

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 the Welcome Centre in the lobby or 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

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

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) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Contact" tab (far right side) on our website (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
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MORE ON MISSION FIELDS

Dear Friends,

If Jesus tells us to pray earnestly for something - we should probably pray as He told us. Last week I shared Jesus' words in Matthew 9: 36-38. There He says, "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest!" (ESV) Last week I talked about this prayer and our missionaries. But, we live in a rich mission field as well. So, we need to pray Matthew 9: 37-38 over Messiah and Ottawa.

First, we really do live in a rich mission field. I do not mean "rich" in a monetary sense - from a world perspective Ottawa and its citizens are rich - I mean "rich" in the sense that there are hundreds of thousands of people who need to hear the Gospel. So please pray that we be a Matthew 9: 37-38 church. Please consider memorizing the passage and praying it every day.

Second, please pray for some of the ways we try to be a Matthew 9: 37-38 church (how about I say a "938 church"). Please pray for Church on Wednesday. Please pray for our Youth Group. Please pray for the Alpha Marriage Prep course we will start in February.

Third, please pray for "our" ministries and worship. Sunday School, small groups, Sunday morning worship. Please pray we do this with a missionary mind and heart. Pray that God will draw seekers to our times together. Pray that we will invite seekers to our times together. Pray that we show hospitality and welcome. Pray that we prepare and teach mindful of the Lord's harvest. Pray that our times together always have a humble but clear evangelistic element.

Fourth, please pray for Ryle Seminary - did you know that Messiah is seminary-planting? Ryle is not just to serve our denomination. Our prayer is that Ryle will serve the whole evangelical movement and its churches here in Ottawa and beyond. So please pray for God's blessing and His provision.

Finally, please pray God will use us to plant churches in Ottawa and region. Please pray God will use us to plant churches in Kanata, Orleans, Leitrim, Manotick, Cornwall, Kemptville, Carleton Place and Arnprior. Please pray God will raise up eight "young" couples who we can train and love and encourage and who then can go out to these areas to plant a church.

More on mission fields next week!

George+

GOING DEEPER

Read

- Read 2 Corinthians 9: 1-15

Learn

- How does this passage connect to what Paul has already written?
- What do you think Paul is saying to the Corinthians? What is he saying to us?
- What principles of Christian giving has Paul laid out in chapters 8 and 9 and in 1 Corinthians 16: 1-4?

Inwardly Digest

- What is the Lord addressing in you, through this passage, which needs to change today?

Pray

- Choose one Scripture and take a couple of minutes to think about what it is saying to you.
- Turn something from this verse into: thanksgiving; confession; praise to God and supplication (asking).

EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, January 10

- 1:30pm: Bible House Study Group @315 Lisgar (side door)
- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson

Wednesday, January 11

- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

Thursday, January 12

- 7:15pm: Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside

Friday, January 13

- Adventure613 (youth group) @ École Ste Anne (235 Beausoleil)

Saturday, January 21

- Messiah Women - Movie Night @ 7pm @ Deane Ronanyne's home (14 Ashdale Ave.) Sign up at the coffee station.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 10.

Do you know someone who got engaged at Christmas? Church of the Messiah is running the Alpha **Marriage Preparation Course**.

- five Sunday evenings (7-9pm) beginning February 26
- dessert served in a romantic setting
- no group work and no sharing with anyone other than your partner
- The Bible House - 315 Lisgar St
- It's free!
- For info or to sign up: info@messiahchurch.ca

Ryle Seminary

- Dr. Steve Griffin's **Christian Apologetics** course begins Monday, January 9 and runs weekdays from 10am to 1pm until Friday, January 20. Please feel free to come on January 9 if you are interested in checking it out.
- **Ryle's Winter term** begins January 30
 - Worship (Gary Graber): Mondays 2 to 5pm
 - Holy Spirit & the Church (David Smith): Mondays 6 to 9pm
 - Old Testament: Poets & Prophets (Byron Wheaton): Wednesdays 10am to 1pm
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