

BEING HUMAN, BEING FREE
GRACE SHAPED LIFE: THE BOOK OF ROMANS

First Reading: Romans 6:15 - 7:6 *Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-13

Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email george@messiahchurch.ca



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

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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!

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	Daniel Gilman Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
Shirley Allan Administrator	Joey McNitt Worship Leader
Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern	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 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) **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

Funds needed to balance the books at December 31, 2015: \$78,000
Funds given in November and December 2014: \$74,021

CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY

Dear friends,

Because Church of the Messiah is a weird church we need your prayers and we need your help.

How are we weird? My guess is that the overwhelming majority of churches in Ottawa that have Christmas Eve services have more people in attendance than they usually do. In other words, the Christmas Eve service is the best attended service of the year. At Messiah, our attendance goes down, not up. I don't think this is because our services are bad - although we always need to think of ways to "improve". But we have a young congregation where most people go home for Christmas and we have very few "older parents and grandparents" where family comes to be with them on Christmas. There are other reasons our attendance goes down, but the point is, we need your prayers and we need your help.

Let's begin with prayer. Please pray that God will draw people in the urban core and from across the city to our Christmas services. Please pray that God will pour out His Holy Spirit upon everyone who attends. Please pray that God will use carols and Scripture and sermon and service and prayers to bring people to a saving faith in Jesus. Please pray that our Christmas services will make disciples of Jesus gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory. Please pray, as well, that enough people will "step up" to help with all of the parts of a service: hosts, readers, intercessors, musicians, singers, lay administrators and people to set-up and take-down. Please pray that we will do a good job of showing hospitality to Christmas guests. Please pray that we will welcome well to the glory of God.

Finally, if you are going to be in Ottawa over Christmas, please consider helping out. On Christmas Eve we have a quiet "traditional Prayer Book" service at 2pm. We need someone to be a host at the Besserer St door. At 7pm we have our main Christmas Eve service. On Christmas morning we have a service at 10am. We need help with all of the roles listed above. On Sunday, December 27 we have our regular services, but, of course, we also need help with Sunday School, nursery and coffee-time.

If you can help out, that would be great. Please speak to me (or Shirley or Daniel) after worship or please contact the office.

Most of all, as we head towards Christmas and during the Christmas season, please pray for Messiah.

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) Being gripped by the Gospel unshackles the mind.
- 2) The perennial question - who or what am I serving?
- 3) God's grace in Jesus draws me to Himself and makes me free.

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 Lord, please reveal to me the idols that beckon me to serve them. Please break the power of the idols of my heart. Thank You that on the cross, You disarmed every idol. Thank You for dying for me so that, by faith in You, I can be free - free indeed. Please help me to walk today with You as my only Saviour and my only Lord. Amen.

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

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6: 23

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.

Who is the best boss you ever had?

Getting into the Bible.

God still speaks. Take a moment to ask the Lord to speak to you as you read and study His word written.

- 1) Read Romans 6:15 - 7:6.
- 2) Read Romans 6: 15-16. Then read John 8: 34-36; Matthew 20: 20-28; Titus 2: 11-14.
- 3) Read Romans 6: 21-22. Then read Galatians 5: 1, 16-26.

Getting real.

What has the Lord "brought home to you"? Can you share some of this with others so they can pray for you?

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUE / DEC 1 **Lowertown Home Group**
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / DEC 2 **Church on Wednesday**
7pm @ uOttawa UCU
Hintonburg Home Group
7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

THU / DEC 3 **Moms and Tots Drop-in**
10am-noon @ 119 Rochester St.
Old Ottawa South Home Group
Potluck - 6:30pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.
King Edward Home Group
7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.

SAT / DEC 5 **Messiah Women Potluck Breakfast**
Sign up at the coffee bar TODAY!

Messiah Women! Our ever-popular **Potluck Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, December 5 at 315 Lisgar St. Please sign up TODAY at the coffee bar.

The winter term at **Ryle Theological College** begins the week of January 18! Courses on offer: Reformation History; Old Testament: Historical Books; Systematic Theology : Doctrine of God; Introduction to Greek. To register or for more information: rylecollege.com / info@messiahchurch.ca

St Joe's Christmas Bin: We invite you to bring new or gently-used clothing and non-perishable food items to donate to St Joe's Supper Table. A collection bin will be available at the Besserer door entrance from December 13 - 27.

Christmas Remembrance: If you would like the name of loved ones who have passed away added to our Christmas Remembrance List, please contact the office by December 13.

2016 offering envelopes will be available on December 6. If you'd like a set of envelopes, please contact the office. info@messiahchurch.ca

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