

## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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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.

### 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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or 613.235.0596. Check out our website at [messiahchurch.ca](http://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

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### Rev. Canon George Sinclair

Rector

### Jonathan Camiré

Ministry Intern - Evangelism and Discipleship

### Yasmine Alli-Smith

Ministry Intern

### Deborah Reid

Worship Leader

### Shirley Allan

Administrator

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

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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

## ONE STEP REMOVED

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Dear Friends,

It is subtly easy for us to become one step removed from Jesus. One way this happens is when we focus on the service (or the liturgy) rather than what the service / liturgy is supposed to point to. This problem of moving "one step away" is deepened when there are strong liturgical habits which influence language. The communion service is a classic example.

There are four Bible passages which teach that Jesus instituted the "Lord's Supper" or "Holy Communion." They are: Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-23; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. There are several commands in these texts, but for now, the key one is "Do this in remembrance of me."

Thomas Cramner, was a key figure in the English Reformation and a martyr. He is the writer of the Book of Common Prayer, and his 1552 Book of Common Prayer has been the basis of orthodox Anglican worship ever since. All of the services at Messiah are based on that book.

Listen to what Cramner wrote for the Presbyter to say as he distributed the bread during Communion, "The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, preserve your body and soul into everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving." Listen to what the Presbyter is to say as he distributes the wine, "The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life: Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful."

These are biblically, theologically, spiritually rich sentences which keep us focused on Jesus and His once-for-all death. They are well worth remembering and thinking upon. At the 8am service, I say the full sentence as I distribute communion. I also usually leave my microphone on at the 10am service as I distribute communion to the helpers. If you listen, you will hear me say the full sentences.

Our current arrangement at the Ottawa Little Theatre makes it hard to say the full sentences as communion is distributed. To say, "the body of Christ" or "the blood of Christ" is common but not correct. It is not biblically correct and it also is unwise, because it is one step removed from Jesus, calling us to focus on the liturgy and not on Jesus. A better short form is, "Remember Jesus Christ crucified!"

George+

# JARS OF CLAY: BEING HUMAN IN CHRIST

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First Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6      \*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14                  Listen to sermons on iTunes: Church of the Messiah

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## 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 can never boast in front of God.
- 2) I will seek to become more clear in how I speak.
- 3) I will learn to recognize when I manipulate people and I will stop manipulating people.

### 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 help grow in me an ever deeper assurance that Your Word written is true and that the Gospel is true. Please grow in me an ever deeper assurance that the Gospel still “works”; that people will still receive the Gospel and become Your child. Please grow in me an ever deeper assurance that, as I bear witness to Who Jesus is and what He accomplished for us in His death, You sovereignly and powerfully shine Your light in people’s hearts. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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

*For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6*

### 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 4: 1-6 Pray for God to draw you to Himself and help you to understand as you read.

### 2. LEARN

- How does this passage relate to what has already been written?
- In 4:6 Paul may be quoting Genesis 1:3-5, referring to the creation of light, but it is also very likely that he refers to the promised salvation light of Isaiah 9:2-7. Read both of these passages, asking how they help us understand this text.

### 3. INWARDLY DIGEST

- What does this passage teach us about Satan and his designs and methods?
- When have you been tempted to lose heart in the gospel and its power?
- How will this passage change how you relate to, pray for, speak to, those who don’t yet know Christ?

### 4. PRAY

- Pray particularly for someone you know, for God to work in them and through you so they meet the risen Christ. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us. Amen.

## UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Tuesday, October 11

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

### Wednesday, October 12

3:30pm Ryle Seminary chapel service @ 315 Lisgar St  
7pm Church on Wednesday @uOttawa  
7:30pm Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont Ave

### Thursday, October 13

7:15pm Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 14 Ashdale

### Friday, October 14

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

### Sunday, October 16

- **Bishop Charlie** will worship with us. Don’t miss it!
- **Messiah Choir:** Practice @ 9am in the OLT basement. Practice continues the first and third Sundays of the month. Interested? Contact Heather Vos: heathervos72@gmail.com
- **Learner’s Exchange:** Jonathan Camiré speaks about creation @ 9:15am in the OLT lobby.
- **Potluck Lunch** - will be held after the 10am service. Please bring sandwiches and other finger foods to share.

**Messiah Men:** The next Men’s Gathering takes place on Friday, October 21.

**Messiah Women! Join us for a Potluck Breakfast** on Saturday, October 22 @ 9:30am @ The Bible House (315 Lisgar St) Sign up at coffee today or at info@messiahchurch.ca

**Dig & Delve tickets are available NOW.** 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 at: [messiahchurch.ca/2-corinthians-bible-study-resources/](http://messiahchurch.ca/2-corinthians-bible-study-resources/)

### THE THANKSGIVING FLOWERS ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

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