



## 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 [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 (in the basement/ask a door host) 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

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

**Jonathan Camiré**  
Artizo Ministry Intern

**Daniel Avitan**  
Full-time Ministry Intern

**Deborah Reid**  
Worship Leader

**Wardens:**  
Earl Maynard     Andrew Moore Ede  
Shannon Ripley     Karl Ruban  
Dana Scherf

**Shirley Allan**  
Administrator

## 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)

## The Bible on the Bible

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Dear friends,

I know that, "just because the Bible says it is God's word written does not make it God's word written". I know that some arguments for the authority of the Bible are circular - and therefore not a valid argument. Over this and the next few blogs I am going to talk about these questions. But before we do, it is good to see what the Bible says about itself. If the Bible did not claim to be God's word written, it would be weird if Christians claimed it was.

So, what does the Bible say about itself? For now we will just look at Galatians 3: 1-25; the part of the Bible I preached on last week and this week.

First, in Galatians 3:6, Paul quotes from Genesis 15:6. He quotes it in such a way that shows he believes it is a real summary/account of God speaking and acting. So, when we read Galatians 3:6 and Genesis 15:6 we are hearing God explain how He will make Abraham right with Himself.

Second, listen to how Paul describes the Bible and its "power". In Galatians 3:8 Paul will quote Genesis 12: 38 and 18:18. Paul says, *And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."* So, here we see that the Bible can foresee. But only God can foresee. So the Bible is so closely related to God that God foreseeing and speaking is the Bible foreseeing and speaking. Notice, as well, that when we read the Bible we hear God preaching.

Third, notice in Galatians 3: 10-14, Paul makes four explanatory points and he grounds each point in a quote from the Bible. He is demonstrating the authoritative, "final-word-nature" of the Bible. But the Bible can only have this if it is from God.

Fourth, note in Galatians 3: 15-18 how Paul treats even minor grammatical points in Genesis 3, 12, 15 and 18 as being very significant and authoritative. Again, this shows the "God-originated" nature of the Bible.

Fifth, note how, in Galatians 3:22 the Bible is spoken of as "imprisoning everything". But, only God can do this, no other person or thing! So, the Bible "stands in" for God. The Bible speaking is really God speaking.

This is why orthodox Anglicans, like orthodox Christians everywhere, affirm and believe that "the Bible is God's word written." To hear the Bible is to hear God speak. The Bible is authoritative and powerful and properly understood, without error. I will write more on this in weeks to come.

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) The Bible encourages me to ask good, honest questions.
- 2) I will believe the promises God actually makes.
- 3) I will repent of inventing promises from God to me and my friends.

**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:

O Lord, my heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God. I confess that I invent promises from You to myself. I confess that I have a hard time with the real promises that You really do make to me. Thank You for making a promise to bless. Thank You for keeping Your promise in the person and work of Your Son Jesus Christ. Please grow in me a humble, trusting, knowing of You and of Your promise. In Jesus' name. Amen!!

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

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2: 8-9*

**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**

Were your parents good at keeping their promises?

**Getting into the Bible**

Ask the Lord to lead and guide you into all truth.

Read Galatians 3: 15-25  
 Read Galatians 3:16. Then read Hebrews 9: 15-28.  
 Read Galatians 3:21. Then read Romans 7: 7 - 8:4.

**Getting Real**

Has the Bible impacted you today? Can you respond to God in prayer? Can you share this with someone so they can pray as well?

**TODAY**

- 9:15am: Learner's Exchange in the OLT lobby. - The Medieval Church (Gary Graber)
- Potluck lunch after the 10am service - please stay for fellowship and food!

**Tuesday, October 17**

- 7pm: Messiah Youth @ 315 Lisgar St (ground floor)

**Wednesday, October 18**

- 7pm: Church on Wednesday @ uOttawa
- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

**Thursday, October 19**

- 7pm: Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside.
- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson (note new day)

**Saturday, October 21**

- 10am: Messiah Mission Morning @ The Bible House (315 Lisgar St)

**Sunday, October 22**

- 9:15am: Learner's Exchange in the OLT lobby. - The Reformation: Roman Catholicism (Jonathan Camiré)

**Messiah Mission Morning:** Join us on Saturday, October 21 @ 10am at The Bible House. George Sinclair will share some stories from his summer mission trip to Angola. Brian C will tell us what he's been up to in the last year. We'll be able to pray for other missionaries Messiah supports, too. Light refreshments will be served.

**Messiah Men** will gather for fellowship on Friday, October 27 @ 8pm @ 1-484 Vernon Ave (Vanier).

Participate in the **40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil** - Thursday, November 2. You can choose your own time slot. All you have to do is stand and pray silently on Bank St. Sign up at the coffee station today or via the office.

**Dig & Delve tickets are available NOW.** This year's theme is "In a world of 10,000 religions, can Jesus be the only way?" November 3 and 4 at Dominion Chalmers United Church (O'Connor and Lisgar). [diganddelve.ca](http://diganddelve.ca)