



## 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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or 613.235.0596. Check out our website at [messiahchurch.ca](http://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

<b>Rev. Canon George Sinclair</b> Rector	<b>Daniel Gilman</b> Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
<b>Shirley Allan</b> Administrator	<b>Joey McNitt</b> Worship Leader
<b>Jonathan Camiré</b> Ministry Intern	<b>Wardens:</b> Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson, Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Dana Scherf

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Giving

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](mailto:givings@messiahchurch.ca) Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) 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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

**PARKING:** No-cost parking is available at either the parking garage to the north of the theatre or in the outdoor lot to the west of the theatre. Pick up a parking pass (for the garage) or \$5 in coins (for the outdoor lot) from the Besserer door host.

## THE GOSPEL COALITION

Dear friends,

Just because we are a smallish church does not mean God cannot use us in mighty ways. Time will tell, but this past week, God may very well have used us in a small but important way in bringing reformation and renewal to local churches in Canada. I know, a big claim.

Some of you have probably heard of The Gospel Coalition. It was started by two people about 15 years ago. Tim Keller and Don Carson had been concerned with how the evangelical movement in the US was showing signs of drift connected to a loss of biblical thinking and thinking deeply on the Bible. However, they did not see the solution as an academic conference. They wanted to see strong local churches characterized by: solid biblical preaching and teaching; a commitment to evangelism; a strong commitment to be a blessing to their city; and a desire combined with action to have the biblical Gospel ground and shape local churches. So they started to bring people together and the result was The Gospel Coalition (TGC). TGC sponsors a major national conference every two years and regional and specialized conferences at other times. They have a superb website which is easily accessible. They also use the website and conferences to make people aware of great resources and to facilitate network formation among pastors, church leaders and congregations.

Three Canadians serve on TGC council. In light of the way God has been using TGC in the US they wondered if a Gospel Coalition Canada should be formed. Is God calling local churches to step up and be used by Him as He builds a Gospel Coalition in Canada?

John Mahaffey and John Neufeld contacted me and Church of the Messiah. They asked if I would attend a meeting of Canadian pastors to see if a Gospel Coalition Canada (GCC) should be begun. They also asked if Church of the Messiah would host this meeting. I said, "yes". The Messiah Council said, "yes". This past Tuesday - Thursday the meeting happened here in Ottawa, hosted by Messiah. As a result of this meeting, we agreed to begin GCC. We also agreed to have a national conference in Ottawa in 2018. We agreed to develop a "made in Canada" web presence, just as TGC has done so effectively in the US. I also agreed to serve on the inaugural council for GCC.

The web page for TGC is: [thegospelcoalition.org](http://thegospelcoalition.org)

Please pray for the formation of the GCC. Please pray for reformation, revival and renewal in churches in Canada. Please pray that God would reform, revive and renew Messiah day-by-day. Please pray that Messiah will be a Gospel-shaped church used by God to make disciples of Jesus gripped by the Gospel living for God's glory.

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## GROWING IN GRACE

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### 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) My mind needs God's grace so it can embrace God's will and be whole.
- 2) Lord, help me let You transform my mind.
- 3) I do not want to let myself be conformed to this age.

### 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 be gripped by grace-filled good news of Jesus' death as the power of God for salvation for all who believe in Him. Help me then present my body to You as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You. Lord, I know I was made by You for You. So help me to not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of my mind, so that I may discern what is Your will, what is good, pleasing to You and perfect. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12: 1-2*

### 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

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### Getting to know me.

Have you had family members or friends who suffered from mental illness?

### Getting into the Bible.

Ask the Lord to help you not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

- 1) Read Romans 11: 33 - 12:8
- 2) Read Romans 12: 1-2. Then read Matthew 16:23; 22: 34-40; Luke 24: 44-49; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-2:5; Ephesians 4: 17-24; Hebrews 10:16; 1 Peter 1; 13.

### Getting real.

Has the Lord convicted you in some way as you have thought on His Word written? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

## UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MON / MAR 14	Prayer Meeting 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St.
TUE / MAR 15	Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
WED / MAR 16	Church on Wednesday 7pm @ uOttawa UCU  Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THUR / MAR 17	King Edward Home Group 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.
FRI / MAR 18	Men's Gathering 8pm @ 584 tweedsmuir Ave.
FRI / MAR 25	Good Friday worship @ the OLT 9:30am Children's service 10:30am Good Friday worship

We invite you to bring non-perishable food and warm clothing to donate to **St Joe's Supper Table**. A collection bin will be at the Besserer St door next week

**On Easter Sunday flowers are placed at the front of the theatre in memory of loved ones.** If you would like the name of your loved ones on the list, which will be printed in the bulletin, please provide it to the office (613 235 0596 or shirley@messiahchurch.ca) by Wednesday, March 23.

**It's time for another Potluck Lunch!** Join us on Sunday, April 3 after the 10am service for a light lunch and fellowship. Please bring sandwiches, finger food or dessert to share.

**Messiah Women!** Our popular Potluck Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 9:30am at 315 Lisgar St. Please sign up at the coffee station.

**Do you have a heart for children?** Are you interested in telling kids about Jesus? Church of the Messiah is looking for people to serve in the Sunday School ministry during the 10am service. Your commitment can be as frequent as you'd like. Help in getting started will be provided. Interested? Feel free to "follow the cross" with the kids and see what happens! Need more info? Please speak to Lisa Moore Ede or Shirley Allan