

THE POWER AND DESTRUCTION OF OUR WORDS
PROVERBS: ANCIENT WISDOM FOR A POSTMODERN WORLD

First Reading: Proverbs 10:11; 13:3; 15:28; 17:27-28; 29:20; 12:19; 12:22; 14:25; 21:6; 11:13; 16:28; 17:9; 18:8; 26:20; 18:21

The Gospel: Luke 19:41-47 *Free Bibles are available by the Besserer door.

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUES / AUG 11 Moms and Tots Drop-in

10am - noon @ 119 Rochester St.

Lowertown Home Group

7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / AUG 12 Church on Wednesday

7pm @ uOttawa Agora

Wurtemberg Home Group

7:30 pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.

SAT / AUG 15 Church picnic and baptism

11 am @ Missie Lang's cottage (Details and directions on insert.)

We are thankful to have Genevieve Falleur as our Guest Worship Leader today. Welcome, Genevieve!

Interested in seeing an Ottawa Redblacks game at a reduced price? You can purchase tickets for the game against the Saskatchewan Roughriders on Faith Day, Sunday, August 30 @ 4pm. Tickets are \$35 (regular price \$50.50). You will also have an opportunity to meet after the game with the team chaplain and players who want to talk about their faith. Contact shirley@messiahchurch.ca to get an order form!

Please keep Robin and Margaret Averill in prayer as they remember the passing of Elizabeth Averill.



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

August 9, 2015

messiahchurch.ca / 613.235.0596 / info@messiahchurch.ca
office & mailing address: 315 Lisgar St. Ottawa ON K2P 0E1

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, you are welcome to bring children to the south side of the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, children are invited to "follow the cross" during the last worship song.

The Offering Plate

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, please make cheques out to "Church of the Messiah." Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes. If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

Financial Update - Operating Fund

	JAN - JUL ACTUAL	JAN - JUL TARGET
Offering	\$155,430	\$174,372

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rector Rev. Canon George Sinclair	Pastor of Evangelism & Discipleship Daniel Gilman
Administrator Shirley Allan	Guest Worship Leader Genevieve Falleur

Wardens:

Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson, Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Dana Scherf

PRAYING THE BIBLE

Dear Friends,

Since April I have been returning time and time again in prayer and meditation to Psalm 27:4 [ESV], *One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.*

The first thing I have done is to turn the verse into a prayer that I can pray to God. My prayer is not perfect, but I pray the verse by saying, "Lord, take my heart so my sole desire is to dwell in Your house and behold Your beauty." I pray this prayer "straight up" with great frequency. I did not include in the prayer a reference to inquiring or meditating upon the Lord, but I use the prayer as a means to both meditate upon the Lord and to inquire of Him.

I often find that praying and meditating Psalm 27:4 makes me more conscious of the beauty of creation. It is easier for me to praise God for the beauty that I see and to thank Him for the beauty. I then find it easier to praise God as the creator and sustainer and source of this beauty. I also find I slide into adoring Him - if this created world is beautiful with a multi-faceted and ever-changing beauty, then how much more beautiful must God Himself be - the cause is greater than the effect!

One interesting by-product of my praying and meditating Psalm 27:4 is that it often turns my heart to my wife and family. Thinking about the beauty and goodness of God often leads me to appreciate the beauty of my wife and family and makes me thankful to God for His grace and kindness to me in giving me my wife and family.

In my praying of this psalm I ask the Lord to take my heart. This reflects a deep biblical teaching that my heart is the command centre for my life from which flows my thoughts, emotions, plans and desires. My heart always rests or trusts in something or someone or some unstable collection of somethings or someones. I ask the Lord then to take my heart so that my heart will learn to rest in Him alone. The more my heart rests in the Lord, the more that my prayer to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord will be heart-felt and authentic. Sometimes my praying of Psalm 27:4 will lead me to inquire of Him as to what my heart is really resting in.

So to pray Psalm 27:4 does not lead to the cessation of desire, nor to the horror that I have desires, but to an ordering and an appreciation of desire. Friends, I am a sinner still on the lowest rungs of holiness - please pray for me!

George +