

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

Jeremy Giles
Ministry Intern

Wardens

Dick Butler

Gary Graber

John Rayson

Shannon Ripley

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Dana Scherf

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Administrative Manager

Daniel Gilman
Ministry Intern

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 / January - August 2014

Actual Offering: \$179,051

Target Offering: \$210,833

PASTOR'S BLOG : I CAN'T EVANGELIZE!

Dear friends,

Many of us believe we cannot evangelize. If we are in an evangelical church, we will occasionally feel guilty about this. Our life seems marked by unanswered prayer, by-passed opportunities, and clumsy efforts. You are not alone. Hopefully the following words will encourage you.

First, you never have to carry the weight of evangelism. It is not yours to carry. God is the only one who can turn a person's heart. He is the only true evangelist.

Second, God usually uses ordinary people as He evangelizes. Some become Christians through dreams or some other miraculous intervention. However, cases like this seem to be the exception rather than the rule. God uses ordinary people like you and me to bear witness to Jesus. The Holy Spirit uses "our" words to bring a person to saving faith.

Third, God uses a "team" of people to evangelize. You do not have to do all of the witnessing. If you talk to adult converts, you will usually hear how God used a variety of people as part of the journey which culminated in the person becoming a Christian. So when an opportunity arises, bear simply witness to the fact that you are a follower of Jesus. You are part of a series of encounters that God is using.

Fourth, God wants us to pray that people will come to saving faith in Jesus. Please consider praying for at least three people every day. Be simple. Be humble. Pray something like, "Dear God, please bring A, B and C to a saving faith in Jesus Christ."

Fifth, God wants us to pray for people involved in intentional evangelism. Churches and people will organize events like "Rock the Capital" or "Marriage Alpha" or "Christianity Explored." These events have an evangelistic heart. Pray for them! Ask God to use these events to bring people to saving faith in Jesus.

Sixth, God wants to use the local church in evangelism. Please pray that God will use your local church in evangelism. Pray that the public worship times will be evangelistic. Pray that the people of the church will bear witness to Jesus. Pray that the church will organize times of intentional evangelism. Pray that the church will prayerfully and financially support intentional evangelism.

Seventh, if you fail, do not despair or give up or become cynical. Ask God to help you today and tomorrow. Please pray for me!

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) God Himself is the only evangelist.
- 2) God is calling me to bear witness to Jesus while He evangelizes.
- 3) Jesus promises me that the Holy Spirit will teach me as I bear witness.

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 God, please make me a disciple gripped by the gospel living for Your glory. Please use me to make disciples gripped by the gospel living for Your glory. Build my church into a prayerful, Bible-teaching evangelical church with a heart for the city and the world. In Jesus Name. Amen.”

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

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” (Romans 10:9-10 ESV)

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 your favourite road to drive down?

Getting into the Bible.

Please pray for the wisdom & guidance of the Holy Spirit as you read and talk.

- 1) Read Romans 3:10-12, 23.
- 2) Read Romans 6:23.
- 3) Read Romans 5:8.
- 4) Romans 10:9-13.
- 5) Romans 5:1, 8:1, 38-39.

Getting real.

What is the Holy Spirit leading you to pray about? Can you share this with others so they will join you in prayer?

MON / OCT 6 Women’s Home Group

7:00pm @ 205 Bolton St.

TUES / OCT 7 Messiah Prayer Meeting

7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.
Special Guest: Rev. Aaron Eime

The House (Home Group)

7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group

7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

Marriage Alpha Course

6:45pm @ 315 Lisgar St.

WED / OCT 8 Church on Wednesday

7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

The Wurtemberg Home Group

7:30pm @ 111 Wurtemberg St.

SAT / OCT 11 Dedication of Isaac & Baby MacMillan-Whalen

11:00am @ Trinity Church of the Nazarene

MON / OCT 13 Thanksgiving**FRI / OCT 17 Revive Youth**

7:00pm @ Sainte Anne’s School / 340 York St.

SAT / OCT 27 Women’s Breakfast

9:00am @ 315 Lisgar St.

THU / OCT 30 40 Days for Life Vigil

Stay tuned for more details

JOIN THE WORSHIP TEAM

Are you a musician? Are you a singer? Are you interested in joining the worship team? We’re always looking for more people! To learn more, please contact Jeremiah Smith at jeremiah@messiahchurch.ca.

DEDICATION OF ISAAC & BABY MACMILLAN-WHALEN

Linda & Shawn invite you to attend the dedication / christening of their sons on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 11:00am. There will be a light lunch and reception following the short service. The service will take place at Trinity Church of the Nazarene (480 Avalon Place in Ottawa).

WOMEN’S HOME GROUP

We are excited to announce a new home group just for women on Monday evenings. Please contact Shirley Allan for more information at shirley.allan@gmail.com.