

## Events and Announcements

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### Safe Families Canada

The Ottawa Chapter "Next Steps" evening will be:

March 4th at 7:00pm  
414 Pleasant Park Rd.

Safe Families is an organization committed to biblical hospitality for families in crisis. You are invited to this call for action and opportunity to give!



### Learners Exchange

A series of TedTalk-style talks between services on Sunday mornings meant to equip confident disciples of Jesus! Join us in the lobby at 9:15am:

February 24 "Jordan Peterson and Christianity"  
March 3 "The Bible and Allegory"



### Church on Wednesday Hospitality

Church on Wednesday needs volunteers to provide food for the students after the service. Sign up for one of the following Wednesday's: January 30, March 6, April 3, or April 17

Contact Daniel Avitan to sign-up or for more information  
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The parking garage next to the Ottawa Little Theatre is being managed by a new company. We need to negotiate a new parking arrangement with the new company. Note that this means our parking passes are no longer valid.

In the meantime, here are some suggestions. If you park in the lot behind the Theatre, we will pay for your parking if you ask (\$5). You can also park a block away at the Loblaws. If you make a small purchase, you get 2 hours of free parking. There is also lots of parking available on the road - parking is free on Sundays.



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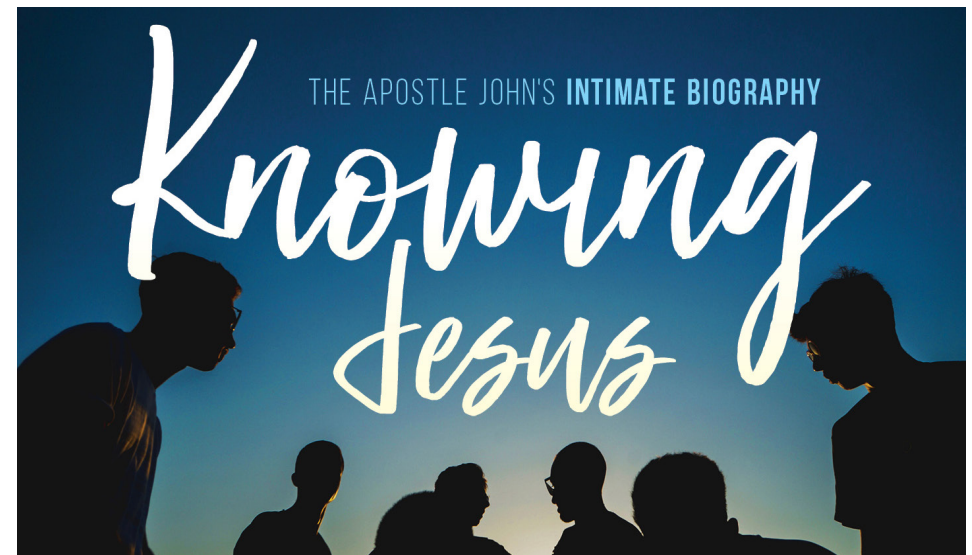
WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

*Sunday, February 24th, 2019*

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

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**John 17:1-5**

Rev. George Sinclair - Rector

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## Knowing Jesus - John 17:1-5

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### GROWING IN GRACE

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#### 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. In Jesus I will put to death all claims of power made by idols over me.
2. Eternal life begins when you trust Jesus as your Saviour.
3. The wisdom of the world will never lead you to the conclusion that God's glory was most fully revealed in the death of Jesus upon the cross.

#### 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:

Almighty God, You are the only source of physical and spiritual life. I praise You for the gift of life. Most of all I give You thanks and praise that on my way to inevitable death, Your grace came to me in the power of the Holy Spirit as I received Your Son as my Saviour and Lord. I praise You for the gift of eternal life. Please make me a disciple of Jesus who is gripped by the Gospel and is living for Your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

John 17:3

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_."

## Islands of Life

Dear Friends,

It is hard to be truly missional in a wealthy, post-industrial, social welfare country like Canada. We have free health care, and free public education up to the end of high school, and many physical needs, by world standards, are met by the state. In poorer countries, Christian missionaries can provide education, health care and training alongside preaching the Gospel and starting local Churches. The "easy", "traditional", and non-controversial ways of being missional are not as needed in Canada as they are needed elsewhere. So what are we to do? I have a controversial suggestion.

The first evangelical and Protestant missionary outreach in Jerusalem came from CMJ (the Church's Ministry Among Jewish People). It planted the first Protestant Church - Christ Church - inside the old city of Jerusalem, in 1849. Like good missionaries they looked at their context, and prayerfully decided how they could make a difference in the practical needs of their community. One of the things they did was very controversial. They started schools for local girls. This is seen as obvious today, but it was not happening in Jerusalem, and it was controversial when CMJ began to do this.

I think there is a growing need in Canada which evangelical churches can provide, but if we meet this need, it will be controversial. Pope John Paul II coined a powerful phrase - the culture of death. In Canada, the culture of death is getting more and more entrenched in our thinking and our institutions. This culture of death believes in such things as abortion on demand and euthanasia. It denies that human beings have intrinsic value and worth. It increasingly wants to de-legitimize and undermine the normative importance of the marriage of one man to one woman, who seek to live together for life, and are desirous of having children. So, how do we love our country when it turns to a culture of death.

Maybe the time has come for each local Gospel church to become an island of life in its city. Maybe the time has come for local churches to work in harmony on this, so that an archipelago of life emerges in Canada.

To become an island of life will of course involve preaching the Gospel in the context of the whole counsel of God, and preaching the whole counsel of God in the context of the Gospel. This will inherently de-legitimize the culture of death - Jesus is the Life of the world! We will need to preach with great compassion, recognizing that there are people "in the pews" who have had an abortion, or have otherwise participated in the culture of death. We will need to preach in such a way that people know that the word of God confronts so as to connect - "The Lord takes no delight in the death of a sinner, but that they will turn from their wickedness, and live."

We will also probably need to have a list of doctors who will never euthanize. We might have to train some of our members to become companions who are willing to go to the doctors office with people to make sure they do not agree to something that will lead to death. We might have to train people to give solid scientific medical advice before gender reassignment procedures are begun. If we cannot train such people, we could at least have a registry of professionals who will give such advise. We would develop these resources and others not just for our people, but for our city. We would seek to be known in the community as an Island of Life. Is the Lord calling His church in Canada to move towards this? Let's pray and talk together.

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