

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 APRIL 30, 2016

Target Offering: \$ 99,150

Actual Offering: \$ 91,728

SOME "HELP WITH THE TRINITY"

Dear friends,

When I was in university I met a fairly knowledgeable person who claimed to believe the Bible but did not believe that Jesus was divine. She also did not believe that the Bible taught the Trinity. I must confess that her arguments shook me. I had not realized that the word "trinity" is not found in the Bible. In fact, when she told me this I did not believe her. As well, when I first looked at the verses to support the Biblical doctrine of the Trinity, I was underwhelmed and disappointed.

For the record, the word "trinity" is not in the Bible - but this is irrelevant. As well, the problem I had back then was not with the Bible but with my expectations and "demands" of what the Bible should say and how it should say it. I had to acknowledge my mistake, and take a breath, and look more carefully at what the Bible did and did not say. Throughout these days and months of argument and attack and searching, on a human level, my help came from a surprising place - tradition and authority. I knew that Christians had long believed the Bible taught the Trinity. I also knew that well-thought-out Christians that I knew through their writings also believed in the Trinity. So I continued to look for books and articles to read and I continued to read the Bible and to pray. I wanted to know the truth and I had respect for these authorities and traditions - so I did not cave. I read. Eventually, the doctrine became clearer as did the Bible texts. As an aside, as our conversations continued, she did not accept what the Bible said, but eventually did not want to talk about it anymore. When she could not win the "arguments" she had no interest in talking at all.

I would encourage you to look up **The Athanasian Creed**. It is a great simple (and ancient) statement of some right and wrong ways to understand the Trinity. Of course, **The Apostle's Creed** and **The Nicene Creed** are also good to read. Finally, in terms of "ancient" sources, read **The 39 Articles of Religion** (especially numbers 1-5) and **The Heidelberg Catechism**.

A great book with a great section on God and the Trinity is C.S. Lewis' **Mere Christianity**. As well, James R. White's **The Forgotten Trinity** is a modern classic. Kreeft and Tacelli have written a good book on apologetics, **Handbook of Christian Apologetics**. This book, like many books of apologetics, has a discussion on God and the Trinity.

Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, three Persons, one God, as it was in the beginning is now, and evermore will be. Amen.

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) The true and living God wants me to know Him.
- 2) I am tragically addicted to hiding from the true and living God.
- 3) No one is so far from God that He cannot make them "born from above".

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 deliver me from being religious or spiritual. Please make me a disciple, gripped by the Gospel, living for Your glory. Please help me to love and bless this city and this nation. Please help me to live as a faithful and loyal citizen of Your everlasting Kingdom with Jesus Messiah as my Lord and King. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3: 16

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.

When was the last time you had a bath?

Getting into the Bible.

Ask the Lord to pour out His Holy Spirit upon you and lead you into all truth.

- 1) Read John 2: 23- 3:16
- 2) Read John 3:1. Then read John 7: 45-52; 19:38-42
- 3) Read John 3:5. Then read Isaiah 44: 1-5; Ezekiel 36: 25-27; 37: 9-10
- 4) Read John 3:14. Then read Numbers 21: 4-9; John 8: 12-30; 12: 27-56

Getting real.

Has the Lord convicted you in some way? Can you share some of this with others so they can pray for you?

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON / MAY 23

Happy Victoria Day
The church office is closed.

Monday Night in the Park
6:30pm @ Strathcona Park

TUE / MAY 24

Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / MAY 25

Hintonburg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THUR / MAY 26

King Edward Home Group
7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.

FRI / MAY 27

Revive Youth Group
7pm @ École Ste Anne (235 Beausoleil)

Messiah Women. Please join us for an afternoon tea party on Saturday, May 28 from 1:30 to 3:30pm at The Bible House (315 Lisgar St). Sign up at the coffee bar or info@messiahchurch.ca

Church of the Messiah will be participating in *The Big Give* on Saturday, June 4.

Over 60 Ottawa-area churches will be participating in this event where people of faith bless those in the community by giving things for free. We will be:

- handing out packed lunches to the needy in Lowertown
- paying for people's laundry in Lowertown laundromats

Volunteers will go out in groups of two or more. They will be provided with cards identifying them as Big Give volunteers. They will have Bibles to give out, too, if appropriate.

We need your help!

- before Saturday, June 4 for shopping
- Friday, June 3 (at The Bible House) to pack lunches
- Saturday, June 4 between 10am-2pm for lunch and laundry money distribution

Can't help in person? We would welcome your financial support. You can give via the offering plate. Please clearly indicate that your donation is to support The Big Give. You can send a donation directly to the office via PayPal or e-transfer (Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George") Contact the church office for help.

Most importantly, we would welcome your prayer support!