

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE PRAY!

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12

At 12:12pm everyday, let us pray for the four prayer requests written on the prayer cards.

Ask your door host for a prayer card!



MESSIAH HOME GROUPS

Wednesday

7:30pm - @ 84 Fairmont

Thursday

10am - Moms & Tots
(see Anna Hadwen)

7pm - @ 267 Sunnyside Ave
(will resume in September)

7pm - @ 110 Nelson St

MEMORY VERSES

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

PSALM 86:11

JUDE 24-25

1 PETER 5:6-7

COLOSSIANS 3:13

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

COLOSSIANS 1:28-29

1 PETER 2:9-10

Gifts inventory

Have you completed the survey?

THANK YOU!

MOVEIN'S 9TH ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

WE WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE A NEW BASKETBALL NET, A NEW BBQ TO CATER TO OUR HALAL NEIGHBORS, AND GIVE LOTS AND LOTS OF FREE STUFF AWAY THANKS TO YOUR DONATIONS!

GOD IS GOOD!



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

We are glad you are here! 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. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? See the contact info below.

Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am service. Nursery children meet in the Green Room in the basement (ask a door host). Sunday school kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.



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

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Today's service:
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events/458505](http://bible.com/events/458505)

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August 12th, 2018

A Christian in Jerusalem (Part 5)

Dear Friends,

I was in Jerusalem June 14-23rd to be a part of the Global Anglican Futures Gathering (GAFCON). Here are some of my reflections:

Being in Jerusalem at GAFCON brought home to me that on one hand Christians are homeless, and on the other hand we are to be at home and make a home in whatever city or country that we find ourselves. This makes Christianity significantly different from Judaism and Islam, both of which find the notion of "home" and "land" essential.

By the way, I am going to stray into politically contentious matters. In what follows, I am not seeking to be political, I am seeking to speak biblically, historically, and anthropologically. Even if that means I become political in the eyes of some.

Israel is the ancient homeland of Jewish people and Jerusalem has been its capital for most of the last 3000 years. This land was promised to the Jewish people by God, and there is no record of God changing His mind and revoking His promise. I believe this is a fair summary of both old and New Testament teaching. Most Jewish people have lived in exile from the land for a long time. But today Israel is clearly Jewish. In fact one of the changes I noted from my last visit to Jerusalem in 2008, is that Jerusalem seems to have become more Jewish in the last 10 years. For Jewish people, Israel and Jerusalem are essential. Contested, but essential.

The status of Israel and Jerusalem is contested by Islam in two senses. On one hand, "The Dome on the Rock" is one of the holiest places on earth for both Sunni and Shia Muslims. On the other hand, it seems central to Islam that Allah claims all the earth for himself and Islam. In Islam, the day will come when every place on earth is under Islam. So Jewish claims to the Holy Land are especially contentious to many Muslim.

I saw this acted out in a powerful way. I walked to the Old City and sought out the "Western Wall". This is part of Herod's Temple that still stands, and it's believed to be the wall closest to the Temple and it's holiest of holies. It is a place where people go to pray. I know I can pray anywhere, but I chose to go to the wall to pray. I was quite surprised to see a large number of vigilant Israeli standing in the courtyard of the wall, their automatic weapons held in their hands, as they scanned the courtyard and the higher area beside the wall and its courtyard. It is not uncommon for Muslim protestors to throw rocks on those below. For these Muslims, the Jews are trespassing. Soldiers were there to maintain order, and allow all who desired to enter, look, and pray, to do so.

I was reminded of two scripture texts. "For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come." (Hebrews 13:4) Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

To go where Jesus walked, talked, performed miracles, died on the cross and rose from the dead is great to do. I encourage you to go! But the Lord has not called us to possess the earth in the way Islam believes Allah has told them too. The Lord has not called us to one piece of land as he promised the Jewish people. Our true home is the new Heaven and Earth. Our earthly home is where we live and we are to seek the blessing of our city. But the Lord has called us to see the gospel proclaimed to every people group.

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Deeper: Meditating on God's Word

Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-12

SERMON NOTES

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