

First Reading
Galatians 4:1-7

The Gospel
John 1:15-18

*Free Bibles available on
stage near Besserer door.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

- THU / JAN 1** **New Year's Day Service**
10:00am @ 315 Lisgar Street
- TUE / JAN 6** **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 7** **Church on Wednesday**
7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora
- The Wurttemberg Home Group**
7:30pm @ 111 Wurttemberg St.
- THU / JAN 8** **Church on Thursday**
7:30pm @ Algonquin
- FRI / JAN 9** **Revive Youth**
7:00pm @ Sainte Anne's School / 340 York St.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

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

December 28, 2014
CHRISTMAS 1

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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.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair

Rector

Amy van Hemmen

Administrative Manager

Jeremiah Smith

Worship Leader

Jeremy Giles

Ministry Intern

Daniel Gilman

Ministry Intern

Wardens

Dick Butler

Gary Graber

John Rayson

Shannon Ripley

Karl Ruban

Dana Scherf

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of December 19, we need an additional **\$25,000** to balance our books for 2014. Please pray that God will provide the money!

PRAYING FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Dear friends,

As we finish 2014 and are about to launch into 2015, I am asking you to please remember to pray for all of our congregational leaders. We try to remember to do this during our weekly staff prayer meeting and our weekly church prayer meeting (Tuesdays at 7:00PM at the Church Office - all are welcome!) I know many of you pray regularly for me and other leaders. Thank you! Please keep praying. Here are some suggestions for your prayers.

First, please pray for all of our leaders, especially those who are (or should be) teaching the Bible in order to share the Gospel and make Jesus known. Please pray for our interns (Daniel and Jeremy), music leader (Jeremiah), administrator (Amy), Sunday school, youth group, home group leaders, Church on Wednesday, Church on Thursday, nursery, hosts, coffee time, set-up team, women's ministry, men's ministry, compassion ministries, treasurer and the Church Council.

Second, please pray that our leaders will be wise, godly and fruitful. Each leader needs to know that they are never wise enough to lead. We need God's wisdom. We need to ask for His wisdom and seek His wisdom. We also need to become more godly. So we need to pray that we will become more Christ-like in our character and our 24/7 lives. We need to pray that God's word written will come into our heart and mind and will and bear much fruit for God's glory. We need to pray for the fruit of the Holy Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) to become evident in our daily life.

We need to pray that God will make our ministry fruitful. Just as it is God who determines wisdom and godliness, so it is God who determines what true fruitfulness looks like. He gives His assignments to ordinary human beings like you and me. We need to seek His assignments and trust Him for the resources to accomplish His assignments. Of course all should be done so that "He will increase and I will decrease."

Finally, please pray for our mission and vision statements! Please pray that you will become a disciple of Jesus, gripped by the gospel, living for His glory. Please pray He will use our church, our leaders and you to make disciples gripped by the gospel living for His glory. Please pray that God will build us into a prayerful, Bible-teaching evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world!

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