

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**
Worship Leader Administrator

Daniel Gilman
Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
(Children, Youth and Young Adults)

Rev. Neil Stephens
Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

Wardens:
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

ALWAYS REFORMING

Dear Friends,

I know it can sound presumptuous, but our prayer at Messiah should be that God will form and mold and shape us. In fact, this is not necessarily presumptuous. God wants us to want Him to form and reform His church. If He desires this, it is humble to listen and presumptuous to insist on going our own way.

Listen to what the Bible, God's Word written, says, I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12: 1-2 (ESV) JB Phillips famously translated part of this passage as "don't let the world squeeze you into its mold."

One key aspect of Gospel transformation is the humble hearing and thinking on God's Word in light of the Gospel - the Good News that Jesus Christ crucified is the power of God for salvation to all who receive Him. Once again, seeing all of the Bible centred and based on this Good News (that Jesus Messiah crucified and risen is the power of God for salvation to all who believe) is not just one way or our way to read the Bible. To see this is to humbly listen and obey what Jesus says. *These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations..."* Luke 24: 44-47

One way we try to live this in our common life is to preach through books of the Bible. We have resumed preaching through 2 Corinthians after a break for the Christmas series, Rarely Told Origin Stories of Jesus.

I am seeking God's direction for the next book of the Bible I will preach through once we have finished 2 Corinthians. Please pray that I will clearly hear His leading.

Please pray that God will continually reform Messiah by His Word written. Please pray for Holy Spirit revival and renewal as well!

George+

GROWING IN GRACE

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) I will remember that the devil is real - and really defeated by Jesus.
- 2) I will seek a clear understanding and a deep trust in the Biblical Gospel.
- 3) I will pray for my local church that its leaders will be godly servant leaders led by Jesus and leading people to Jesus.

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:

Heavenly Father, please fill me with Your Holy Spirit and keep my heart from all false and evil spirits. Please help me to know what Your Word written tells me about Jesus and what He did to save me. Please free my mind from all errors and lies about who Jesus is and what He did for me on the cross and in His resurrection. Please make me a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel and living for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen!!

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

...Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds. 2 Corinthians 11: 14b-15

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

Read

- 2 Corinthians 11: 1-15

Learn

- How is this passage relate to what has already been written?
- What do you think Paul is saying to the Corinthians and why is he saying it?
- What does this teach us today?

Inwardly Digest

- Paul links our minds (thoughts) to our devotion to Christ in verses 3-4. Have you found that to be true in your own life?
- Why do you think it is important?

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 it into thanksgiving, confession, praise and supplication (asking).
- *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.*

EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, January 24

- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson

Wednesday, January 25

- 7pm: Church on Wednesday churchonwednesday.ca
- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 29

- Potluck brunch following 10am worship service - Please bring food to share.

The Marriage Preparation Course is coming to Messiah! Do you know a couple who are planning to marry in 2017 or who are thinking about marriage?

The Marriage Preparation Course is for any couple who wants to give their marriage the best possible start. It doesn't matter how long they have been engaged; if they've been married before or even if they are just contemplating marriage.

- five Sunday evenings (7-9pm) beginning February 26
- dessert and coffee served in a romantic setting
- no group work
- no sharing with anyone other than your partner
- 315 Lisgar St
- it's free!
- for info / to register: shirley@messiahchurch.ca

Please stay for coffee and fellowship after the service. There is a matinée today at the theatre so we need to be out of the building by 12:30pm.