

First Reading

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The Gospel

John 1:1-3

*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.



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

December 14, 2014
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email george@messiahchurch.ca.

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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.

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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.

THE IMPOSSIBLE COLLEGE

Dear friends,

God has a habit of using the weak things in the world. We keep expecting Him to use the powerful - and sometimes He does - but He loves using the weak. When God uses the weak, it is easier for us to see that it is God who is the one doing the heavy-lifting.

Ottawa-Gatineau is the fourth largest metropolitan area in Canada. Measured by the percentage of people with graduate degrees, we are the most educated city in Canada. Ottawa is the nation's capital and is home to two major universities and a large college. There is also a satellite campus for a third university in Gatineau. We have a high tech sector, the civil service and many museums. A city such as ours needs a degree granting evangelical college where ministers and lay leaders can train and learn and grow. However, there is no such college between Tyndale in Toronto and Kingswood in New Brunswick.

I believe God desires a degree granting evangelical college in Ottawa. There have been several attempts to create a "satellite" in Ottawa, but these attempts have failed. There is currently a small-scale satellite operation from Heritage College operating here, but Ottawa needs a local college which will work co-operatively with Heritage and Tyndale and other such colleges across Canada (and beyond!). A local college has neighbours and local churches can be stronger when they have a college as its neighbour.

A year and a half ago, the Ottawa Theological College began. We have just completed our fall term and we are about to begin our winter term in January. Most importantly, we believe that this September, we will be able to offer fully accredited graduate courses.

We will be changing our name to Ryle College, named after the great 19th century pastor, scholar, writer, J.C. Ryle. Please pray for us! Please consider helping us! We are praying for several people to join us as part time volunteer staff. In particular, someone to help with administration / organization and someone to help with communications. We are also praying for people to help with special events, prayer support and fund raising. Maybe you know someone who is a Christian with an earned doctorate who would be willing to teach a course? Please let us know. Please remember the college's financial needs. We need to raise about 25K over the next few months to be well positioned for September. Please email me if you are interested. Most of all, please pray for this cross-denominational evangelical college!

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) I cannot carry the weight of the world - but I can be carried by the One who carries the weight of the world.
- 2) Jesus is not a great man. He is God and Man.
- 3) Is the universe a result of chance or the dance?

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.

We praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons, one God, from all eternity. We praise You for bringing all things into existence. We praise You that no thing came into existence without You. You alone are the beginning. You alone are eternal. We confess our sin and need is so great that only God the Son of God could redeem us. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Amen.

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

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1-3 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.

As a child, when did your family open Christmas presents?

Getting into the Bible.

Please remember to begin your reading with prayer.

- 1) Read John 1:1-18.
- 2) Read John 1:1-2. Then read Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 1:1-30; Gen. 1:1.
- 3) Read John 1:1. Then read Gen. 1:1-3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26; Psalms 33:6.

Getting real.

Has the Holy Spirit brought some truth or insight home to you today? Can this be shared with others so they will pray for you?

- TODAY** **Arise Youth Ballet Christmas Performance**
During 10:00am Service
- MN / DEC 15** **Women's Home Group**
7:00pm @ 205 Bolton St.
- TUE / DEC 16** **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 / DEC 17** **The Wurttemberg Home Group**
7:30pm @ 111 Wurttemberg St.
- THU / DEC 18** **Old Ottawa South Home Group**
7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.
- SUN / DEC 21** **Traditional Christmas Sunday**
The regular 10:00am service will feature traditional Christmas carols, hymns and liturgy.

WED / DEC 24 **Christmas Eve Services**
2:00pm - Quiet & Contemplative @ OLT
7:30pm - Contemporary & Lively @ OLT

THU / DEC 25 **Christmas Day Service**
10:00am - Family Friendly @ OLT

- THU / JAN 1** **New Year's Day Service**
10:00am @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed from December 22 to January 2, re-opening on Monday, January 5. Voicemail will be checked daily.

ST. JOE'S CHRISTMAS BIN

We invite you to bring clothing and non-perishable food to donate to St. Joe's Supper Table. The bin is located by the Besserer door entrance.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are available for pick-up on the stage, they are arranged in alphabetical order. Can't find yours? Contact the office. Also, let us know if you would like to request envelopes for 2015!

PRAYER AT MESSIAH

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