

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday October 6, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 15:36-41

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

## “WHEN CHRISTIANS DISAGREE”

Lord’s Supper

Final Song

Benediction

*Into the world to live and witness for the Lord*

### Memory Verses for Junior Church:

#### Younger Elementary:

**Review:** “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

#### Middle Elementary:

**Review:** John 4:24; Psalm 29:2

## Missionary of the Week

### David & Karen Heska – SIM, South Sudan

“We’ve been blessed by our growing friendship with Deng Bol, our Arabic language helper. He was recommended to us in April and we’ve been meeting 3x a week with him ever since. One Sunday David was invited to preach at his Anglican church in town. Now during language lessons we’ve been asking him to teach us some Arabic worship songs so that on Sundays we can sing along too. Karen’s Arabic comprehension is about 2 months ahead of David’s, but we’re both trying hard. We’re grateful for your prayers as we continue learning. Thank you for partnering with us and please pray that we will make the most of the remaining few months we have in South Sudan.”

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## Families of the Week

Please remember to encourage and pray for the following families this week.

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Robinson, Percy & Sheila Mckalah
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Sadowski, Stella
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Sarides, Costa & Isabel
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Sarides, Nick
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	Sarides, Daniella
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	Schoenfeldt, Darryl & Diane Nathan, Ryan

# Rosedale Baptist Church



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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## This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Study – 9:30am  
Family Play Time – 10:30am  
Ladies' Study – 8:30pm  
(Heather Arnold's House)

Wednesday: Seniors' – 12:00pm  
Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm

Friday: Young Adults – 6:30pm

Saturday: Men's Bible Study – 8:00am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am  
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

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**Junior High Youth Group:** A new Junior High Youth Group will begin later this month. More details will follow!

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet:** Tickets for our anniversary celebration on November 16<sup>th</sup> are available for purchase today in the foyer. Cost will be \$10/ person and includes childcare (5 and under). Our guest speaker for the evening will be Pastor Frank Beerman.

**Worship Team Musicians:** If you play guitar or another musical instrument and would like to use your gift in the service of the Lord, please speak with Don Goulet or Kris Metcalfe.

**October Calendar Correction:** Please note that Sandwich Sunday will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> this month due to Thanksgiving.

## When Christians Disagree

Acts 15:36-41

- Church history and personal experience bear witness to the fact that born again Christians sometimes come into conflict with one another  
- Today we will learn three truths from a conflict that confronted Paul and Barnabus

### **I. Conflict is Unavoidable**

- 1) We live in a fallen world which is tainted by sin
  - a. Conflict is as old as the Garden of Eden
  - b. So long as we have a sinful nature, and live in a sin-cursed world we will all experience conflict
- 2) Even the Apostles encountered conflict!
  - a. Don't be naïve about the Early Church – they had many problems too!
  - b. Luke's honesty adds credibility to his book

### **II. Conflict is often Complex**

- 1) Not all conflicts are created equal:
  - a. Disagreements over doctrinal issues
  - b. Disagreements over moral issues
  - c. Disagreements over opinions
- 2) The sharp disagreement between Paul and Barnabus was an 'opinion' issue!
  - a. John Mark had abandoned his mission (cf. 13:13-14)
  - b. Barnabus' concern was for the spiritual wellbeing of his cousin (John Mark)
  - c. Paul's concern was for the interest of the missionary enterprise as a whole
- 3) Who was right??
  - a. No definitive answer given in the Scripture!
    - i. Luke's word choice in v. 38 may reveal a certain sympathy for Paul's position

- ii. Church in Antioch put their support behind Paul and Silas (v. 40)
  - b. Your instinctual response to this incident probably unmasks your personality
    - i. 'Task oriented' (Paul) vs. 'People oriented' (Barnabus).
    - ii. The Church of Jesus Christ needs both kinds to thrive, so learn to appreciate those who think differently than you!

### **III. God's Providence Rules over Conflict**

- 1) God is able to use our conflicts and human failings to advance His Kingdom purposes
  - a. Growth in John Mark's life – *"This strife was good for Mark. Paul's sternness helped change his mind and Barnabus' kindness encouraged him."* – John Chrysostom
  - b. Development of a new leader – Silas
  - c. Expansion of the missionary enterprise
- 2) God's Providence is no excuse for pettiness and sin among the redeemed people of God.

### **IV. Application**

- 1) Discern the nature of the conflict and carefully examine your own motives
- 2) Don't allow conflict to fester or to explode
- 3) Don't allow a conflict to poison your relationship with another brother or sister in Christ
  - a. Paul continued to hold Barnabus in high esteem (1 Corinthians 9:6)
  - b. Paul was willing to forgive John Mark (Col 4:10; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11)
- 4) Always give other Christians the benefit of the doubt when you come into conflict.