

WHEN JESUS DOESN'T SHOW

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First Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

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Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email daniel@messiahchurch.ca

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

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

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 21

- Messiah Women - Movie Night @ 7pm @ Deane Ronanyne's home (14 Ashdale Ave.) Sign up at the coffee station.

The office is closed until Tuesday, January 10. Voicemail will be checked on weekdays.

Do you know someone who got engaged at Christmas? Church of the Messiah is running the Alpha **Marriage Preparation Course. It's free!**

- five Sunday evenings (7-9pm) beginning February 26
- dessert served in a romantic setting
- no group work and no sharing with anyone other than your partner
- @ The Bible House - 315 Lisgar St
- For info or to sign up: info@messiahchurch.ca

Ryle Seminary

- Dr. Steve Griffin's **Christian Apologetics** course begins Monday, January 9 and runs weekdays from 10am to 1pm until Friday, January 20. Please feel free to come on January 9 if you are interested in checking it out.
- **Ryle's Winter term** begins January 30
 - Worship (Gary Graber): Mondays 2 to 5pm
 - Holy Spirit & the Church (David Smith): Mondays 6 to 9pm
 - Old Testament: Poets & Prophets (Byron Wheaton): Wednesdays 10am to 1pm
 - Spiritual Formation (Wheaton & Staff): Wednesdays 2 to 4pm



Making disciples of Jesus gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.

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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 the Welcome Centre in the lobby or 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

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
Rector

Jonathan Camiré
Ministry Intern - Evangelism and
Discipleship

Yasmine Alli-Smith
Ministry Intern

Deborah Reid **Shirley Allan**
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(Children, Youth and Young Adults)

Rev. Neil Stephens
Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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 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)
 - 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
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MISSION FIELDS

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I wrote this blog on December 23. Given that I do not know the future (other than the truth that God is sovereign and Jesus will return), I do not know if some great tragedy has befallen our church or our country or our world - a tragedy I should have written about instead of what I have written. I also do not know how we did financially in 2016 and how this will affect us as we budget and plan for 2017 and beyond. But today is a day of prayer so I write to help us pray.

In Luke 10:2 and Matthew 37-38 Jesus tells us to pray earnestly! Starting at verse 36 of Matthew 9 Jesus says, "When He saw the crowds He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest" (Matthew 9: 36-38 ESV)

These are verses which should grip the heart of every Christian. Jesus tells us to pray earnestly for something. Our Lord knows well the self-confidence and self-understanding of the cities and nations of the world. He knows how easy it is for us to be intimidated, or to become callous, or to be overwhelmed. He sees crowds and He has compassion on the people. He sees His harvest - that there are many in the cities and nations of the world who will respond to the Gospel with saving faith. He does not see the problem as being in the cities and the nations; He sees the temptation of His people, the church, to withdraw into a Christian ghetto or cocoon. He tells us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.

First of all, then. Please consider memorizing either Matthew 9: 37-38 or Luke 10:2. Please consider praying as Jesus tells us to - every day. Please pray for me in this regard. I confess that I was in a season where I did not pray this. Pray that 2017 will be a Matthew 9: 37-38 year for Messiah.

Second of all, please remember our missionaries in prayer. Please remember Jeremy and Kendra and their children serving in Zambia with Operation Mobilisation; P & J and kids serving in Central *s** with Interserve and the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students; BC serving with Wycliffe Associates in *s**; Paul serving in Egypt with Youth With a Mission (YWAM); Steve and Stella serving in Nigeria; Richard serving in Ottawa and the urban centres of Canada with Love Ottawa and Together Canada.

Please remember these other missionaries with close ties to Messiah. Please remember Norma and Audrey with SIM in Angola; Robbie and Malia in Uganda; Aaron in Jerusalem with CMJ; Diana in London with Pioneers Missions.

Please remember family members of people in Messiah who serve as missionaries. Daniel Gilman's sister Devorah who serves in Haiti and the Dominican Republic with YWAM; Neil and Cynthia Stephens' daughter and son-in-law and children who serve and North Africa with Wycliffe. Please pray for Christian Mission Charitable Trust in India. Messiah's Frank Johnson is on its Board. Finally, please pray for Messiah - Ottawa is a rich mission field.

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