

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, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by.

If you would like to donate, there are two ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

MORE ON FORGIVING

Dear friends,

Last week I wrote about forgiveness / forgiving. Most of what I wrote came under the category of "common grace" or "natural revelation." In other words, much of what I said about forgiving could be accepted by anybody. Today I want to share some "theses" or "pensées" about forgiving which are closely tied to the Christian faith. I believe these theses to be true and wise for everybody. However, they will not necessarily strike those who are outside the Jesus way as being true or wise. I will share the three key ideas in my first three theses, then I will unpack them.

1. I should never seek to forgive myself.
2. I should never seek to forgive God.
3. Jesus Christ crucified is the power of God, from God, for salvation. One essential aspect of that salvation, is God offering us complete forgiveness for every sin we are guilty of, from the moment of our birth to the moment of our death.
4. The Bible says a lot about forgiveness. Never once does the Bible tell us to seek to forgive ourselves. Never once does the Bible tell us to seek to forgive God.
5. Rather than forgiving myself, I need to ask forgiveness from God, who is wronged in every sin of commission or omission I have done.
6. After I have confessed my sin to God and asked for forgiveness I can ask him to help me accept His forgiveness and learn to live in light of His forgiveness of me through Jesus.
7. Our inability to accept God's forgiveness comes from pride. Our desire to forgive ourselves also comes from pride.
8. God is only good and always good. There is no "good" apart from the nature and character of the true and living God. Therefore God has never wronged me and I never need to forgive Him.
9. My desire to forgive God does not come from a desire to be close to God. My desire to forgive God comes from my pride and self-centeredness.
10. We do not merit forgiveness from God. It is because God is only and always love that He offers us true forgiveness.
11. He forgives us so that we might draw close to Him and be His.

George +

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 Kingdom of God is a community, not a place.
- 2) The Kingdom of God is a movement, not an institution.
- 3) There is no Kingdom of God without Jesus Christ crucified as the King.

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.

Lord God almighty, please grow in me a personal trust in Jesus Christ crucified as Saviour. Please grow in me habits of promptly obeying King Jesus. Please grow in me a lively desire to bring You glory until Jesus returns in glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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

"The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." (Luke 17:20b-21 ESV)

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.

If you had unexpected company knock on your door right now, would you feel comfortable letting them in?

Getting into the Bible.

Please pray for God to lead you into all truth.

- 1) Read Luke 17:20-37.
- 2) Read Luke 17:26-32. Then read: Gen. 6:9-7:24; 18:16-19:29.

Getting real.

How has God's word spoken to you today? Can you share so others can pray with you and for you?

TUE / JAN 27 Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

The House (Home Group)
7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group
7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / JAN 28 Church on Wednesday
7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

The Wurtemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ 111 Wurtemberg St.

THU / JAN 29 Old Ottawa South Home Group
7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

Church on Thursday
7:30pm @ Algonquin

Visit churchonthursday.ca for details.

SUN / FEB 1 Volunteer Sunday

Learn more about the many volunteer opportunities at Church of the Messiah! Volunteer coordinators will be available to connect and answer questions during coffee time following the 10:00AM Service.

FRI / FEB 6 An Evening with Bishop Charlie Masters
7:00pm @ St. Peter & St. Paul's / 152 Metcalfe

An evening of worship and fellowship, followed by an opportunity to learn about Bishop Charlie's inspiring vision for the Anglican Network in Canada.

SAT / FEB 7 Rise & Shine! (with Bishop Charlie)
9:00am @ St. Peter & St. Paul's / 152 Metcalfe

Children ages 5-12 and their families are invited to a free pancake breakfast between 9:00 - 10:00am, followed by a dynamic children's program including worship, drama and crafts from 10:00 - 11:30am.

WED / FEB 18 Ash Wednesday
10:00am @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.
7:30pm @ Location TBC

SAT / FEB 28 Church of the Messiah Annual Vestry
Save the date! More details to come.

SUN / MAR 8 Early Service
9:00am @ Ottawa Little Theatre

The regular 10:00am Service will take place at 9:00am on Sunday, March 8.

PRAYER AT MESSIAH

Can we pray for you? Email prayer@messiahchurch.ca.