOttawa, Agora
Wurtemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THU / JUN 4 Old Ottawa South Home Group
7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

SAT / JUN 6 The Big Give
9am-1pm @ 315 Lisgar St.
Let's show our office neighbours the love of Christ through us by blessing them with a free barbecue! You can volunteer your time or donate supplies (hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, water, treats etc.). Please sign up in the lobby **today** or contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

MON / JUN 15 Electoral Vestry
7pm @ 315 Lisgar
All are welcome to attend this meeting. The election of several officers will take place and there will be an overview of church ministries and finances.

Did you know there is a Prayer Chain at Church of the Messiah? There is a dedicated group of individuals who would love the privilege of praying, in confidence, for you. Please send your requests to: prayers@messiahchurch.ca