

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday June 30, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 10:1- 11:18

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

## “THE GENTILE PENTECOST”

Closing Song

Benediction

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

### Memory Verses for Junior Church:

#### **Younger Elementary:**

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.” Exodus 20:7a

#### **Middle Elementary:**

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.” Romans 12:17

# Pray for Rosedale

If you look at the calendar for July, you will notice how many activities are happening at Rosedale that have the potential to impact our community for the glory of Christ! As we enter into a busy month of Summer ministry let’s not forget that all of our evangelistic efforts must be undergirded by fervent prayer!

- Pray for the upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Outreach on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Ask that God would arrange divine appointments with dozens of people from our community.
- Pray for the VBS which will be happening from July 22-26.
- Pray for our new ‘Family Play Time’ ministry which has the potential to build bridges with many unsaved families from our community!

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## Families of the Week

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

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| <b><u>Monday</u></b>    | Muir, Muriel      |
| <b><u>Tuesday</u></b>   | Muller, Joe       |
| <b><u>Wednesday</u></b> | Nagy, Joe & Anita |
| <b><u>Thursday</u></b>  | Neufeld, Gertrude |
| <b><u>Friday</u></b>    | Olynyk, Steve     |
| <b><u>Saturday</u></b>  | Owen, Anna        |

# Rosedale Baptist Church



**Reaching up....**

**Reaching in....**

**Reaching out...**

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## This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30am

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm

Friday: College & Careers – 6:30pm

Saturday: Men's Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Communion Sunday – 10:30 am  
Worship on the Water – 6:00 pm

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**Membership Classes:** Membership classes will be starting soon. For more information please contact Pastor John.

**Communion Sunday:** Please set time aside this week for prayerful self-examination as we gather around the Lord's Table next Sunday.

**Worship on the Water:** The Evangelical Churches of Welland have organized an outdoor worship service on the 'IlluminAqua' stage, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Come worship with brothers and sisters from across our city!

**Church Picnic:** Our annual outdoor service in Memorial Park is scheduled for July 14. **Please choose an item to bring to the picnic from the table in the foyer!**

**Rosedale's Root'n Toot'n Round-up:** Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 11am- 2pm. If you'd like to help distribute flyers in the neighbourhood please talk to Pastor John. We also need donations of hotdogs and beans for the BBQ!

## The Gentile Pentecost

Acts 10:1-11:18

- In 1989 the Berlin Wall was destroyed and the Eastern and Western halves of a divided Germany were reunified  
- Today we will see God's grace in demolishing another wall in order to prepare the way for the Gentile mission

### I. Preparation of Cornelius (10:1-8)

- 1) Who was Cornelius?
  - a. A Roman Centurion (cf. Luke 7:1-10)
  - b. Stationed in a city of influence
  - c. A devout and generous 'God-fearer'
- 2) The Vision from God
  - a. God didn't send Philip (cf. Acts 8:40)
  - b. God didn't communicate the gospel directly through the angelic vision
  - c. God chose to send His Apostle on a groundbreaking mission to the Gentiles!
- 3) God's sovereign work of preparation in a person's heart usually begins long before the moment of conversion

### II. Preparation of Peter (10:9-23)

- 1) Demolishing the Dividing Wall
  - a. Jewish laws and cultural traditions were the biggest hindrance to the Gentile mission
  - b. God often challenges the Evangelist before He challenges the Non-believer!
  - c. Peter's actions in chapter 10 are remarkable for a devout Jewish man

- i. He resides in the house of an 'unclean' tanner (9:43)
  - ii. He extends hospitality to Gentiles (10:23)
- 2) What cultural barriers will we need to challenge as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission in our generation?

### III. Preparation of the Gentiles (10:24-48)

- 1) Peter was expecting one man, but God had prepared a crowd of eager listeners
- 2) Faith comes by hearing
  - a. Peter keeps the focus of his sermon on Jesus
  - b. Cornelius was not accepted by God apart from personal faith in Christ
  - c. The Spirit falls on the Gentiles while the sermon is being preached!
- 3) Peter witnesses the 'Gentile Pentecost'
  - a. Eager men and women gathered in a house just as in Jerusalem (cf. 11:15)
  - b. Supernatural sign of tongues given as evidence of Spirit Baptism

### IV. Preparation of the Church (11:1-18)

- 1) Peter's actions in Joppa were sharply criticized by his fellow Jews
- 2) God eased the Cultural Shock in two ways:
  - a. Provided 6 Jewish witnesses in addition to Peter's testimony (v. 12)
  - b. Manifestation of tongues provided compelling evidence of God's unfolding plan in a unique historical situation
- 3) Effective missionary work requires us to identify prejudice and cross cultural boundaries!