



MET MESSENGER

From the Pastor

“...you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God....And this word is the good news that was preached to you.”
(1 Peter 1:23-25 ESV)

In a world where many do not have access to the Word of God in their own language and where many cannot afford Bibles, we are so privileged to have unparalleled access to the living and abiding Word that gives life. The eldership has recently taken the decision to replace the church Bibles. For many years, the church has used the *1984 New International Version* for Sunday preaching with great benefit. However, that version of the NIV is now out of print



and is not supported by electronic platforms. For the sake of our hospitality and evangelism, we feel it is important to have a Bible in the seats that new guests can pick up and use, and not feel out of place if they come to church without a Bible. We also feel that it is important that everyone can follow in a version which they can buy in stores and use online. So, we have had to look for a new version. The elders have evaluated the options on the marketplace and feel strongly that the *English Standard Version* (ESV) is the right choice for us. It has been produced by a fine group of evangelical scholars and it seeks to follow the original text faithfully while maintaining a good level of readability. The ESV has been the standard version for our children's ministry for some years, and many church

members use that version privately in any case. We now hope to use the ESV consistently across our ministries. New Bibles will appear in the seatbacks in the coming days, and we would encourage you to buy an ESV if you do not already have one. May the Lord continue to bless the preaching and teaching of His Word here at the Met – even to give new life to the dead.

Our New Pastor of Discipleship

We are excited to announce that Dave Rennalls will be joining the pastoral team on January 2, 2020. Dave is a Canadian who graduated in Engineering from McMaster University in Hamilton. The Lord moved in Dave's heart so much so that he then moved to Louisville, Kentucky in 2012 to attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to complete his Masters of Divinity. He participated in the Pastoral Apprenticeship Program at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Louisville where The Lord gave him a heart for ministering in the local church and to help train the next generation of ministers in Canada. Dave is currently pursuing a PhD in Systematic Theology at Southern, and is married to Jenn (also a Canadian), and they have been blessed with three children (Timothy, Caleb, and Annabelle). They are very excited about returning to Canada and joining the Lord's work at The Met.

We are also very excited about Adam Callaway taking on the pastoral portfolio of Young Adults, Met 25-35's, and the Internship Program.



Young Adults & MET25-35 Ministry

Young Adults at the Met are praising God for his faithfulness to build up the ministry through the service of Daniel Gilman and Tim Stephens over the past few years. YA is flourishing and thriving on the tails of their time in leadership. Pastor Adam has now stepped into the role of YA Pastor and is aiming to continue to bring God's Word, build into the leadership team, develop the ministry theologically, spark outreach efforts, and continue to pour into the community. This summer, YA meets at Mooney's Bay on Thursday nights and are studying the one true Gospel of God throughout the book of Galatians.



MET25-35 is a growing ministry built on community and discipleship. This year we established new small groups, had various events, retreats, and outreach opportunities with lots of food! Please pray for God's favour and guidance as relationships develop with one another and with our Lord Christ.

Timothy Trust

The Timothy Trust hosted its first ever week-long summer school intensive on Biblical exposition! We had a fantastic turnout, full of engaging students who came hungry to learn and grow in their skills for interpretation and proclamation of God's Word. Students sat under the

teaching of Pastors Jonathan and Adam, dealing with subjects like – basic principles for exposition, text interrogation for faithful interpretation, preaching the gospel, and preaching Christ from the OT. Students were also given the opportunity to present short expositions from the book of Colossians, and to receive feedback from both peers and instructors. We are praising God for the work he did through this!



Met Missions

The Met Missions program continues to operate in 4 interconnected spheres: missionary support, missionary projects, short term trips, and communication and engagement (the Missions Conference). Your Missions Committee continues to reach out to our missionaries to build strong relationships and to pray for them. We also have the opportunity to serve our missionary communities through projects which help to accelerate their ministries. We are also excited about the 3 short term missions trip teams going to Rapid Lake, Guatemala, and Poland this summer. These are excellent evangelistic and discipleship opportunities for the 53 participants to engage cross-culturally. These trips provide important input for our congregants who may sense the Lord leading them into missions, and also fits closely with our commitment to evangelism and discipleship. To help prepare the participants we introduced a 1-day training experience to ensure that anyone who represents The Met, does so through exemplary service to our missionary hosts, and are equipped to actively engage in evangelism and discipleship. We encourage you to join us in prayer for our short term missions trip teams.

From our Ministry Board...

We are happy to share that Aaron Maley and Peter Hall were elected to the board by the membership replacing Mario Grenier and Doug McLellan. We continue to seek the Lord's guidance to hire additional pastors to serve The Met body. The board strives to be good stewards of our resources and seek to nurture biblical leadership and community that is learning and growing in obedience to all that Jesus has commanded (Matt 28:20). As elders we aspire to devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word (Acts 6:4). Join us in prayer that as a church body we will honour God in willingly giving of ourselves and our resources for His glory. Pray also for our leaders and the future leaders that the Lord would bring to us.

