

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.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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 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: "George"
- 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 August 31:

Target Offering: \$196,107
Actual Offering: \$180,349

150 YEARS YOUNG

Dear friends,

On October 22 we turn 150 years young. No, I have not been the church's pastor for all 150 years.

We are going to mark our 150th birthday on Sunday, October 25 with a special service and potluck. We will have more details about this service in the weeks to come.

In 1865 the Anglican Church of Canada did not exist. There were Anglican churches in Canada, but these churches were part of the Church of England. In early 1865 there was only one Anglican church in Ottawa. The Reverend Bedford-Jones came from England to Ottawa to plant a second Anglican church. Initially this did not sit well with Christ Church, the city's only Anglican church.

In one of many ironies in Messiah's history, Bedford-Jones had been very influenced by the Tractarian movement in England and he wanted to plant a church which reflected this movement in Ottawa. For those unfamiliar with church history, in modern language, the church was to be "High Anglican" or "Anglo-Catholic".

Our church was called St Alban's until June 2011 when we changed our name to Church of the Messiah. In February 2008, after years of bearing witness to the Diocese of Ottawa, we voted to separate from the Diocese of Ottawa and the Anglican Church of Canada and become a founding church of the Anglican Network in Canada. At the time, we came under the ecclesiastical authority of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone.

We took this step because we believed that the Diocese of Ottawa (and the Anglican Church of Canada) had turned its back on the Christian faith and decided to move in a new direction. The presenting issue was the Diocese's vote in Fall 2007 to bless same sex unions and same sex marriages. Please note that I say this was the "presenting issue". The real issue was that, in taking this step, we believed the Diocese had shown that it rejected the Bible as authoritative and rejected the belief that Jesus is the Saviour and the Lord. We desired to remain faithful to Jesus and faithful to God's Word written, so we took the step we did.

We were eventually sued by the Diocese and pursued in the courts. As part of an out-of-court settlement, we agreed to walk away from our property so that another church (now called St. Peter's and St Paul's) could keep their property. We also agreed to change our name.

Dear friends, please pray that God will use us to make disciples gripped by the Gospel who live for God's glory!

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) A Christian belongs to Jesus - I belong to Jesus.
- 2) If Jesus is Lord, no one is under fate. I am not under fate.
- 3) Shame grows when I cannot boast (even to myself).

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:

Lord, thank You that You kept Your promises in the Old Testament to send Your Son. Thank You that Jesus is the Son-of-God-in-power. Thank You for the witness of the Holy Spirit to Jesus in my life. Thank You for Jesus' mighty resurrection. Thank You for the gift of obedient faith in Your Son. Thank You for calling me to belong to Jesus Messiah. Thank You for Your gift of grace and peace to me and to all who are in Messiah Jesus. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to every one who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1: 16-17

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.

In elementary school, would your teacher have said that you were a well-behaved child or a trouble-maker?

Getting into the Bible.

Please pray that God will pour His Holy Spirit upon you as you read and think upon His Word.

- 1. Read Romans 1: 16-17
- 2. Read: Genesis 15:6; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Romans 3:10, 21-23; 4:1-8; 8:1-4; 10:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31; Philippians 3: 4-9

Getting real.

What has God brought home to you as you have read and prayed (and talked)? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

TUE / SEP 22 Moms and Tots Drop-in
10am-noon@ 111 Wurtemberg
Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / SEP 23 Church on Wednesday
7pm @ uOttawa UCU
Hintonburg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THU / SEP 24 Prayer Meeting
7pm @ The Bible House - 315 Lisgar St
King Edward Home Group
7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave

MON / SEP 28 40 Days for Life
See Andrea Kettle-Burelle or Jonathan Camiré TODAY to sign up.

New Home Group! Looking for a home group to join? A new group starts on Thursday, September 24. Led by Jeremiah and Anna Hadwen, the group will determine its first topic of study together. Join them at 7:30pm at 703A King Edward Ave.

Messiah Women! Don't forget to sign up for the **Women's Retreat** (October 2-4). Please see Shannon after the service or contact the office to sign up. info@messiahchurch.ca

Church of the Messiah has agreed to participate in **40 Days for Life**, a 40-day prayer vigil which will take place in the public right-of-way across from the Morgentaler Clinic at 65 Bank St. We have committed to being there on Monday, September 28. Please see Andrea Kettle-Burelle or Jonathan Camiré today to sign up for a one-hour time.

Friends for Dinner is an initiative taken by local churches and Christians ministries. The goal is to connect local families with international students in order to show them Canadian hospitality and build friendships. Would you be interested in hosting an international student for dinner at Thanksgiving? Check out friendsfordinner.ca for more information and to register. The registration deadline for Thanksgiving is September 30.

Rock the Capital has been canceled.