

LUKE: JESUS FOR PAGANS & SKEPTICS  
JESUS AND MARSHWIGGLES

**First Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:4-8

**The Gospel**

Luke 12:35-59

\*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.



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

**October 19, 2014**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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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!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or call **613.235.0596**. Also 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 "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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**Rev. Canon George Sinclair**  
Rector

**Jeremy Giles**  
Ministry Intern

**Wardens**  
Dick Butler  
Gary Graber  
John Rayson  
Shannon Ripley  
Karl Ruban  
Dana Scherf

**Amy van Hemmen**  
Administrative Manager

**Daniel Gilman**  
Ministry Intern

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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### 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](http://messiahchurch.ca/give) to donate online via CanadaHelps.

### Financial Update / January - August 2014

Actual Offering: \$179,051  
Target Offering: \$210,833

Dear friends,

We do not want to teach the Bible to people. We want to teach people the Bible.

Often university lectures are a good example of teaching a subject to people. The professor teaches. It does not matter if the professor speaks English well. It does not matter if the students understand. The prof does not have to change. The students are required to work to understand the prof. We do not want to be a church which teaches the Bible to people. We want to teach people the Bible.

How can you encourage this and/or practice this and/or pray for this? Think **FACES**.

First of all, pray that as the teacher (or preacher or small group leader or Sunday School teacher) studies the Bible in preparation for teaching what the Bible says, they think of the faces of some (or all) of the people who will be present. Be prepared for God to surprise you! Think of the faces of non-Christians who might show up as well. As I prepare for my sermons, I try to think, "what would happen if this were the Sunday that people I have invited to Messiah came to Messiah."

As the teacher thinks of faces, we can pray that God will speak to these people. We can also pray that God will make us mindful of what is going on in their life. We can also pray that God will help us to know the questions these people will have and what they might have a hard time understanding.

But **FACES** has another sense. Pray that as the teacher studies the Bible to teach the Bible, he or she will be **Faithful** to what the Bible says. (Pray that as they think of who might be present they will not be ashamed of the gospel or the whole counsel of God). Pray that what they say as they teach will be **Apt**. In other words, it will cut the hearers to the heart and resonate with them. Pray that the teaching will be **Clear**. Pray that the teaching will **Exalt** Jesus Christ crucified as God's Son and humankind's Saviour. Pray that the teaching will exalt God and bring Him glory. Then pray that the teaching will be **Simple**. We do not want to be simplistic, but we do want to speak simply so that people can simply understand and do what the Bible calls them to do.

Friends, please pray for me and Daniel and Jeremy and for Ian and Sunday School teachers and home group leaders. Thank you for praying!

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, please help me to be quick to obey You."
- 2) I know that Jesus will return but I do not know when He will return.
- 3) Because He loved me, Jesus chose to die on the cross.

**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 fan into flame within me a longing and a yearning for the return of Jesus. Please grant me a living hope in His return. Please help me to live a life of humble, trusting obedience to Your word as I wait for Your return. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

"You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Luke 12:40 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.**

Have you ever started a campfire? Could you start a fire without matches or a lighter?

**Getting into the Bible.**

Please take a moment to pray. Ask God to lead you into all truth. Ask that you will both hear His word and do His word.

- 1) Read Luke 12:35-59.
- 2) Read Luke 12:37-38. Other "blesseds": Luke 6:20-22, 7:23, 10:23, 11:28, 12:37-38, 43.
- 3) Read Luke 12:49-50. Read Luke 3:15-22.

**Getting real.**

Has the Holy Spirit convicted you of something in your life? Can you share some of this with others so they can join with you in prayer.

**MON / OCT 20 Women's Home Group**

7:00pm @ 205 Bolton St.

**TUE / OCT 21 Messiah Prayer Meeting**

7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

**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 22 Church on Wednesday**

7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

**The Wurtemberg Home Group**

7:30pm @ 111 Wurtemberg St.

**SAT / OCT 25 Women's Breakfast**

9:00am @ 315 Lisgar St. Sign-up today!

**THU / OCT 30 40 Days for Life Vigil**

7:00am - 7:00pm @ Across from 65 Bank St.

Email Andrea (nexttopossible@hotmail.com) to sign-up for a one hour slot.

**FRI / OCT 31 Revive Youth**

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

**WED / NOV 4 ANiC Synod Workshops**

Email [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) for more info.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY!**

All women are invited to the Messiah Women's Breakfast on Saturday, October 25 at 9:00am. The meal will take place on the first floor of the Bible House at 315 Lisgar St. Surrounding street parking is free. If you would like to join us, please sign-up in the lobby after church, call 613.235.0596 or email [amy@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:amy@messiahchurch.ca) by October 23.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Church of the Messiah will be collecting shoeboxes full of gifts to help reach children worldwide with the good news of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas. Pick-up your shoebox in the lobby today! Boxes will be collected in mid-November.

**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](mailto:jeremiah@messiahchurch.ca).