



## 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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or 613.235.0596. Check out our website at [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 lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the last worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

<b>Rev. Canon George Sinclair</b> Rector	<b>Daniel Gilman</b> Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
<b>Shirley Allan</b> Administrator	<b>Wardens:</b> Dick Butler, Gary Graber John Rayson Shannon Ripley Karl Ruban Dana Scherf
<b>Jonathan Camiré</b> Ministry Intern	

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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 "Give" 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)

FINANCIAL UPDATE AT APRIL 30, 2016

Target Offering: \$ 99,150

Actual Offering: \$ 90,990

## MORE THOUGHTS ON ROMANS

Dear friends,

On Sunday, April 17 I preached on Romans 13. You can listen to this sermon at: <http://messiahchurch.ca/sermon-archive/state-disciple-jesus/> This is my second blog on matters raised by Romans 13.

Does Romans 13, and the way that I interpreted it, mean Christians cannot work in the government, serve on Parliament Hill or be elected as an MP? It might mean that we cannot serve in certain roles. It might mean that we have to risk losing a promotion or committing career suicide. But Romans 13 is not telling us that we have to wait for the State to be Christian and moral before we are involved. Remember that Nero was the Emperor of Rome when Paul wrote Romans. The State has to deal with an extremely large number of issues. The overwhelming majority of these issues do not touch on "you shall not commit adultery" or "you shall not kill innocent human life." Some Christians get so fixated on one or two moral issues that they lose sight of the wide range of matters the state has to deal with. As well, unlike Romans 13, some Christians say, "If the government promotes \_\_\_\_\_, then it is so evil we can have nothing to do with it." Note that this is not what Romans 13 says.

Thinking about the above, we can see why having a "Christian" political party is problematic, or should be problematic, for Christians. I think in a country like ours, we can lobby for certain matters, but a political party is unwise. What is the biblical view on whether minimum wages should go up or down by a dollar? What is the biblical view on how high a capital gains tax should be? What is the biblical view on which helicopter the military should buy? There is not one. "Christian" parties are unwise because they imply, or worse, claim that there is one Christian understanding on thousands and thousands of issues facing government. This claim is simply untrue. Christians in good conscience can disagree.

Finally, Christians have to live in the difficult middle place (between complete acceptance of secular government and complete rejection) where we struggle with deciding whether to "stay and fight" or "stay and minimize the bad" or "take a stand for what is right" or "work to correct the matter in the long run" or "switch to a different department". Please pray that Messiah will be a church where we seek the prosperity and blessing of our city and country and where we help Christians figure out how to live as faithful followers of Jesus while living in "Babylon".

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) I will hope in God's promises to me in His word written.
- 2) The God who speaks has spoken in His word written.
- 3) I want to live my days in response to God welcoming me in Jesus.

### 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, You are the God of hope. Please fill me, please fill us, with joy and peace as we are gripped by the Gospel and grow in trusting Jesus. Please pour out Your Holy Spirit deep within me so that we will abound in hope. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4*

### 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.

Do you know the names of your neighbours (within three houses or apartments from yours)?

### Getting into the Bible.

Ask the Lord to help you transform your mind and your heart as you read His word written.

- 1) Read Romans 15: 1-13.
- 2) Read 1 Corinthians 10:23 - 11:1.
- 3) Read Romans 15:2. Then read Luke 10: 25-37.
- 4) Read Romans 15: 8-13. Then read John 1: 1-18.

### Getting real.

How has the word impacted you? Can you share some of this with others so they can pray for you?

## UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT!!	Meaning without a Maker? debate 7pm @ OLT Be here early to ensure you get a seat!
MON / MAY 2	Prayer Meeting 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St
TUE / MAY 3	Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
WED / MAY 4	Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THUR / MAY 5	Old Ottawa South Home Group 7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.  King Edward Home Group 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.

**Refugee Response.** We want to assess your interest in helping Messiah-organized refugee support activities. Please complete the yellow survey card and place it in the offering basket or in the basket at the coffee station.

**Will you serve?** Are you interested in serving Church of the Messiah on Sunday morning? There are opportunities to serve in a technical capacity (sound board / slides etc) or as an offering counter. Training is provided. Interested? [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

**Please note:** Our regular 10am worship service on May 22 will be held at 9am. The 8am service will begin at 7:45am that day.

**Messiah Women. Save the date!** Please join us for an afternoon tea party on Saturday, May 28 from 1:30 to 3:30pm at The Bible House (315 Lisgar St). Sign up at the coffee bar.

**Learner's Exchange continues!** Come out at 9:15am Sundays to hear a 30-minute TED-style talk followed by a 10-minute Q&A. Light refreshments will be available.

Upcoming talks:

- **CHANGE\*\*** May 1: Getting the Word to the World (Brian C)
- May 8: Anglicanism 101 (Gary Graber)
- **CHANGE\*\*** May 15: The flaws and failure of moral relativism (Jonathan Camiré)