JESUS ON SELF-JUSTIFICATION LUKE: JESUS FOR PAGANS & SKEPTICS

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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.

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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 third worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

GIVING

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, there are two ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.
- 2) Visit <u>messiahchurch.ca/give</u> to donate online via CanadaHelps.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of December 19, we need an additional **\$25,000** to balance our books for 2014. Please pray that God will provide the money!

FRONT-LINE PRAYER

Dear friends,

Prayer can be hard. For many of us, it is hard to spend time in prayer. On top of this, often when we pray, we only focus on our own needs or the needs of loved ones. Don't give up! The Devil wants us to be discouraged about prayer. Please do not let memories of "golden times" of prayer in the past or recent dry-spells inhibit you from praying today. Please pray for me that I will be prayerful. Please pray that God will make our church prayerful. Please pray you will be prayerful. Don't say, "I can only pray for a couple of minutes, so I won't bother praying at all." Whether short or long, fervent or tepid, effortless or forced, please pray.

Please consider adding these "front-line" concerns to your prayers. I have been trying to include these concerns in my daily prayers. Also, our staff and church prayer meetings usually include praying into several of these matters. They are "front-line" prayers in that they involve looking beyond the boundaries of our congregation.

They are "missionary" prayers that desire to see more and more people know Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. They begin by noticing where God has placed us. In each "area" of prayer it might be that God will call you or me or Messiah into specific involvement as a result of praying. It also might be the case that He calls us to pray, but He will use some other church or ministry to be involved and have "success."

First, God has provided the Ottawa Little Theatre for our Sunday morning worship. Please pray for the OLT and the artistic community connected to the Theatre.

Second, God has put our offices across the street from a mosque. Please pray for those who go to the mosque. Please pray for Muslims.

Third, God has put our office in the designated Gay Village. Please pray for the gay community.

Fourth, God has put us beside many brand new condo buildings. Please pray for those who live in the condos.

Fifth, we are a "city-wide" church as well as a church in the urban core. Please pray for your neighbourhood. Please pray for future ANiC church plants in Kanata, Leitrim, Manotick, Orleans, Cornwall and Arnprior.

Is God calling us to reach out in concrete ways? Please pray that people will come to a saving faith in Jesus and follow Him as their Lord.

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