THE GOSPEL STILL WORKS GRACE SHAPED LIFE: THE BOOK OF ROMANS

First Reading: Romans 3: 21-31 *Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door. Gospel Reading: John 4: 46-54





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

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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 last worship song.

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Rev. Canon George Sinclair

Rector

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Daniel Gilman

Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship

Joey McNitt Worship Leader

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 many 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. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.
- 3) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer:
- 4) 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

Financial Update at September 30:

Target Offering: \$222,679 Actual Offering: \$199,764

150 YEARS YOUNG: PRAYING FOR THE FUTURE

Dear friends.

Some of us are optimistic about Ottawa and Canada's future. Some of us are pessimistic. Some people sense a spiritual hunger in our city and sense revival around the corner. Some people sense a growing darkness and maybe even persecution. So, how do we pray about Messiah and its future? How do we pray about our future?

We need to pray in light of the Bible. We need to listen to the Bible and pray under its teaching and not allow our own musings about the future to shape our prayers. This is easy to say and, sometimes, very hard to do.

The Bible is ultimately one unified story written (ultimately) by one divine author. It contains the Good News of God acting with effective power in the right way to make human beings right with Himself. He will, in His own time, make the entire created order right with Himself. He does this through the sacrificial death of His Son, our Saviour - Jesus, the crucified and risen Messiah. We are called by God Himself to put our faith in Jesus alone as God's gracious provision for salvation.

So, today and tomorrow and every day until He comes again to bring in the New Heaven and Earth - pray that we will be a community of people who have received the gospel message and have received Jesus Messiah as our Saviour and Lord.

Please pray, as well, that our church community will be grounded on the Gospel. Churches can be grounded on culture or politics or music or institutions. Please pray that we will be grounded on the solid rock - the Gospel.

Please pray as well that our church community will be shaped by the Gospel. The world, the flesh and the devil can and have shaped churches. Please pray that as people come to faith in Jesus and join us, they, and we, will be gripped by the Gospel and shaped by the Gospel. Our worship, our service, our common life, our mission, all that we are and do - pray we are shaped by the Gospel.

Finally, please pray that our church community will share the Gospel. Pray that we will proclaim the Gospel and bear witness to the Gospel. We can do none of this on our own power. The Gospel is God's power to bring us to new life in Christ and to walk with Christ and to live for Christ. Please pray for His power so we can live for His glory.

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) What I boast in to myself is what I put my hope in.
- 2) The world, the flesh and the devil tell me not to trust Jesus as my Saviour and Lord.
- 3) When I read the Bible I re-enter the real world so I can live day-by-day in the real world.

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, I thank You that the Bible, cover-to-cover, points me to Jesus, Your Son and the Saviour of all who put their faith in Him and His finished work upon the cross. I thank You for Your grace. I thank You that, on the cross, He made me right with You; He redeemed me to live whole and free under Your care and Your rule in Your Kingdom; and He paid the full penalty my sin deserved. Please make me a disciple of Jesus gripped by the gospel and living for God's glory. Amen.

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

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3: 23-24

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In ligh	it of God's word, the Holy Spirit is	
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Getting to know me.

Have you made Jesus the Saviour and Lord of your life? Was there a time when this became real to you? Can you share about that?

Getting into the Bible.

Please pray! Ask the Lord to pour out His Holy Spirit upon you as you read His word written.

- 1. Read: Romans 3: 21-31.
- 2. Read: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 1:29-39; Revelation 5: 1-14; Romans 8: 1-4 and 31-39.

Getting real.

How has God's Word spoken to you? In what way has the Holy Spirit "pressed in" on you? Can you share this with others so they can pray for you?

TUE / OCT 27 Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / OCT 28 Hintonburg Home Group

7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THU / OCT 29 Moms and Tots Drop-in

10am-noon@ 119 Rochester St. Old Ottawa South Home Group 7pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave. **King Edward Home Group** 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.

FRI / OCT 30 Revive Youth Group Candyfest 7pm @ Ecole Ste Anne - 314 York St.

Please be sure to stay for **lunch today** after the service.

We are thankful for the musical leadership of Genevieve Allard and the Messiah Choir today.

Candyfest will be held on Friday, October 30 (not the 31st as originally announced) from 7-8:30 pm at École Ste Anne (235 Beausoleil). This family-friendly event, put on jointly by the Moveln community and Messiah's Revive Youth Group, is a safe, fun-filled, Gospel-centred opportunity to reach out to young people and their families in the Lowertown community. Your help would be welcome, please:

- Pray for this event;
- Donate candy or money;
- Come out on Friday, the 30th, to help!

Please contact Josh or Hilary DeBoer (youth@messiahchurch.ca) or Daniel Gilman (daniel@messiahchurch.ca) if you can help.

Daylight Savings Time ends early Sunday, November 1. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour on Saturday night!

Join us at **Dig & Delve on November 13-14** as we investigate some of the deepest questions people ask about Being Human. Tickets (\$30 (students) / \$45 (non-students) are available at diganddelve.ca

Messiah Women. Save the date! You won't want to miss Movie Night at Deane Ronayne's home (14 Ashdale Ave.). Join us on **Saturday, November 14** @ 7:30pm. We will watch the movie, *The* Hundred Foot Journey. Popcorn will be provided!

You can pick up **Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes** today. Each shoe box is filled with hygiene items, school supplies, and toys, and is given to children regardless of gender, race, or religion. When culturally appropriate, copies of a book entitled The Greatest Gift, which has been translated into 130 different languages, are offered to children after the shoe boxes have been distributed. Please return your shoe boxes by November 15.