

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, you are welcome to bring children to the north side of the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, children are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

The Offering Plate

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, please make cheques out to "Church of the Messiah." If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

TODAY'S SERVICE

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

First Reading 1 Peter 5:5-11	The Gospel Luke 15:1-10	*Free Bibles are available at the Besserer door.
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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rector Rev. Canon George Sinclair	Worship Leader & Young Adults Leader Jeremiah Smith
Administrative & Communications Manager Amy van Hemmen	Ministry Interns Jeremy Giles & Daniel Gilman

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

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUES / JUL 8 Meet Robbie
6:00pm @ 30 Melgund Ave. (Diane Scharf's)
Meet Robbie Palmer and learn about his ministry with Kwagala International in Uganda. RSVP to info@messiahchurch.ca by today! Dinner will be provided.

No Prayer Meeting
In lieu of the weekly prayer meeting, we invite you to attend the "Meet Robbie" event.

WED / JUL 9 Men's Bible Study
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre

THU / JUL 10 The House (Young Adults)
7:00pm @ The Giles'

TUES / JUL 15 Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ 315 Lisgar St.

For more info, visit messiahchurch.ca, call **613.235.0596**, or email Amy at amy@messiahchurch.ca.

Office Closed July 10 to 27

Church of the Messiah's office will be closed from July 10 - 27. Email and voicemail will be checked once a day.

New Mailing Address!

The mailing address for Church of the Messiah has changed to: 315 Lisgar St. Ottawa ON K2P 0E1

Financial Update - Operating Fund

	JAN - JUN	JAN - JUN
	ACTUAL	TARGET
Offering	\$140,910	\$158,124

① I NEED TO DEVELOP GODLY ATTITUDES

First steps to developing godly attitudes are:

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Say the attitude again and again to help it sink in.

Do this in conjunction with A & B!

- Attitude A) The living God speaks. The Bible is His word written.
- Attitude B) God speaking to me should create humility, not pride.
- Attitude C) No true prophecy takes me away from the fullness of the person and work of Jesus Messiah.

② 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, I thank You that You hear my prayer. I thank You that the Bible is Your word written. I thank You that the Bible's account of the person and work of Jesus is the key to understanding Your word written. I thank You that You continue to speak to Your people. Please help me to never quench the Holy Spirit. Please help me to test Your guidance and direction by the prayerful, communal reading of the Bible. Please help me to put into action what You speak. In Jesus Name. Amen.

③ I NEED TO GET GOD'S WORD IN MY MIND & HEART

"Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything.."

(1 Thessalonians 5:19-21A ESV)

④ 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 _____."

Dear Friends,

Some wonder if the creed is saying that churches are supposed to have Bishops. So, when the creed says "I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church," it means that a Biblical church is to have Bishops in apostolic succession. The short answer to this question is, "No, the creed is not affirming the requirement of Bishops in apostolic succession." Let's unpack this.

First of all, the office of Bishop is biblical. This is not to say that everything a particular church says about Bishops is required by the Bible. However, the office of "Bishop" is a New Testament idea not a church history idea. A friend of mine in a non-denominational church once told me that his church was changing its by-laws and governance to make it more "biblical." I asked him if they were going to have a Bishop. He said he asked the Pastor this question and the Pastor gave an evasive and complicated answer that meant "no." Despite the fact that the Bible talks of the office of Bishop, that church was going to become a "true New Testament" church without the office of Bishop.

Secondly, some churches believe that a true Bishop must be in apostolic succession. This is the idea that the original apostles consecrated Bishops and these Bishops consecrated other Bishops in unbroken succession to the present day. In fact, these churches usually believe that this is what makes them an "apostolic church" in the words of the creed. However, the Bible is silent on this understanding of apostolic succession. It has no biblical warrant and shaky historical evidence. Actual historical succession would be cool and interesting, but not Biblically required. I do not believe apostolic succession is what is being affirmed in the creed.

Thirdly, the creed is again making a spiritual claim with institutional consequences. The creed is affirming that God has maintained His witness, His church, from the time of the apostles till today. This does not mean that any human institution is guaranteed to be apostolic. It only means that God's church is an unbroken succession from apostles to today. In this sense, it is apostolic.

Just as important, the creed is saying that the church is to be the apostle's church. We are to maintain the apostles teaching and mission. The apostles teaching and mission is authoritatively found in the New Testament. So an Apostolic Church is one that believes the Bible; preaches the Biblical gospel and seeks to fulfill the Biblical purposes / mission of the church.

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