

GRACE TRAINED LIFE: SHAPED BY GOD'S GRACE

First Reading: Titus 2

*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel: Luke 6: 36-42

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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

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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	Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber John Rayson Shannon Ripley
Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern	Karl Ruban Dana Scherf

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- 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"
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FINANCIAL UPDATE AT MAY 31, 2016

Target Offering: \$ 125, 590

Actual Offering: \$ 114, 054

ONE MIND BEHIND ONE BIBLE

Dear friends,

This will be the third week in a row that I preach on controversial Bible texts. I was going to write, "that I have to preach". But I should really say, "that I get to preach" on difficult and controversial texts. As I read and study in preparation for the sermon, I seek a consistent reading of the specific text in light of all of the Bible. I believe that this way of trying to read and understand the Bible is what the Bible itself tells Christians to do. I believe that this is what Jesus teaches us to do. It is the way of reading taught by the great doctors of the church in the first five centuries after Jesus. It is a way of reading taught by the reformers and it is the classic Anglican way of reading the Bible.

Many leaders in churches read the Bible quite differently. Some say that the Bible contains the word of God. Others say that the Bible becomes the word of God to us. Others say that the Bible is a repository of our symbols and images. Others say that the Bible is the writings of people seeking to understand God. Some common features of each of these ways of reading is that they claim to be Christian and they claim to have a high view of the Bible and they claim to be biblical Christians. Please remember that each of these ways of reading the Bible is not how Jesus, the Bible, the doctors and the reformers tell us to read the Bible. Note as well, that there are never controversial texts with these ways of reading the Bible. The reason is that the reader gets to pick and choose what parts of the Bible are God's word and what parts are not God's word.

The common problem in evangelical churches is that the pastor and the congregation are unconsciously afraid of the counter-cultural nature of the Bible. If, as Jesus taught and as the Bible as a whole teaches, the Bible's ultimate author is the living God, then the Bible will be counter-cultural to every culture. The Bible will be counter-cultural in different ways to different cultures, but it will always be counter-cultural in some way - therefore, it will always have counter-cultural points.

My prayer is that we will not be afraid of reading the Bible but that we will want to read the Bible. Please pray for me that I will grow in my ability to listen deeply and attentively to the text of the Bible, seeking the consistent reading, willing to be counter-cultural. Please pray that Messiah will be a prayerful, Bible-teaching evangelical church with a heart for Ottawa and a heart for the world.

George +

GROWING IN GRACE

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) Lord, give me an unclouded mind.
- 2) Lord, grow self-control in me.
- 3) The choice before me each day - will the culture shape me or will the Gospel shape me?

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:

Heavenly Father, please make me a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel who is being trained to live for the good of people and for Your glory. As I am gripped by the Gospel, grow in me the self-control which helps me to live in a way which makes Your Gospel beautiful. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age Titus 2: 11-12

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.

Have you ever trained for an athletic event? What was it and how long did you train for?

Getting into the Bible.

Pray to the Lord that He will lead you into all truth as He reforms and renews your mind.

- 1) Read Titus 2.
- 2) Read Titus 2: 4-6. Then read Ephesians 5: 22-33.
- 3) Read Titus 2: 9-10. Then read Philippians 2: 1-11.
- 4) Read Titus 2:15. Then read 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6.

Getting real.

Has the Lord convicted you in some way? Consider sharing this with someone so they can pray for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON / JUNE 20 Monday Night in the Park
6:30pm @ Strathcona Park

Electoral Vestry
7pm @ 315 Lisgar St

TUE / JUNE 21 Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / JUNE 22 Hintonburg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THUR / JUNE 23 King Edward Home Group
7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.

FRI / JUNE 24 Revive Youth
7pm @ École Ste Anne (235 Beausoleil)

MON / JULY 4 Brian C Information evening
7 - 9pm @ 205 Bolton St. - Apt 308 (The Allan's). Come out to hear about Brian's mission work with Wycliffe Associates and how you might be able to support him in his ministry.

BETWEEN-SERVICE PRAYER continues each Sunday @ 9:30am in the OLT lobby. Join us as we pray for the world, the church and one another.

ELECTORAL VESTRY - Tomorrow - 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St. All are welcome to attend this meeting. The election of several officers will take place and there will be an overview of church ministries and finances.

Plan to join together for a **CHURCH PICNIC!** Head over to Strathcona Park after the 10am worship service on Sunday, June 26. Bring a picnic lunch, chairs or a blanket, frisbees, balls etc and be prepared to have fun! We'll provide, plates, napkins and bottled water.

MESSIAH WOMEN are invited to shower **Kitty Sinclair** with blessings and support by attending a **bridal shower** in her honour. It will take place on Saturday, June 25 from 2pm to 4pm at Louise Sinclair's home (47 Cherrywood Dr). **RSVP, by June 22**, to shirley@messiahchurch.ca or 613 235 0596.