

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 "follow the cross" during the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair Rector	Daniel Gilman Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
Shirley Allan Administrator	Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson, Shannon Ripley,
Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern	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 "Give" 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 MARCH 31, 2016

Target Offering: \$ 69,405

Actual Offering: \$ 68,887

LEARNING FROM ALL OF THE BIBLE

Dear friends,

We do not want to be a community of disciples who listen to bits and pieces of God's Word written. We want to try to listen to God's Word written. When the Apostle Paul made his "farewell discourse" to the Christian leaders from Ephesus (Acts 20: 17-38), he said he testified *...of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. (v21)* In other words, he testified *to the gospel of the grace of God. (v24)*. He also said that he declared *the whole counsel of God. (v27)*. This is what I pray for Messiah. I hope you pray for this as well. I pray we will regularly open the Word and proclaim the Gospel of the grace of God while we also declare the whole counsel of God.

One of the best ways to do this is to primarily preach through whole books of the Bible - making sure we cover both Old and New Testaments books. Please pray that God will direct us to the books of the Bible we should be reading/preaching through as a church.

We are getting close to finishing Romans. I think we will have three more sermons on Romans after today. After we are finished Romans we will go through the book of Titus. I should note that we will pause in this to do three "doctrine" sermons to correspond with three day as in the ancient liturgical year. We will have one sermon each on: The ascension of Jesus, The Holy Spirit and Pentecost, and The Trinity.

During the summer, Daniel and I will preach through the book of Amos. In the Fall, I plan to begin the book of Second Corinthians. I should say that I am planning this right now, but I might do the book of Job instead. I have long wanted to preach through Job but other Bible books have ended up being more timely. If the Lord so leads, I might preach through Job in the Fall and then we would tackle Second Corinthians. Please pray that it is the Lord who leads me and leads us!

The Bible is not a compendium of quotes and quips and sayings. It is made up of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. The Bible has many quotable bits and we should try to memorize as many verses as possible. However, it is a collection of books with many different human authors, but one ultimate author of all 66 books - the Lord God Almighty is His Name. We should try to read and study and preach through whole books. The book was written as a book - so we are closer to following the author's intention. As well, preaching through a whole book forces us to listen to parts of the Bible we usually avoid. As followers of Jesus, there should be no part of the Bible we want to avoid. Please pray for me and for us.

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 cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.
- 2) I will pray for God's mercy and blessing on our nation and its leaders.
- 3) I will act and pray for our city to thrive and be blessed.

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 me to owe no one anything except love. I confess that it is hard to know how to respect and honour some in authority. I know that you are King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Please help me to fulfill Your command to respect and honour, but I need Your wisdom to know how to do this in a way that honours You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.
Romans 13: 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

Getting to know me.

What city (or village) were you born in? What country are you a citizen of?

Getting into the Bible.

Ask the Lord to help you present all of who you are to Him as a living sacrifice as you read His Word written.

- 1) Read Romans 13
- 2) Read Jeremiah 29: 1-7; Matthew 22: 15-2; Acts 5: 17-42; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Revelation 13.

Getting real.

Has the Lord pressed in on you about some matters? Can you share some of this with others so they can pray for you?

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON / APR 18	Prayer Meeting 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St
TUE / APR 19	Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
WED / APR 20	Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THUR / APR 21	Old Ottawa South Home Group 7:15 @267 Sunnyside Ave. King Edward Home Group 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.

We continue to search for our next Worship leader. If you know anyone who might be interested in this part-time, paid position please ask them to contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

Learner's Exchange continues! Come out at 9:15am Sundays to hear a 30-minute TED-style talk followed by a 10-minute Q&A. Light food will available.
Upcoming talks:

- April 17: Music and the Gospel (Heidi Jost)
- April 24: Euthanasia (Julia Beazley)
- May 1: The flaws and failure of moral relativism (Jonathan Camiré)
- May 8: Anglicanism 101 (Gary Graber)

NEW! You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Give" tab (far right side) on our website (messiahchurch.ca) and click the "Donate Now" button under PayPal.

You can **support our Revive Youth Group** by purchasing or donating new or used basketballs, soccer balls, dodge balls (soft, large balls), skipping ropes and hula hoops. Contact Hilary or Josh deBoer (hilary.moate@gmail.com) or the church office (info@messiahchurch.ca) if you will help!

SAVE THE DATE! Don't miss an interesting debate on Sunday, May 1 @7pm here at the OLT. Dr Os Guinness, a renowned Christian, will debate with Dr. Christopher DiCarlo, a well-known atheist about *Meaning without a Maker*. The suggested donation is \$5. Space is limited, so please register at www.diganddelve.ca