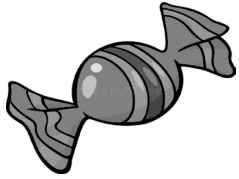


EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Candy Fest!

Please pray for the eyes and ears of our neighbours to be opened for the message of the Gospel!



Operation Christmas Child

Pick up your box in the Lobby and return it filled any Sunday until November 18th!

Learner's Exchange

9:15 /OLT lobby

Learner's Exchange

November 4th

Bringing Light to New Age
Jonathan Camiré

November 11th

Witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses
Jason Biggs



Women's Movie Night!

Where: The Bible House
When: November 16th, 7:30pm
What: Breathe (2017)

Snacks provided!



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

Sunday, November 4th, 2018

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



The Reluctant Convert - Esther 4

Rev Canon George Sinclair - Rector



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The Story of Esther: Hidden God in a Broken World

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) The Lord is playing the long game - He is preparing His children for an eternal weight of glory.
- 2) Death is a sign that you are under the judgement of the Lord.
- 3) As the Gospel grips you, you pray for courage.

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:

O Lord, You are the comforter of all who suffer, and the rewarder of Your children who suffer for doing what is right. Please help me to be willing to suffer for doing what is right. Helps me to be able to explain the Christian hope with gentleness and respect. Please make me a disciple of Jesus whose confidence, joy and identity is in His person and His finished work upon the cross. In His Name, Amen.

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

"Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit."

1 Peter 3:18 NLT

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 _____."

Anglicanism and Saints

Dear Friends,

I was raised in a Baptist and never attended an Anglican church until I was 24. One of the concerns I had about Anglicanism is that it seemed to have an unbiblical view of the saints. Lots of Anglican churches are named after "a saint" and they have Saints Day. In fact, my apprehension grew when I started attending an Anglican church and talk to some of the people in the church. They told me that All Saints and All Souls days were when we prayed for the dead and the way they talked about saints just seemed unbiblical. Maybe you have similar concerns at Messiah; a church of the historic Anglican way. The best way to understand historic Anglican ways on this topic, and many other topics, is to read the thirty-nine articles and the collects, as found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. These set forth the historic Biblical Evangelical Anglican way. Let's begin with the collect for All Saints Day. Please note there is no collect for All Souls Day.

"O Almighty God who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

Next, Article 22, "The Romish Doctrine concerning purgatory, pardons, worshiping, and adoration (both of images and relics) and the invocation of saints, is a futile thing foolishly conceived and grounded no evidence of scripture. On the contrary this teaching is repugnant to the word of God".

So, here are two clear statements of the historic Anglican way in regards to Saints. All Saints day is not a day where we pray for the dead or merely remember the Saints. It is a day where we are called to a more holy life. The Lord makes you and me a Christian – He has knit His elect together into one communion and fellowship. There are many "visible" churches, but there is only one invisible church. It is made up of all who are in Christ Jesus by adoption and grace. This one invisible church is made up of all true Christians from all over the world. This one invisible church is also made up of all true Christians who have ever lived. By the way, I know this is hard to understand, but in a sense, the one invisible church is also made up of those people who will one day become true Christians – but that is a blog topic for another day.

The collect reminds us of these truths and teaches us to pray for the following things. First, that the Lord will grant you grace to live a virtuous and godly life. The first part of the collect teaches us that all the true Christians are Saints. So we pray for ourselves and others that we will follow those things in Christian's lives which are godly and virtuous. Note, every Saint has sinned. In other words, every true Christian sins. So we do not seek to copy another Christian life, but to learn from their life to live in a way which is godly and virtuous. This does not undermine the Bible, but is frank about how we learn. Secondly, we pray that the Lord will help us live a "heavenly minded" life. We are to live in light of the "long game" that the Lord is fitting us for an eternal weight of glory in the New Heavens and Earth, with Him and His people.

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