# GOD: CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF ALL THINGS Leaving the Moon God for the True God

Second reading: Acts 27: 1-12 Reading: Genesis 11:27-12:4 Sermon based on: Genesis 11:10-12:3 Psalm 49 \*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.





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 the Welcome Centre in the lobby or 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 Green Room (basement) before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.

# **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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## 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

**Upcoming Sermons at Messiah** 

Dear Friends,

Today we finish Genesis 1-11. I will preach on the last of chapter 11 and the first few verses of chapter 12. Where will we go next?

Please pray for me as I discern what the Lord would have us listen to and learn from in His Word Written. As you know, we go through whole books of the Bible, or a big "chunk" of the Bible. I divide the Biblical book into parts and we preach each part in order until we have finished the book. So most Sundays we are in a series that takes us through a book of the Bible or a part of a Biblical book.

This summer we will listen to and learn from a small but important part of the Bible. The Ten Commandments or Ten Words. There are two versions of the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20: 1-17 and Deuteronomy 5: 1-21. The two Biblical texts have a couple of small differences - I am sure you will hear more about this as the summer progresses. We will look at one commandment each week.

For many centuries Christians have recognized the importance of the Ten Commandments in "being a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel and living for God's glory". Most catechisms, instructions in Christian living, have at least three sections. One section answers the question, "What should we believe/know?" by looking at The Apostles Creed. One section answers the question, "How do we pray?" by looking at The Lord's Prayer. And finally, one section answers the question, "How should we live?" by looking at The Ten Commandments. This summer we will look at the Ten Commandments. Please pray!

In September, just after Labour Day weekend, we will begin a series on the book of Galatians. Many churches are liable to be looking at either Galatians or Romans this fall. The reason is that 31 October 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation.

After this? Probably the Gospel of John. But please pray that I will know God's leading for us.

In closing, please pray that those who call Messiah their church home will develop the habit of daily Bible reading. Please pray as well that we will develop the habit of reading all of the Bible, not just bits and pieces of the Bible. It is important that we come to know "the whole counsel of God". Pray that, as I preach, and as others at Messiah preach and teach the Bible, we are modeling and equipping people to read the Bible themselves.

George +

#### 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) God blesses me to bless others and be a blessing.
- 2) God does not bless me to hoard His blessings.
- 3) With God's word, my mind matters, but I need to obey my way to clarity.

## 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 believe in You by believing Your word written. You know I believe - but please help my unbelief. Please pour out Your Holy Spirit upon me as I read Your word written and make me a disciple of Jesus, gripped by the Gospel who is living for God's glory. In Jesus' name. Amen!!

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

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Genesis 12: 1-3

#### 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

If someone offered you an all-expenses-paid trip to anywhere in the world, where would you want to go?

#### **Getting into the Bible**

Pray to the Lord and ask that He lead and guide you into all truth as you read His word.

- Read Genesis 11:10-12:9
- Read John 24: 2; Galatians 3: 6-9; Romans 4: 16-25; Hebrews 11: 8-19

#### **Getting real**

Has the Lord brought some truth or conviction or leading home to you as you have read His word? Please share some of this with someone else so you can both pray about it.

**TODAY** 

**Picnic:** Head over to Strathcona Park after the 10am service for a gathering of food, fun and fellowship!

**Tuesday, June 27**• 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson

Wednesday, June 28

7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

Thursday, June 29

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

**Mission Angola:** Please pray for George as he travels to Angola on Saturday. Pray that God will use him as he preaches and ministers and that God will be glorified. You can still support George financially by placing a cheque, made payable to Church of the Messiah, in the offering plate. Please clearly indicate that your donation is to support the Mission Angola Fund. You can send a donation electronically to the office via PayPal or e-transfer: info@messiahchcurch.ca all donations are tax-deductible. Any extra funds will go to support Messiah's overseas missionaries.

Worship location change: The OLT is undergoing a major renovation and the auditorium will not be available for our use for up to eight Sundays (July 30 - September 17 inclusive). We have been looking for an alternative place to worship for those Sundays. Please pray that these arrangements will fall into place soon!