



## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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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.

### 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 come to the front after the last worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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**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

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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) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Contact" tab (far right side) on our website ([messiahchurch.ca](http://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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

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FINANCIAL UPDATE AT DECEMBER 1, 2016: Based on updated financial data, we need \$68,000 to balance the books by year end. Please pray for discernment as you make giving decisions and we make spending decisions.

## PRAYING FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH AND MONEY

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Dear Friends,

I don't have a catchy opening line. I would just like to share with you how I believe we are to think and pray about our local church and its finances. I say "local church" for guests and those who might read this online, but for those who call Messiah their church home, then these words are for us.

First of all, I believe Hudson Taylor wonderfully summarized much biblical teaching when he said, "God's work done in God's way will receive God's supply." My friend put it this way, "God can always pay when He orders a pizza." What this means for us is that we need to mainly pray that we, as a church, know God's will for us. We need to pray that we will recognize God's leading. We need to pray that we will need to seek to do what God wills. We need to pray that most, if not all, of the people who make up Messiah will have a spirit of unity around God's will. We need to pray that the Lord will help us know when to step out in faith to do something when we do not immediately have the resources. We need to pray that we will know when we should stop doing some things. We need to pray that we will have tender, self-effacing hearts so that if we try something in good faith but fail, that we will recognize this and repent and amend our lives to try again. Please pray that we know what divine assignments God has for us.

I love Hudson Taylor's summary of biblical wisdom because it puts the emphasis on God's will, not on money. The Bible text for today's sermon (2 Corinthians 8: 9-24) reminds us of some aspects of God's will. God's will is that we look beyond our congregation in evangelism and mission and compassion. God's will is that we handle His money under our care with great integrity. God's will is that the money He provides be used so He is glorified in our church, our city and to the ends of the earth. God's will is that we give for the church outside of the local church. Please let those truths shape your prayers for Messiah!

Finally, the biblical call to handle God's money with integrity means that we need to come up with a budget for 2017. The Bible tells us to handle the money in our care in such a way that is honourable before men (Canada for us) and God. Having a budget is required by Canadian law. So we have a big dilemma. As Christians, we are required to acknowledge that only God knows the future. So we do not know how much money will be given to Messiah. But we need to come up with a budget. So please pray for the Council as it prayerfully discerns God's will and then develops a God-honouring budget to present to the congregation by the end of February. Thank you for praying. Please pray! Please share your best wisdom with me and/or the Council.

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) Lord, help me to do good and finish well.
- 2) I can always chart a new course from where I am.
- 3) Help me to believe Jesus when He says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**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:

Heavenly Father, please help me to desire to give to Your church doing Your work for Your glory and the good of Your world. Lord, it is hard for me to desire this and hard for me to actually do what I desire. Please help me to be gripped by who Jesus is and what He has done, is doing and will do for me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

*In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35*

**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 8: 9-24.

2. **LEARN**

- How does this passage connect to what Paul has just written?
- In 2 Corinthians 8:15 Paul quotes Exodus 16:18. How does this OT story strengthen his teaching on how we are to think about our wealth?
- What is Paul saying to the Corinthians?
- What does this teach us today?

3. **INWARDLY DIGEST**

- How do these wonderful characteristics of Christ, seen in v. 9, erode your need for the status, security and self-possession that we often believe comes from wealth?
- How does this then free you to be excel in the "act of grace" that is generous and joyful giving, and can you share how you've experienced this in your own circumstances?

4. **PRAY**

- Choose one scripture and take a couple of minutes on your own to think about what it is teaching you.
- Turn something you have learned from this verse into thanksgiving, confession, praise to God and supplication (asking).

**Tuesday, December 6**

- 1:30pm: Bible House Study Group @315 Lisgar (side door)
- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson

**Wednesday, December 7**

- 7pm: Church on Wednesday @uOttawa (churchonwednesday.ca)
- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

**Thursday, December 8**

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

**Friday, December 9**

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

**Sunday, December 11**

- Messiah Sunday School children make a presentation during the 10am worship service.

**Sunday, December 18**

- Arise Ballet presents "Heaven Everywhere" during the 10am worship service.

**Learner's Exchange** meets Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the side lobby. Join us for a 20 minute talk followed by a Q&A session.

- December 4: Jean bosco Baranyizigiye speaks about his family's experiences as refugees (Messiah is partnering with an Ottawa church to help bring some of his family members to Canada).
- December 11: One holy, catholic, apostolic church - Gary Graber
- December 18: Beauty, Arts and Liturgy - Jonathan Camiré

**St Joe's Christmas Bin:** We invite you to bring new or gently used clothing and non-perishable food items to donate to St Joe's Supper Table. A collection bin will be available at the Besserer door entrance from December 11 - January 1.

**Christmas Remembrance:** If you would like the name of loved ones who have passed away added to our Christmas Remembrance List, please contact the office by December 20.

**2017 offering envelopes** are available on the Besserer side of the stage. If you'd like a set of envelopes, please contact the office. [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

Are you able to help as a door host or offering collector on January 1? Please contact the office. [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)