

Happy Father's Day

Sunday June 16, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 9:1-31

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

“TRANSFORMED BY THE GLORY OF CHRIST”

Closing Song

Benediction

Into the world to live and witness for the Lord

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

“You shall have no other gods before Me.”
Exodus 20:3

Middle Elementary:

“But in fact God has arranged the parts of the body just as he wanted them to be.” 1 Corinthians 12:18

Mission of the Week

Open Arms Mission

Over the past few months many renovations have been completed at the ‘Farm’. A garden has been planted which will help supply fresh vegetables for clients of the food bank. Two new services are now being offered to the public: Power washing for trailers, garages and homes and Lawn care.

- Please pray for the food bank, and donate generously as food items are unusually low
- Pray for the men who meet every Wednesday at the Farm. A number of participants have indicated decisions for Christ. Praise God!
- Praise God for the work of Celebrate Recovery and pray for our own Sue StAmour who helps to lead one of the weekly step studies.

Families of the Week

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

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| <u>Monday</u> | Kirkpatrick, Derek & Melissa |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | Legacy, Louie |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | Latulippe, Gisele |
| <u>Thursday</u> | Latulippe, Pastor Ron & Gloria |
| <u>Friday</u> | Leclerc, Denis |
| <u>Saturday</u> | McPherson, Pat |

Rosedale Baptist Church



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30am
Family Play Time – 10:30am

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm

Saturday: Men's Bible Study Cancelled
College and Careers trip to Toronto

Family Play Time: Rosedale is launching a missional initiative this week to help build bridges with families in our community. Each Tuesday there will be a Play Group meeting in our gym from 10:30-12:00. Any caregiver with children is welcome to come. For more information contact Heather Arnold.

Rosedale's Root'n Toot'n Round-up: Saturday July 20th, 11am- 2pm. We need everyone's help for our 75th Anniversary community outreach! Start bringing items for the Garage Sale and any Western themed items you have at home after June 10th. Sign up sheet in foyer.

Vacation Bible School: We will be hosting a morning VBS from July 22- July 26 for children ages 4-12. If you would like to register or volunteer please speak with Leslie Bellingham.

Niagara Challenge: Consider being part of a local missions project this summer. By registering you will learn about world religions and have an opportunity to share your faith. Please see Costa for more information.

Transformed by the Glory of Christ Acts 9:1-31

-The story of Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus is one of the most startling events in the book of Acts. So critical was this event within the unfolding mission of God that Luke tells it two more times in chapters 22 and 26

- Within Luke's inspired narrative we see three life transforming encounters in the life of Saul:

I. Saul's Transforming Encounter with Jesus Christ (vv. 1-9)

- 1) Before Christ Saul was a violent terrorist
- 2) God's Call on the Damascus Road
 - a. God's call comes first
 - b. God's call confronts us with Christ's glory
 - c. God's call leaves human pride in the dust
 - d. God's call is intensely personal
 - e. God's call is often the result of a process
 - f. God's call is always 'effectual' (John 6:37-40)
 - g. God's call entails a new responsibility (v. 15)
- 3) Are you still in awe of God's sovereign work of salvation in your life?

II. Saul's Transforming Encounter with the Church (vv 10-19; 26-31)

- 1) Saul is welcomed by Ananias (vv. 10-19)
 - a. Ananias obeyed with fear and trembling!
 - b. Ananias welcomed Saul into God's family:
 - i. With kind action
 - ii. With loving words
 - iii. With hospitality

- 2) Saul is introduced to the Jerusalem Church by Barnabus (vv. 26-31)
 - a. Paul's reputation as a terrorist still inspired fear three years after his conversion!
 - b. Barnabus ('Son of Encouragement') lived up to his name in the way he treated Saul
- 3) The example of Ananias and Barnabus in welcoming Saul into the Church sets an important standard for us here at Rosedale

III. Saul's Transforming Encounter with the Lost (vv. 20-30)

- 1) Saul's evangelistic ministry to the Jew first and then to the Gentiles began right away
 - a. His testimony inspired amazement in the Jewish synagogues of Damascus
 - b. His ministry of gospel proclamation closely resembled the ministry of Stephen
 - c. Saul ministered among the Gentiles for fourteen years in Arabia, Syria and Cilicia.
- 2) Saul's calling included humiliation and suffering for the name of Christ
 - a. Escaped Damascus in a basket
 - b. Death threats in Jerusalem
 - c. Physical beatings in Syria and Cilicia
- 3) Do we see our salvation as an end in itself or as a means to an even greater end?

Sermon Notes: