

GOD WITH US : DARKNESS

First Reading
Philippians 4:4-7

The Gospel
John 1:4-8

*Free Bibles available on
stage near Besserer door.



Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email george@messiahchurch.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

WED / DEC 24 Christmas Eve Services
2:00pm - Quiet & Contemplative @ OLT
7:30pm - Contemporary & Lively @ OLT

THU / DEC 25 Christmas Day Service
10:00am - Family Friendly @ OLT

THU / JAN 1 New Year's Day Service
10:00am @ 315 Lisgar Street

ST. JOE'S CHRISTMAS BIN

We invite you to bring warm clothing and non-perishable food to donate to St. Joe's Supper Table. The bin is located by the Besserer door entrance.

MESSIAH PRAYER MEETING

Our prayer meeting will break for the holidays, starting up again on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed from December 22 to January 2, reopening on Monday, January 5. Voicemail will be checked daily.

Making disciples gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.

December 21, 2014
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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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!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email info@messiahchurch.ca or call **613.235.0596**. Also 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 third worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair

Rector

Amy van Hemmen

Administrative Manager

Jeremiah Smith

Worship Leader

Jeremy Giles

Ministry Intern

Daniel Gilman

Ministry Intern

Wardens

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 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 messiahchurch.ca/give 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!

KWAGALA

Dear friends,

We want to have a heart for our city and a heart for our world. As I've said many times, having a "heart for our city" means more than being concerned about the poor. The city of Ottawa is more than the poor who are also citizens. However, as part of our heart for the city, we are to have a heart for the poor. So, as a congregation, we support the St. Joe's Food Bank and Jericho Road Mission.

We also want to have a heart for the world. So we prayerfully and financially support missionaries in Asia, Central Asia, India, Israel and Zimbabwe. We also have a special relationship with a special ministry in Uganda.

Kwagala Ministries is located in Jinja, Uganda. It is a Christian outreach to young boys living on the streets of Jinja. Part of the outreach involves arranging for some of the young boys to live at a residence run by Kwagala. The boys who live at Kwagala are kept safe, fed, clothed and educated. Kwagala Ministries addresses the pressing physical needs of hunger and safety. It addresses the pressing psychological needs of loneliness and fear and inner healing. It also addresses the pressing spiritual needs of the boys. So Kwagala Ministries tells the kids about Jesus Christ - how He loves them and died on the cross for them. They also help them learn to walk as free followers of Jesus. Please pray for this great ministry!

God has granted us a great opportunity to be closely connected to this ministry. Anyone in Canada who desires to contribute financially to Kwagala (and receive a charitable tax receipt) must do this by giving through Church of the Messiah. This means that Kwagala Ministries is our agent in Uganda to accomplish our purpose to share the gospel, make disciples of Jesus and compassionately meet profound physical needs.

Most of the heavy lifting to date has been borne by Barbara Allen and Amy van Hemmen. They have worked tirelessly on crucial financial aspects. As Kwagala Ministries grows, our "load" will also grow. Maybe God is calling you to be involved in some way?

Please pray for Kwagala Ministries! Please pray that God will use this ministry to "make disciples gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory."

George +

p.s. You can learn more at www.kwagalaministries.com.