

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 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 come to the front after the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
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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

FINANCIAL UPDATE AT OCTOBER 30, 2016: Preliminary estimates, based on financial data available, indicate we need \$88,000 to balance the books by year end. Please pray for discernment as you make giving decisions and we make spending decisions.

THE RETURN OF JESUS

Dear Friends,

It is a commonplace that the apostles were seriously mistaken. It is said that they believed that Jesus would return very soon, before they died. Jesus has not returned, so they were mistaken. This commonplace is often used as part of a project to undermine a Christian's confidence in the Bible. But is it an accurate way to understand the New Testament?

I write this blog on Friday morning and I finish my sermon, hopefully, Saturday morning. So I know that I will preach on 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10, but I have not yet finished what I will and will not say. I do not know how much I will go into this, but this text of Scripture is part of the hard evidence that Paul was not predicting the imminent return of Jesus. Among other things, in this Scripture text, Paul is explaining what happens to Christians when they die before the return of Jesus. When you read 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10 note that he says "we" - he includes himself among those who may very well die before the return of Christ.

But what about texts that seem to say that Paul will be alive when Jesus returns? For instance, 1 Thessalonians 4: 16-17, *For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

Often people only quote part of the above - Paul clearly says that some Christians have and will have died before the Lord returns. But does the "we who are alive..." imply that Paul personally believed that he would be alive when Christ returned? Not at all. Paul is experiencing the attitude and belief all Christ followers should have.

Should I live each day saying, "Jesus will definitely not come for centuries, much less during my lifetime"? No. This is not how a follower of Jesus is to live! Jesus said, "I will come like a thief in the night, unexpectedly, with no person knowing the day or the hour, so be alert." He expects us to live our lives in the hope that He will return during our lifetime. It is a very different way to live saying, "He will return for sure, I know not when; come soon, Lord! Hasten the day!" then to live saying, "Nah, He won't come for centuries." The New Testament teaches His return and teaches that no one knows the day or hour.

Dear friends, ask the Lord to grant you to live confident He will return!

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 I follow Jesus and humbly listen to Him, courage grows.
- 2) The New Heaven and Earth is not made by human hands.
- 3) It is wise to live in hope that Christ will return before you die.

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, please grow within me a longing for Heaven, to dwell with You face-to-face. Please grow within me a greater assurance of Your grace and mercy, and that, in You, I will surely be swallowed up by life one day. And Lord, as this assurance grows, please make me more courageous to live to please You in all things. Amen.

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

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
2 Corinthians 5:1

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

1. **READ** 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10. *Note especially all the 'we' statements and the present and future tenses of some of the statements. Notice and mark the work of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. **LEARN**
 - How does this passage connect to what has come before?
 - Read Isaiah 25: 7-9 and 1 Corinthians 15: 50-58 How do they deepen your understanding of what Paul is saying?
 - Read 1 Corinthians 3: 1-17. What is it speaking about and what is it not speaking about?
 - What is Paul saying to the Corinthians and why is he saying it? What does this teach us today?
3. **INWARDLY DIGEST**
 - What difference does walking by faith and not by sight bear on what you fear, treasure and long for and on how you live?
4. **PRAY**
 - Choose one scripture and take a couple of minutes on your own to think about what it is teaching you.
 - Turn something you have learned from this verse into thanksgiving; confession; praise to God and supplication (asking).

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

- 3:30pm Ryle Seminary chapel service @ 315 Lisgar
- 7pm Church on Wednesday @uOttawa (churchonwednesday.ca)
- 7:30pm Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

Thursday, November 3

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

Friday, November 4

- 7pm Adventure613 (youth group) @ École Ste Anne - 235 Beausoleil

You can still buy tickets for Dig & Delve!

This year's theme is "I can't believe the Bible because..." November 4 and 5 at Dominion Chalmers United Church (O'Connor and Lisgar). diganddelve.ca/register/

The **2 Corinthians Bible study guide** used by of our home groups is available on the Messiah website: messiahchurch.ca/2-corinthians-bible-study-resources/

Operation Christmas Child provides an opportunity for you to be involved in a simple, hands-on project that focuses on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ - God's greatest gift. Each shoebox is filled with hygiene items, school supplies, and toys, and is given to children regardless of gender, race, or religion. **Pick up your Operation Christmas Child boxes today in the lobby. They can be returned ANY Sunday between now and November 13.**

Ryle Seminary announces the Anglican Studies Institute, which will begin offering online courses in 2017! Courses will focus on key aspects of the history, theology and ethos of Anglicanism. It is designed specifically for lay people. Its goal is to foster learning about our Christian faith in general and the Anglican Church in particular. Interested? info@ryleseminary.ca