

JARS OF CLAY: BEING HUMAN IN CHRIST LIVING WITH INTEGRITY?

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 1: 15 - 2:13 *Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel: Luke 14: 1-11 Listen to sermons on iTunes: Church of the Messiah



Making disciples of Jesus gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.

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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 come to the front after the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
Rector

Jonathan Camiré
Ministry Intern - Evangelism and Discipleship

Yasmine Alli-Smith
Ministry Intern

Deborah Reid **Shirley Allan**
Worship Leader Administrator

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

Rev. Neil Stephens
Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

Wardens:
Dick Butler Jeremiah Hadwen
Earl Maynard Shannon Ripley
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 "Contact" 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
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FINANCIAL UPDATE AT AUGUST 31, 2016:

Target Offering: \$ 194,995

Actual Offering: \$ 179,706

PLEASE PRAY

Dear friends,

By the old Christian liturgical calendar the first day of the year is Advent I (usually at the end of November). The calendar year begins January 1. But for Canadians I always think of the year beginning in September. The following are some endeavours I am asking your persistent prayer for.

First, please pray for Daniel and his team as the Youth Group is re-launched this Friday. The Youth Group is going to start meeting every week. Pray that we can have a downtown and city-wide impact.

Second, please pray for Daniel and our ministry to the University of Ottawa and to university-aged and young adults. The ministry is called Church on Wednesday. Please pray for Daniel (and others) as they preach through Nehemiah. Please pray for an open door at Ottawa U in terms of a great location. Please pray God will use this in evangelism and discipleship.

Third, please pray for Jonathan Camiré as he develops and launches a post-university young adult ministry. Pray for wisdom; pray for the development of a small leadership team; pray for a great ministry of evangelism, discipleship and community.

Fourth, please pray for Karen and Daniel and Yasmine and our ministry to children. Please pray, first, for our Sunday morning ministry of Sunday School. Pray for growth in numbers. Pray for great teachers. Pray, as well, for a wider non-Sunday ministry. Pray for wisdom how we can do this. Pray that God will use us to love, evangelize and disciple children.

Fifth, please pray for B**** who will soon be leaving Messiah to travel to #s## as a missionary. Please pray that the Lord will keep him safe in body and soul. Please pray that God will open doors for him. Please pray for God's ongoing provision.

Sixth, please pray for the Lord to raise up eight young couples who we could train, shepherd and encourage and then send out to plant churches in: Kanata, Leitrim, Orleans, Manotick, Arnprior, Carleton Place, Kemptville and Cornwall.

Seventh, please pray for our ministry to plant a godly, evangelical seminary in Ottawa - please pray for Ryle Seminary. Pray for recognition and accreditation and finances. Please pray for Gary, the Academic Dean and Shirley, the Administrator. Please pray for the five classes being offered this term.

Eighth, please pray for those planning to offer the Alpha Marriage Preparation course in January. Please pray for those considering leading an Alpha course or Christianity Explored program in the new year. Pray that we know what God's will is. Pray we will always rely on His will.

Pray we will recognize His leading and walk in His will to His glory!

Thank you for praying!

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 was made to hope in promises.
- 2) Only God's promises will always be kept.
- 3) The more I break my promises, the harder it will be to believe God keeps His promises.

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, I confess I often have multiple and contradictory motives. I confess I often hide my motives from others and myself. I confess that some of my motives are not good and true. Thank You that You know me and still kept Your promise and sent Jesus Messiah to be our Saviour. Praise You that Your motives are public, unfailing and full of grace and mercy. Please make me a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel who is learning to live a life of true integrity for Your glory. Amen.

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

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. 2 Corinthians 1: 20

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 1: 15-2:13

2. LEARN

- Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-21 and 1 Corinthians 16:1-11 for background to this passage.
- What do you think Paul is saying to the Corinthians?
- What does this teach us today?

3. INWARDLY DIGEST

- Paul models Christ's love to the church, even when it is very costly. How has he done this particularly towards the Corinthians?
- What particular area is God seeking to transform in you in showing this costly love?

4. PRAY

- Turn that need into a prayer here and share it with your prayer triplet or group. Pray especially that you will understand Christ's love so you are able to show it to others. Pray also that you/w/e will not be 'outwitted by Satan' (v11) in the body of Christ. *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.*

EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 19

7pm Messiah serves at Jericho Road Coffeehouse @ First Baptist Church (Laurier and Elgin). **Please sign up in the lobby TODAY.**

Tuesday, September 20

1pm Bible House Study Group @315 Lisgar St (side door)

7pm Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson St

Wednesday, September 21

3:30pm Ryle Seminary chapel service @ 315 Lisgar St (ground floor). All welcome.

7pm Church on Wednesday @uOttawa (churchonwednesday.ca)

7:30pm Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont Ave

Thursday, September 22

7:15pm Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

Friday, September 23

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

Saturday, September 24

10am Women's Walk in the Gatineau @ 10am. **Please sign up in the lobby.**

Please contact the office to add the name of a loved one to the **In Memory List we will publish on Thanksgiving Sunday.** info@messiahchurch.ca

Each year we collect items of non-perishable food and gently used / new clothing as a **Thanksgiving gift to St Joe's** Grocery and Clothing Program. Please bring your donations to church on September 25, October 2 or 9.

Bishop Charlie Masters will visit Church of the Messiah on October 16. If you are interested in being confirmed, OR would like to be officially received into Anglicanism, OR would like to renew/reaffirm your baptism, by Bishop Charlie, please contact Shirley at info@messiahchurch.ca or 613 235 0596.

Potluck Lunch - We will hold a potluck lunch after the 10am service on October 16. Please bring sandwiches and other finger foods to share.