

THE POWER OF GOD TO SAVE

First Reading: Acts 9: 1-18

*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8: 1-13

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON / JAN 25	Prayer Meeting 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St.
TUE / JAN 26	Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
WED / JAN 27	Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THU / JAN 28	King Edward Home Group 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.
SAT / JAN 30	Women's Games Night 7pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

We are scheduled to serve at **Jericho Road's Coffeehouse** on Monday, February 8. We need your help!

- **Be there** to serve: 6:45-8:30pm @ First Baptist Church (Elgin and Laurier).
- **Provide food.**
- **Provide money** to buy food.
- **Sign up** at the coffee bar; see Shirley Allan or contact her: info@messiahchurch.ca

The Marriage Course is returning to Church of the Messiah beginning February 14 for seven weeks! Many say it feels like a date night. You will be served a candlelit meal at a romantic table for two while listening to practical DVD talks. There is never any group work and you will never be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your spouse. There is no cost. The course is for ANY marriage, young or old / in great shape or experiencing some challenges. Sign up at the coffee bar after the service or contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

Don't miss **Learner's Exchange**: 30 minute TED-style talk / 10-minute Q&A session / Sunday mornings / 9:15 / OLT lobby

- Jan 31: Resisting Pornography, Reclaiming Sexuality, Restoring Society (Julia Beazley)
- Feb 7: Financial Stewardship (Karl Ruban)

Messiah Women: Sign up TODAY for Games Night, 7pm on January 30 at Shannon's (84 Fairmont Ave.)



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!

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 or 613.235.0596. 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 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. Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) 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

ALWAYS REFORMING

Dear friends,

I know it can sound presumptuous, but our prayer at Messiah should be that God will form and mold and shape us. In fact, this is not necessarily presumptuous. God wants us to want Him to form and reform His church. If He desires this, it is humble to listen and presumptuous to insist on going our own way.

Listen to what the Bible, God's Word written, says, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12: 1-2 ESV JB Phillips famously translated part of this passage as "don't let the world squeeze you into its mold."

One key aspect of Gospel transformation is the humble hearing and thinking on God's Word in light of the Gospel - the Good News that Jesus Christ crucified is the power of God for salvation to all who receive Him. Once again, seeing all of the Bible centred and based on this Good News (that Jesus Messiah crucified and risen is the power of God for salvation to all who believe) is not just one way or our way to read the Bible. To see this is to humbly listen and obey what Jesus says. "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations..." Luke 24: 44-47

One way we try to live this in our common life is to preach through books of the Bible. We have been taking a break from Romans and today at Messiah Daniel will preach a prequel text to Romans. Next week we pick up Romans again. During Holy Week we will hit "pause" on Romans and have Holy Week sermons. If all goes as planned, we will finish Romans on May 1. After three seasonal sermons (Ascension, Pentecost and the Trinity) we will go through Titus over several weeks. During the summer we will preach through the Old Testament book of Amos. Then in the Fall, we will begin Second Corinthians.

Please pray that God will continually reform Messiah by His Word written. Please pray for Holy Spirit revival and renewal as well!

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