

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.

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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

LENT

Dear Friends,

Some of us come from church traditions that never practice Lent. In fact, our church tradition would say that Lent is a bad idea. Some of us come from church traditions where Lent was practiced, but we want to leave that tradition behind. We know firsthand the abuses and superstition that accompanied Lent. Some of us have used Lent to our good. Today I would like to say a few words about the benefits of Lent when shaped by the Gospel.

First, we are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus alone. No amount of good works can add to Jesus' finished work upon the cross. Our whole Christian life, from regeneration, through sanctification, to glorification is a result of having received "the power of God for salvation to all who believe." (Romans 1:16). However, as we are more deeply gripped by the Gospel, the Gospel begins to shape us into a life more like Jesus. The Gospel begins to prod us to make changes. The Gospel begins to draw us to make changes. The Gospel begins to ground change in our life.

On one hand, this work of the Gospel is to be a day-to-day thing; on the other hand, we human beings have seasons in our life where certain endeavors or tasks become more important. Lent should be seen in light of the Gospel and Lent should be seen as a season of life that we enter into to draw closer to Jesus and to become more like Jesus. Christians from long ago thought that the period of time leading up to a remembrance of Jesus' death upon the cross and His resurrection was an appropriate time to enter into a season of "Gospel change" in who we are and how we live. As well, they saw how often the period time, 40 days, was used in the Bible. So these long ago Christians began the practice of a 40-day season of life devoted to drawing closer to God and seeking to live a more holy life - in the hope that our "drawing closer" and holy life would continue in our daily life after Lent. In other words, a Gospel understanding of Lent does not see it as a type of "punishment" or "spiritual labour camp" that we are glad is over when it's over so we can get back to having fun. If Lent is understood in light of the Gospel, it is a season of deepening that leaves us deeper in our day-to-day life.

Some Gospel disciplines for Lent. Commit to: extra time reading good Christian books; extra time in Bible reading; extra time in prayer; learn a Christian discipline like journaling; meet weekly with others to watch a great sermon from someone like Tim Keller and then pray together; fast once a week; fast from social media; write a letter of encouragement to each of our missionaries.

Friends, pray that Messiah will be a prayerful, Bible-teaching evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world.

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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) Life is a gift from God.
- 2) God has countless rebels, but no person or thing is His match.
- 3) God speaks with creative power and truth.

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:

Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, You alone are God. You alone are all-powerful. You alone are over all things, transcendent and wise. You are good and all Your works are good. You speak and what You speak comes to be. Every word of Yours is wise and true. You have made me to be Yours, and as Yours to be at home in this cosmos. Tune my heart to sing Your praise in humble adoration. May all that is within me bless Your holy Name. In Jesus' Name. Amen!!

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

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Genesis 1: 31

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

- Are you a morning person or an evening person?

Getting into the Bible

Ask the Lord to reform and renew your mind as you read His word written.

- Read Genesis 1: 1-2:3
- Read Genesis 1: 3-5. Then read Revelation 21:22 - 22:5.
- Read Genesis 1: 14-19. Then read Psalm 19.
- Read Genesis 2: 1-3. Then read Exodus 20: 8-11; Matthew 11: 28-30; Hebrews 4: 1-13.

Getting real

- Has the Lord brought you under conviction in some way as you read and talked about Bible texts? Can you share something of this with someone so they can pray with you?

Tuesday, March 7

- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson

Wednesday, March 8

- 7pm: Church on Wednesday @ UCU uOttawa
- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

Thursday, March 9

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

Friday, March 10

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

Upcoming:**Friday, March 17**

- 8pm: Men's Gathering @ 584 Tweedsmuir Ave.

Saturday, March 18

- 9:30am: Messiah Women Potluck Breakfast @ 315 Lisgar St.

Learner's Exchange returns TODAY!

- Don't miss Jonathan Camiré speaking about *Witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses @ 9:15am.*
- March 19 – Doug Sprunt will speak about *Emotional and Spiritual Health for Christians*
- March 26 – Gary Graber will speak about *The 39 Articles of Religion*