BAD NEWS GIVEN WITH GREAT LOVE GRACE SHAPED LIFE: THE BOOK OF ROMANS

First Reading: Romans 3: 1-20 *Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 1-14





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

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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.

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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 last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair

Rector

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Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern **Daniel Gilman**

Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship

Joey McNitt Worship Leader

Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, 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 many 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.
- 3) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 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 September 30:

Target Offering: \$222,679 Actual Offering: \$199,764 Dear friends,

Please pray that we will be like a car and have a big windshield and small rear-view mirrors. By "we" I mean Church of the Messiah. On October 22, 2015 we turn 150 years young. We will celebrate that with a special service on Sunday, October 25 and we will mark 150 years in different ways over the coming 12 months.

Many "old" churches develop large rear-view mirrors and teeny, tiny windshields. If they were a car they would crash! But it is easy for a church to think a lot about its past - the great days of yesteryear when things went well. The past is so interesting that the church stops looking forward to see where it's going.

Many churches at every age develop huge mirrors with no windshield at all. They use the mirror to look at themselves. They do not look forward or backwards - they just look at themselves and care for themselves.

Please pray that we will be like a car, a proper car, with a big windshield and a small rear-view mirror. We want to look behind us to learn and give thanks and repent as the case may be. But most of all we want a big windshield to look forward and around us. We want to see what is going on around us and we want to be able to see where we are going - and go there. We want the Lord Jesus Christ to be our driver. We want Him in control of the steering wheel and the brakes. We want Him in control of the whole car.

Please pray for Messiah! Please pray that we will be a church that lets Jesus be in the driver's seat all of the time - not just when we are in a bit of trouble and want Him to take control for a moment before we yank control back. Please pray that we will wait with expectation to see where He will drive us next. Please pray that we will be a F.A.T. church - one where we are FAITHFUL to our Lord and AVAILABLE for His service and TEACHABLE by Him. Please pray we will be disciples of Jesus, gripped by the gospel, living for His glory. Please pray He will use us to make disciples of Jesus, gripped by the gospel, living for His glory.

Thank you for praying!

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) The Lord is always faithful and true.
- 2) The Lord is sovereign and He will prevail.
- 3) The Lord seeks me. He calls me. He makes me right with Himself.

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, You have caused the Bible to be written, and every word in it is from You. You do not lie; You speak the truth with love. You are faithful to Your word and faithful to Your promises. You will prevail! You are righteous and You will judge every person with righteousness. You do not give evil a pass - all evil will know Your wrath. You will be glorified and You are worthy of all praise. Please bless me by pouring out Your Holy Spirit upon me so that all that is within me will bless Your Holy Name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

...as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God." Romans 3: 10-11

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.

What is the most money you have ever found (somewhere other than your home)?

Getting into the Bible.

Please pray that the Lord will lead you and guide you into all truth.

- 1. Read: Romans 3: 1-20
- 2. Read: Romans 3: 10-11. Then read John 10: 1-18 and the Luke 15: 1-32

Getting real.

Has God convicted you in some way? Can you share this with others so they can pray for you?

TUE / OCT 20 Lowertown Home Group 6:30pm @ 205 Bolton St.

WED / OCT 21 Church on Wednesday 7pm @ uOttawa UCU Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THU / OCT 22 Moms and Tots Drop-in 10am-noon@ 119 Rochester St King Edward Home Group 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave

SUN / OCT 25 Celebrate 150 years young! Don't miss the celebration of 150 years of God's faithfulness to our congregation with a special worship service at 10am. Please dress in your "Sunday best" and bring food to share for the potluck lunch after the service.

Messiah Women. Save the date! You won't want to miss Movie Night at Deane Ronayne's home (14 Ashdale Ave.). Join us on Saturday, November 14 @ 7pm. We will watch the movie, *The Hundred Foot Journey.* Popcorn will be provided!

Join us at **Dig & Delve on November 13-14** as we investigate some of the deepest questions people ask about *Being Human*. What does scientific evidence reveal about the origin of life on earth? Are humans unique? How do we decide when a life begins and when it should end? Are we moral free-agents? What is the uniquely Christian response to our identity and purpose as humans? Come and find out! Tickets (\$30 (students) / \$45 (non-students) are available at diganddelve.ca

The books, *The Meaning of Marriage* (Timothy Keller) and *What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality* (Kevin DeYoung), are available in the church library. Contact the office if you are interested in borrowing them.