



## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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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!

Is this your first visit to Church of the Messiah? Thank you for being with us. We are glad you're here. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Contact us: [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or 613.235.0596. Check out the Welcome Centre in the lobby or [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 Green Room (basement) before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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**Rev. Canon George Sinclair**  
Rector

**Jonathan Camiré**  
Ministry Intern - Evangelism and Discipleship

**Yasmine Alli-Smith**  
Ministry Intern

**Deborah Reid**   **Shirley Allan**  
Worship Leader   Administrator

**Daniel Gilman**  
Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship  
(Children, Youth and Young Adults)

**Rev. Neil Stephens**  
Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

**Wardens:**  
Dick Butler   Jeremiah Hadwen  
Earl Maynard   Shannon Ripley  
Karl Ruban   Dana Scherf

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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If you are visiting, please feel free to let the basket 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 basket on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Email your contribution to [givings@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:givings@messiahchurch.ca) Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Contact" tab (far right side) on our website ([messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca))
- 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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

## On Baptism: Part 5

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Dear Friends,

How is it that some "Bible-believing" Christians believe that the Bible allows the baptism of infants? This is my fifth blog on this question. Today I will focus on what Baptists believe "happens" in baptism and what baptism signifies.

Baptists believe that there is only one biblical pattern. Someone who is old enough to make a decision (an "adult") repents of their sin and believes the Gospel. After their conversion, they are baptized by full immersion.

Baptism is, in effect, an act of obedience and witness. It is an act of obedience because Jesus commended us to be baptized after we believe the Gospel and are saved. Baptism is also an act of witness to the world that we are now Christians.

By the way, Baptists and Anglicans agree that we do not baptize ourselves. We must be baptized by another person - a person who themselves is baptized. Mindful of this, it is still fair to say that for Baptists, when I am baptized as an adult, it is my act of witness to the Gospel. God does nothing in the baptism. It is my act of witness.

Baptists believe that baptism signifies that by faith we are united to Jesus Christ in His death and resurrection. It is a symbolic act alone, but the symbolism is important. Because the symbolism is important, the baptism, to be valid, must be by full immersion and it must be done in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Friends, this is great stuff! If the reader is expecting me to begin tearing into the Baptist position, you will be disappointed. There is lots of important truth to agree with and rejoice in. I am thankful for being raised in baptistic fellowships and I am thankful for my ongoing friendship and fellowship with Baptist believers. I hope our bonds of affection with Gospel-hearted Baptists will grow. We differ on a second order issue. As a second-order issue it will affect how a local church is structured, but it should not affect us being co-labourers in prayer and evangelism.

The issue will be a consistent, coherent and full reading of the Bible. We are to seek, Baptists and Anglicans together, to know every text in the Bible and then understand each text in light of all the other texts. We are to seek together to not read one part of the Bible in such a way that another part of the Bible is wrong in what it teaches. How do we listen to all of the texts in an "ordered" manner, capturing all of the teaching and all of the nuances? We will start to look at these questions next week. Please pray for me.

George +

## EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Monday, May 22****Happy Victoria Day - the church office is closed.**

Shirley is away this week. Voicemail messages will be checked daily (Tu-F)

**Tuesday, May 23**

- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson

**Wednesday, May 24**

- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont
- 6:30pm: Church in the Park @ Strathcona Park

**Thursday, May 25**

- 7pm: Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

**Messiah's Electoral Vestry** will be held on Monday, June 19 at 7pm at the Bible House (315 Lisgar St). Everyone is welcome to attend.

We need your help! Messiah will participate in **The Big Give** on Saturday, June 3. Over 80 Ottawa-area churches will be participating in this event where people of faith bless those in the community by giving things for free.

- We will be distributing packed lunches and women's personal hygiene kits to our Lowertown / Byward Market neighbours.
- Volunteers will go out in groups of two or more. They will be provided with cards identifying them as Big Give volunteers. They will have Bibles to give out, too, if appropriate.

**We need your help!**

- before Saturday, June 3 for shopping (**2-3 people needed**).
- Friday, June 2 (at The Bible House) to pack lunches and kits. (**4-6 people needed**).
- Saturday, June 3 between 10am-2pm for distribution (**8-10 people needed**)
- Sign-up at the coffee station TODAY or by contacting the office [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

Can't help in person? We would welcome your financial support. You can give via the offering plate. Please clearly indicate that your donation is to support The Big Give. You can send a donation electronically to the office via PayPal or e-transfer [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

**Most importantly, we would welcome your prayer support!**

At the invitation of Norm and Audrey Henderson, missionaries Messiah supports, George will teach and minister at the SIM Spiritual Life Conference near Lubango, Angola from July 6-12. Messiah's Council has established the Mission Angola Fund to help George raise the \$5,000+ needed for his trip. You can give via the offering plate clearly indicating that your donation is to support **Mission Angola Fund**. You can send a donation electronically to the office via PayPal or e-transfer [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)