

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Candy Fest!

MoveIn Event



Donations of Candy and  
money received  
Until Nov. 4th

### Baptism Sunday November 4th!

If you would like to be  
baptized contact  
the office at  
[jen@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:jen@messiahchurch.ca)

### NEW PRAYER CARDS AT THE BESSERER ENTRANCE

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



The Gospel Coalition National  
Conference!  
October 29-31st, Mississauga,  
ON  
Register online!



### Life Hurts. God?

DIG & DELVE 2018 will explore  
this topic of life does indeed  
hurt, but is it also without hope?

November 2-3rd  
at the Bronson Center  
Register online or buy tickets at  
the coffee bar!



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

*Sunday, October 14th, 2018*

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



### The Only Hero - Esther 2:1-18

Rev Canon George Sinclair - Rector



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Church of the Messiah, Ottawa



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Today's service:  
[bible.com/events/494462](http://bible.com/events/494462)



Messiah Church Ottawa Sermons



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## The Story of Esther: Hidden God in a Broken World

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### GROWING IN GRACE

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#### 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. Lord help me to see the world as it is, not as the world describes itself.
2. A greeting card faith will not help me when life gets hard.
3. The crucified Lord is with me in my hardest times.

#### 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:

Almighty God, You know the world as it really is. You know who I really am and You know what my life is really like, and still You love me. I thank You that Jesus Messiah came to seek and save the lost. I thank You that His perfect life and sin-bearing death is Your provision for my need to be reconciled to You and made alive to live with You free and for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

John 17:15-17

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_."

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## Christian Apologetics

Dear Friends,

Christian Apologetics is not about Christians apologizing. Christian Apologetics refers to the articulation and defense of the Christian faith. Many people in Messiah, in fact probably everyone in Messiah, will benefit by reading or listening to good Christian apologetics. By the way, Ottawa has a yearly apologetics conference called Dig and Delve. This is the fifth consecutive year for the conference. The title this year is "Life Hurts. God?" We will look at the problem of evil, pain and suffering – a problem many people believe proves that God does not exist.

Christian apologetics involves four aspects or elements. First is the whole hearted and whole minded embracing of the Gospel and the whole counsel of God. The Christian faith is centered around both God's Gospel and His counsel. The Gospel is understood in the context of his counsel, and His counsel is understood in the context of His Gospel. The Gospel is the good news from God that He has sent His only begotten Son to live a perfect life and die a sin-bearing death so that we may be reconciled to God and made alive to live free as His Child in His world for His glory. The counsel of God is His revealed truth, understood and articulated from the Christians humbly listening to the Bible, God's word written. Apologists seek to believe and understand both the Gospel and the counsel with depth and clarity. If they do not believe and understand it, they cannot defend and commend it. So listening to Christian apologists helps us to know and understand the faith better.

Second, Christian apologetics involves defending God's Gospel and the whole counsel of God from attacks made by heretics and those who hold to other faiths and philosophies. This aspect of apologetics involves clarifying what Christians do and do not believe. Often criticisms of the Christian faith involves either a misunderstanding or a "straw man" [that is, a caricature of the faith articulated because it is easy to mock or critique]. So listening to apologists helps us to understand the Christian faith better.

Third, Christian apologetics involves the critique of heresies, other faiths and philosophies, showing how they are inadequate, inconsistent and untrue. Pray that this is always done in a biblical manner! "...Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience ..." [1 Peter 3:14b-16a]

Fourth, Christian apologetics involves commending the Gospel and the whole counsel of God in the hope that non-Christians will become Christians and that Christians will grow in humble confidence in the Christian faith. Christians sometimes have doubts. To doubt is to be in "two minds" – one part of my mind believing the Christian faith and another part of my mind wondering if some other "way" is more true. Listening to Christian apologetics done well helps us to be "one-minded", centered on Christ, living free for His glory. Please pray for Dig and Delve, November 2-3, 2018. Plan to attend with your friends!

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