

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, you are welcome to bring children to the north side of the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, children are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

The Offering Plate

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, please make cheques out to "Church of the Messiah." If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

TODAY'S SERVICE

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

First Reading	The Gospel	*Free Bibles are available
1 Thess. 5:9-28	John 16:23-33	at the Besserer door.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rector Rev. Canon George Sinclair	Worship Leader & Young Adults Leader Jeremiah Smith
Administrative & Communications Manager Amy van Hemmen	Ministry Interns Jeremy Giles & Daniel Gilman

Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson
Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Natasha Wallace

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUE / MAY 27 Lowertown Home Group

7:00pm @ Ian Murray's

Messiah Prayer Meeting

7:00pm @ Messiah Office (152 Metcalfe St.)

WED / MAY 28 Men's Bible Study

5:30pm @ Rideau Centre

The Wurtemberg Home Group

7:30pm @ The van Hemmen's

THU / MAY 29 The House (Young Adults)

6:30pm @ The Giles'

FRI / MAY 30 Men's Gathering

8:00pm @ Victor Ndiokubwayo's

Email vndihoku@gmail.com for more info.

SUN / JUN 8 Church Potluck!

11:30am @ Ottawa Little Theatre

Stay tuned for more details.

For more info, visit messiahchurch.ca, call **613.235.0596**, or email Amy at amy@messiahchurch.ca.

Old Ottawa South Home Group

The Old Ottawa South Home Group will NOT take place this week, but will resume on Thursday, June 5.

Join Messiah's Email List

If you'd like to receive important announcements and periodic updates from Church of the Messiah, join our mailing list! Simply email amy@messiahchurch.ca with your name and preferred email address.

Help make life easier for our financial volunteers!

Every week, a small team of dedicated volunteers manages the counting, deposit and data entry of Sunday's offering. You can help make their job easier by using assigned offering envelopes. We have plenty of extra envelope sets for 2014! Contact Amy at 613.235.0596 or amy@messiahchurch.ca to get your envelopes.

Financial Update - Operating Fund

January - April 2014

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>TARGET</u>
Offering	\$91,498	\$105,416

① I NEED TO DEVELOP GODLY ATTITUDES

First steps to developing godly attitudes are:

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Say the attitude again and again to help it sink in.

Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitude A) It is not encouragement if it is a lie.

Attitude B) God's infallible plan for His children is salvation not destruction.

Attitude C) I have an important role to play in encouraging others and building them up.

② 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, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that He died for me. Thank You that His death is the means of my salvation. Thank You that in Jesus' death upon the cross You provided a way for me to be taken from doom and instead obtain the destiny of salvation and eternal union with Jesus. Please make me a disciple gripped by the gospel living for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

③ I NEED TO GET GOD'S WORD IN MY MIND & HEART

"For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." (1 Thes. 5:9-11 ESV)

④ 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 _____."

Dear Friends,

In my new series of sermons, I am going to talk about matters where I need to personally grow - sometimes grow a lot! So, please pray!

The sermon series is called, Practical Discipleship. We are going to unpack and apply a series of exhortations from Paul in a letter to young Christians. We now know this as First Thessalonians. The passage is chapter 5:9-28. We are going tackle the following "disciplines:"

- 1) Choose to encourage. Verse 11. May 25.
- 2) Choose shalom. Verse 13b-14. June 1.
- 3) Choose to forgive. Verse 15. June 8.
- 4) Choose to rejoice. Verse 16. June 15.
- 5) Choose to pray. Verse 17. June 22.
- 6) Choose gratitude. Verse 18. June 29.
- 7) Choose to listen to God. Verse 19-21a. July 6.
- 8) Choose holiness. Verse 21b-22. July 13.

I intentionally chose to entitle each week around the idea of choosing rather than discipline. That is partly because entering into and living a discipline involves a significant amount of "choosing." However, each week could be renamed as "the discipline of encouragement" or "the discipline of gratitude" as the case may be.

Attentive readers will notice that I am skipping verses 12-13a. This talks about the role of an elder / presbyter / leader in a congregation so that members of the congregation can practice the discipline of being led by the leader. We will read the text every week as we read verses 9-28 every week, but I will not preach on verses 12-13a.

I will connect each discipline to the beginning and end of verses 9-28, because the framework matters: too often Bible teachers slip into a moralism and deism and therapy-speak when they talk about texts like this. In other words, they talk about something like encouragement as if the gospel and sanctifying work of God in the Christian is irrelevant. Please pray for me.

Finally, I know I am not good at encouragement. In this and the other disciplines, my weekly prayer will be, "Dear God, please help me to encourage others to their good and Your glory!" Please pray that I will allow God to encourage me and I will encourage others.

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