# IF YOU ONLY HAD ONE WISH PROVERBS: ANCIENT WISDOM FOR A POSTMODERN WORLD

First	Reading:	1	Kings 3: 3-15	
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<b>The Gospel:</b> Luke 17: 11-19	*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.





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

September 6, 2015

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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!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email **info@messiahchurch.ca** or call **613.235.0596.** Also 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

**Shirley Allan** Administrator

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**Jonathan Camiré** Ministry Intern **Daniel Gilman** 

Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship

Joey McNitt Worship Leader

**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 plate 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 plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.
- 3) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 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

# **Financial Update** at August 31:

Target Offering: \$196,107 Actual Offering: \$180,349

### PROPERTY THAT SERVES THE GOSPEL

Dear friends,

We are Canadians. Canadians like owning things. Canadians like owning property. Who we are affects how we pray and how we see the world. This is one of the reasons why, after coming to saving faith in Jesus, we want to be gripped by the Gospel and be immersed in the Bible (it is God's Word written). We need our minds and our thinking to be less Canadian and more a "Canadian mind reformed by and under the leadership of Jesus, the crucified Messiah." In the book of Romans, Paul spends 11 chapters explaining the Gospel and then he begins Chapter 12 by saying, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, 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..." Romans 12: 1-2a ESV

So, please continue to pray for God's provision in regards to property. In Ottawa, every inch of land is owned by someone, so we cannot go to "common land" to meet. As well, the weather in Ottawa demands that most of the year we meet under shelter and normally indoors. So, please pray that God will provide us space and place to meet together and to minister.

Feel free to pray that, at the right time, God will provide us with some property (whether office/ministry space or Sunday worship space or both) that we can buy. If you are praying for this, please pray that the congregation will recognize God's provision and that we will be unified in moving forward. Even more important, please pray that the property will serve the Gospel and serve Gospel ministry. Too many congregations serve the building.

For now, we rent or borrow. Please pray for our relations with the Ottawa Little Theatre. Please pray for our relations with the Canadian Bible Society. We rent office space from them and we share the space with another church, Calvary Fellowship. Please pray that Church on Wednesday, our ministry at the University of Ottawa, will have access to great space. This is an important and urgent matter of prayer!

Please pray God's blessing on the owners of the space we rent. Please pray with gratitude for His steadfast provision.

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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!

- 1) I flatter myself too much in my estimation of my own wisdom.
- 2) My colleagues, my family, and I need me to grow in wisdom.
- 3) God is the source of true wisdom and gives it to us as we ask Him for it.

### 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:

Dear God, please set me free from my self-flattery. I am not as wise as I want to think I am. Help me understand my desperate need for wisdom. Help me desire wisdom. Please give me wisdom that I may walk with You in the fullness of life. Amen.

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

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. James 1:5 ESV

### 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 \_

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# Getting to know me.

If you were given not one, but three wishes from Aladdin's lamp, what three things would you choose?

# Getting into the Bible.

Please pray that God will renew your mind and heart as you read His Word.

- 1. Read 1 Kings 3:3-15.
- 2. Read 1 Kings 3:7; James 4:6.
- 3. Read 1 Kings 3:9-10; James 1:5-8.
- 4. Read Luke 11:31
- 5. Re-read 1 Kings 3:3-15

# Getting real.

What is the Holy Spirit convicting you to know and/or do? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

**Moms and Tots Drop-in** TUE / SEP 8

10am-noon@ 119 Rochester **Lowertown Home Group** 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

**Wurtemburg Home Group** WED / SEP 9

7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

**THU / SEP 10 Praver Meeting** 

7pm @ The Bible House - 315 Lisgar St

### **Upcoming Events:**

**SUN / SEP 13** 

Rev Aaron Eime preaches Potluck Lunch after 10 am service

Church on Wednesday resumes **WED / SEP 16** 

Messiah Men gather @ 584 Tweedsmuir Ave. **FRI / SEP 18** 

**SAT / SEP 19** Women's Gatineau Hike @ 10am

New ways to give to Church of the Messiah. In addition to the current methods of giving (the offering plate and online via CanadaHelps) there are two new ways to give to Church of the Messiah. Now, additionally:

- Email transfer of funds
- Pre-authorized debit

Contact the office info@messiahchurch.ca or 613.235.0596 for further details and to start!

**Rev. Aaron Eime** will speak at our services on September 13. Aaron is participating in the Loving God, Blessing Israel **convoy** (lovinggodblessingisrael.com). This convoy, of ten white trucks, is traveling across Canada to give believers an opportunity to show their love and support for Israel in a tangible way.

Don't miss a **Potluck Lunch** on Sunday, September 13. Please bring sandwiches, finger food or dessert to share.

**Messiah Women!** Don't forget to sign up for two upcoming events: Gatineau Hike (Saturday, September 19 @ 10am) and the Women's Retreat (October 2-4). Please contact the office to sign up. info@messiahchurch.ca