LUKE : JESUS FOR PAGANS & SKEPTICS JESUS ON RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

First Reading Galatians 5:16-24		The Gospel Luke 11:29-54	*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.
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2) The Jesus way is a part of a			r the
3) The Jesus way addresses the and the			
4) The living God confronts		in the hope that I will	
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Making disciples gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.

September 21, 2014 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Pastor's Blog

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!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email **info@messiahchurch.ca** or call **613.235.0596.** Also 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 third worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair	Jeremy Giles
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Amy van Hemmen	Daniel Gilman
Administrative Manager	Ministry Intern

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, there are two 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.

2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Financial Update / January - August 2014

Actual Offering: \$179,051 Target Offering: \$210,833

PASTOR'S BLOG : SHY CONNECTING

Dear Friends,

Some people are shy and some people are outgoing. Some people are introverts and some people are extroverts. I do not know if "outgoing" people sometimes wish they were more shy. I do know that most shy people wish they were more outgoing. I do not know if extroverts wish they were more introverted. I do know that most introverts wish they were a bit more (a lot more?) extroverted. I speak as one who is an introvert and still sometimes struggles with shyness.

It is neither a vice or a virtue, in and of itself, to be shy or outgoing or introverted or extroverted. Each can change and develop and grow. Each can be used by God for His glory.

Mindful of how we are different, I want to urge you to connect with others at Messiah today and in the days ahead. I believe that Christians need to have personal quiet times with God. We also need "larger" worship times with an "all-ages" congregation. But we also need those "in-between" places where we meet with a smaller group of people or maybe with a friend or two. I encourage you to have a daily quiet time where you read the Bible and pray. I encourage you to make Messiah (or some other good local church) your local church and be an active member and participant.

I especially urge you to consider connecting in that "in-between" place. Consider coming out to the Messiah Prayer Meeting on Tuesdays once a month or more. Consider a home group. Consider one of the men's or women's group activities. Consider proposing another avenue to connect. Consider helping with our compassion ministries, including Jericho Road on Oct. 1. Consider taking a course at the Ottawa Theological College. Consider joining the worship team or choir or serving in the Nursery or Sunday School, or joining the hosting team or coffee team.

Please pray into this! Please pray that Messiah will be a prayerful, Bible teaching church where people connect with Jesus and where people connect with other people as they connect with Jesus.

One other thing. Consider saying "hello" to someone today whom you have never said "hello" to before. Notice someone standing alone? Just walk across the room and say "hello!"

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 desire to learn from correction and rebuke.
- 2) The living God desires my repentance not my being crushed.
- 3) No one has to stay doomed.

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 God, please deliver me from religion. Please deliver me from spirituality. Please pour Your Holy Spirit into my depths. Please grip my heart with the good news of Jesus Christ crucified as the power from You for my salvation. In Jesus Name, Amen."

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

"But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"" (Luke 11:28 ESV)

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 a weird "Christian" practice?

Getting into the Bible.

Please ask God to pour His Holy Spirit into your mind and heart and will as you read His word written.

1) Read Luke 11:29-54.

2) Read Luke 11:33, then Lk. 1:78-79; 2:29-32; Jn. 1:1-14; 3:16-21; Acts 26:15-18. 3) Read Luke 11:34-36. Then read 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Eph. 5:8-14; 1 John 1:5-10.

Getting real.

If the Holy Spirit has convicted you about some matters, please consider sharing with others so they can pray for you.

- MON / SEP 22 Women's Home Group (more info below) 7:00pm @ 205 Bolton St.
- TUES / SEP 23 Messiah Prayer Meeting 7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

The Augusta Home Group 7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group 7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

Marriage Alpha Course 6:45pm @ 315 Lisgar St.

WED / SEP 24 Church on Wednesday 7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

The Wurtemburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 111 Wurtemburg St.

SAT / SEP 27 Women's Hike 10:00am @ Gatineau Park RSVP to <u>amy@messiahchurch.ca</u>

ROCK THE CAPITAL 6:00pm @ The Life Centre in Orleans

WED / OCT 1 Jericho Road Coffeehouse 7:00pm @ St. Paul's Eastern United 473 Cumberland St.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are updating the Church Directory! Please consider taking two minutes to update your info online at <u>messiahchurch.ca/directory</u>. Today is the last day to complete the form! *The directory will not be posted online.

JERICHO ROAD COFFEEHOUSE

There are many ways to get involved in this great ministry. We need people to donate and/or prepare sandwiches and people to serve on Wednesday evening. Email <u>info@messiahchurch.ca</u> to get involved!

WOMEN'S HOME GROUP

We are excited to announce a new home group just for women on Monday evenings. Please contact Shirley Allan for more information at <u>shirley.allan@gmail.com</u>.