

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Operation Christmas Child

Pick up your box in the Lobby
and return it filled by Sunday
November 18th
NEXT WEEK!

For Prayer

We have two targets.

To balance our books
we need \$64,000

To balance our books
without having to
use a bequest
we need \$84,000



Women's Movie Night !

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

Snacks provided!

*Learner's
Exchange*
9:15 /OLT lobby

Learner's Exchange

November 11th
Witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses
Jason Biggs

November 18th
Secularism and the Gospel
Daniel Avitan



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

Sunday, November 11th, 2018

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



The Strong and the Weak - Esther 5

Rev Canon George Sinclair - Rector



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Today's service:
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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) It is foolish to stand arrogantly before the Lord of Heaven and Earth.
- 2) Knowing that the Lord Jesus Christ is King makes you bold.
- 3) The Lord is sovereign, so fate does not exist.

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 are strong and I am weak. You are big and I am small. You have saved me and I am saved. You are my Father and I am Your child. Jesus is my Lord and I am His disciple. The Holy Spirit is loving power and I am always in need of love and power. Please grow me in You, and guide me in Your ways, so I will live free and whole for Your glory and praise. Amen.

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

"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God."

1 Corinthians 1:27-29

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 _____."

Canadian Christian's and Remembrance Day

Dear Friends,

This week I flew to and from Abbotsford B.C. to attend the Anglican Network in Canada's Synod. As I was going through airport security, I saw a special bin for people to dispose of their marijuana and/or cannabis products. For years now, airport security has taken unacceptable items like pocket knives or bottles of water – now they offer to take your cannabis products if you are flying out of the country. By the way, the fellow ahead of me in the line commented to the security about the bin, with its large and prominent label. The security agent said some of the staff wanted to add a label, which said – "Contributions to the staff Christmas Party."

This small incident reminds us of how Canada is increasingly passing laws and policies which are opposed to what Christians believe are good and true, not only for themselves, but for all people. It also reminds us of the growing, low level, but persistent and real discrimination against Christians in Canada.

This Sunday is Remembrance Day. On this day at official ceremonies, prayer in the Name of Jesus will be quietly banned. At the same time, our state and our culture will urge us to pause and remember: those in our armed forces that gave life and limb in Canada's wars; those who currently serve in Canadian armed forces; the loved ones who are left behind; and of course, we remember our country, with its state and culture, as a good thing worth preserving and fighting for.

What should Christians do? Celebrate our state and country unreservedly? Withdraw and ignore this day? Protest and denounce this day?

The story of Jonah is helpful here. In chapter 1, when Jonah is in the boat and the boat is in the storm, the pagan's and the Jewish man, Jonah, are in the same boat, in the same storm. The pagan's ask everyone on the boat to pray [and work] so they will survive the storm. If the boat sinks, all perish.

We are Christians in Canada. If our economy fails, we along with all Canadians will suffer. If hostile powers hold us hostage, we along with all Canadians will suffer. If our country prospers and flourishes, we will, by and large, share in the flourishing. So we should seek to serve in the government, in the civil service, in the armed forces, in education, in private enterprise, in arts and culture, in the courts and as police, and in caring for the poor. We are to seek the true good of Canada.

But we will disagree at times, maybe today many times, with the state and our culture. We need to be shaped by the Gospel and the whole counsel of God. This will lead us to be thankful for Canada, not on Canadian terms, but on biblical terms. We will work and pray for the good of Canada, but from a biblical understanding, not from the perspective of Canada. Many times our understanding will overlap – the Canadian and the Christian understanding. But there will always be a difference – things Canadians will seek which are wrong and unwise and we cannot affirm – and things Canadians will think are wrong and unwise about the Christian understanding which we will respectfully continue to affirm as good and wise. So Christians enter into Remembrance Day with thanks and praise – praying to the Lord for our nation.

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