# GRACE TRAINED LIFE: KNOW AND SPEAK THE TRUTH

First Reading: Titus 1: 1-15	*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10	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 "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

Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern

John Rayson 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 "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 MAY 31, 2016

Target Offering: \$ 125, 590 Actual Offering: \$ 114, 782

## I CAN'T EVANGELIZE!

Dear friends.

Many of us believe we cannot evangelize. If we are in an evangelical church, we will occasionally feel guilty about this. Our life seems marked by unanswered prayer, by-passed opportunities, and clumsy efforts. You are not alone. Hopefully the following words will encourage you.

First, you never have to carry the weight of evangelism. It is not yours to carry. God is the only one who can turn a person's heart. He is the only true evangelist.

Second, God usually uses ordinary people as He evangelizes. Some become Christians through dreams or some other miraculous intervention. However, cases like this seem to be the exception rather than the rule. God uses ordinary people like you and me to bear witness to Jesus. The Holy Spirit uses "our" words to bring a person to saving faith.

Third. God uses a "team" of people to evangelize. You do not have to do all of the witnessing. If you talk to adult converts, you will usually hear how God used a variety of people as part of the journey which culminated in the person becoming a Christian. So when an opportunity arises, bear simply witness to the fact that you are a follower of Jesus. You are part of a series of encounters that God is using.

Fourth, God wants us to pray that people will come to saving faith in Jesus. Please consider praying for at least three people every day. Be simple. Be humble. Pray something like, Dear God, please bring A, B and C to a saving faith in Jesus Christ."

Fifth, God wants us to pray for people involved in intentional evangelism. Churches and people will organize events like "Dig & Delve" or "Marriage Alpha" or "The Big Give." These events have an evangelistic heart. Pray for them! Ask God to use these events to bring people to saving faith in Jesus.

Sixth, God wants to use the local church in evangelism. Please pray that God will use your local church in evangelism. Pray that the public worship times will be evangelistic. Pray that the people of the church will bear witness to Jesus. Pray that the church will organize times of intentional evangelism. Pray that the church will prayerfully and financially support intentional evangelism.

Seventh, if you fail, do not despair or give up or become cynical. Ask God to help you today and tomorrow. Please pray for me!

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) God does not lie ever.
- 2) Knowing the truth should lead to godliness.
- 3) When I know and speak the truth I please the heart of God.

### 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:

Father in Heaven, I praise You for being the One who never lies. Lord Jesus Christ, I praise You for being the Way, the Truth and the Life. Holy Spirit, I praise You for being the Spirit of truth. Lord God Almighty, I praise You for creating and sustaining all things and making me in Your image. Please help me to be a disciple of Jesus, gripped by the Gospel who seeks, knows, loves and speaks the truth - all for Your glory. Amen.

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

He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it. Titus 1: 9

### I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spiri	t is
leading me to	

# **GOING DEEPER**

#### Getting to know me.

Who is the most famous person you ever met?

### Getting into the Bible.

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

- 1) Read Titus 1: 1-15.
- 2) Read Titus 1: 1-4. Then read Romans 1: 1-7, Galatians 1: 1-5.
- 3) Read Titus 1:2. Then read John 14:6
- 4) Read Titus 1:3. Then read 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25.
- 5) Read Titus 1:16. Then read John 14: 15; 1 John 2:4.

#### Getting real.

Has the Lord convicted you of something? Can you share about this so people can pray for you?

## **UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MON / JUNE 13	Monday Night in the Park
TUE / JUNE 14	6:30pm @ Strathcona Park Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
WED / JUNE 15	Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THUR / JUNE 16	Old Ottawa South Home Group
	6:30pm at 267 Sunnyside Ave.
	King Edward Home Group
	7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.
FRI/JUNE 17	Men's Gathering
	8pm @ 584 Tweedsmuir Ave.

**BETWEEN-SERVICE PRAYER** continues next Sunday @ 9;30am in the OLT lobby. Join us as we pray for the world, the church and one another.

**ELECTORAL VESTRY** - Monday, June 20 - 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St. All are welcome to attend this meeting. The election of several officers will take place and there will be an overview of church ministries and finances.

Plan to join together for a *CHURCH PICNIC*! Head over to Strathcona Park after the 10am worship service on Sunday, June 26. Bring a picnic lunch, chairs or a blanket, frisbees, balls etc and be prepared to have fun! We'll provide, plates, napkins and bottled water.

Our Ministry Intern, *Jonathan Camiré*, has been accepted to the Ravi Zacharias Summer School taking place in Langley, BC July 10-15. Jonathan invites you to consider investing prayerfully and financially in his ministry.

- Please pray that he will learn a lot and grow in his faith as he attends this course.
- Jonathan received a scholarship from RZIM and he is looking for \$1130 to pay the outstanding fees. Please prayerfully consider supporting him financially.
- Please contact the church office for help with giving. Please clearly indicate your gift is for Jonathan Camiré.
- If there are funds received in excess of the \$1130 needed they will be set aside in Messiah's Ministry Intern Fund.

**MESSIAH WOMEN** are invited to shower **Kitty Sinclair** with blessings and support by attending a **bridal shower** in her honour. It will take place on Saturday, June 25 from 2pm to 4pm at Louise Sinclair's home (47 Cherrywood Dr). RSVP, by June 22, to shirley@messiahchurch.ca or 613 235 0596.