

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

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| Rev. Canon George Sinclair Rector | Daniel Gilman Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship |
| Shirley Allan Administrator | Joey McNitt Worship Leader |
| Jonathan Camiré 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 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) 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

THE VISION FOR RYLE COLLEGE

Dear friends,

Ottawa is the best educated city in Canada. It has the highest proportion of people with university degrees of any city in Canada. It is, of course, our nation's capital. It has two universities, a large college, museums and art galleries and the National Arts Centre. It has a large number of civil servants and the National Defence Headquarters. It has Parliament Hill and the Governor General. It has embassies of nations from all over the planet. It has a significant high tech sector. Ottawa-Gatineau is the fourth largest metropolitan area in the country.

BUT, Ottawa has no evangelical training college. In fact, there is no evangelical college between Tyndale University College and Seminary in Toronto and several colleges in New Brunswick.

Church of the Messiah has been taking the leadership in forming a cross-denominational, mainstream evangelical college in Ottawa. It is called Ryle Theological College after the great 19th century evangelical pastor, evangelist, apologist and scholar, JC Ryle. Our prayer is that Ryle College will serve the broader evangelical movement in Ottawa-Gatineau, Montreal, Kingston and beyond!

The college's mission is to equip unashamed workers, unashamed of the Gospel and unashamed of the whole Counsel of God. Our vision is to build strong, local gospel churches at home and abroad one leader at a time. We pray we will be a college where people from many denominations can come together to study while providing space for denominational distinctives to be learned.

A key milestone was reached within the past year. Our courses can be taken for credit that will be recognized by Heritage College and Seminary. Importantly, Ryle courses are accepted by Tyndale for credit.

Please pray for Ryle College as we move toward two important objectives. Gary Graber and I will be meeting with senior officials at Tyndale on Monday. This is another in a series of meetings which we hope will culminate in Ryle being able to "borrow" Tyndale's degree-granting ability so that a person could stay in Ottawa and complete either a Masters of Divinity or Masters of Theology degree.

Please pray because we want to build a college that will serve the evangelical movement in Ottawa and beyond. But we also want to build a college that will serve the Anglican Network in Canada to train its clergy and leaders from coast to coast to coast.

So please pray for this endeavor. Only God can accomplish this! Humanly speaking, these are impossible objectives, but we believe God desires a college like Ryle for Ottawa and for the Anglican Network in Canada. So, please pray and please share your best wisdom with me and please consider whether the Lord is calling you to help!

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) Lord, help me to set my mind on what preoccupies the Holy Spirit.
- 2) The Holy Spirit will “get His hands dirty” working in and through me.
- 3) Until I see Jesus face-to-face, I will wrestle with sin, but I will never wrestle against sin alone.

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, thank You that “ in my place condemned You stood.” Thank You that there is now no condemnation for me and for any who, by faith, are in Christ Jesus. Thank You that You did what I could not do! Thank You that You did as Your Father asked and took on human nature and lived a human life and died as a sacrifice for my sin. Please help me to not live by the common human perspective and wisdom. Please help me, with growing gratitude to You, set my mind on what the Holy Spirit sets His mind on. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1

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

Getting to know me.

What is the longest distance you have ever walked or run?

Getting into the Bible.

Ask the Lord to pour out His Holy Spirit upon you so that you will set your mind on what He is thinking on.

- 1) Read Romans 8: 1-13
- 2) Read Romans 8: 1-4. Then read 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1: 3-5; Colossians 2: 13-15; Hebrews 10: 1-18.
- 3) Read Romans 8: 5-13. Then read Galatians 5: 16-25; Colossians 3: 1-17.

Getting real.

What has the Holy Spirit pressed upon you? Can you share some of this with others so they can pray for you?

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON / FEB 1

Prayer Meeting
7pm @ 315 Lisgar St.

TUE / FEB 2

Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / FEB 3

Church on Wednesday
7pm @ uOttawa UCU

Hintonburg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THU / FEB 4

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

King Edward Home Group
7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.

We are scheduled to serve at **Jericho Road’s Coffee-house** on Monday, February 8. We still need your help! We need 6 loaves of sandwiches and people to come out to serve from 6:45-8:30pm @ First Baptist Church (Elgin and Laurier). Please sign up at the coffee bar TODAY!

Ash Wednesday services will be held upstairs at The Bible House (315 Lisgar St) on Wednesday, February 10 at 10am and 7:30pm.

Don’t miss the last **Learner’s Exchange** for this session. Our own Karl Ruban will present a 30-minute TED-style talk followed by a 10-minute Q&A session on Financial Stewardship. Sunday February 7 @ 9:15 in the OLT lobby.

The church office will be closed beginning Thursday, February 4 and will reopen on Tuesday, February 16. Voicemail will be checked daily.

Church of the Messiah’s Vestry (congregational meeting) will be held on Saturday, February 27. Come to St Peter and St Paul’s Church (152 Metcalfe St) @ 4pm for the meeting and stay for a Potluck supper @5:30pm. This is the meeting at which the 2016 budget will be discussed and passed. All are welcome!