

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday August 11, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 12:1-25

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

**“GOD ALWAYS WINS”**

Benediction

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

## Memory Verses for Junior Church:

### **Younger Elementary:**

“You shall not steal.” Exodus 20:15

### **Middle Elementary:**

**Review:** 1 Corinthians 12:18; Romans 12:17;  
Psalm 81:1; Job 42:2

## Mission of the Week

### Operation Mobilization (OM)

Distribution of literature was a major part of the original vision of the OM ship ministry. The ships take books and Bibles to many who have never had access to these materials. Pray that many people will understand the gospel and be changed by what they read! OM is currently involved in helping Syrian refugees as the civil war continues to rage. These dear people are in dire need both materially and spiritually. Please pray for those who are serving in this way. Locally, OM had an information table set up in Port Colborne during ‘Canal Days’. Please pray that many will be touched by what they were told in conversation with OM staff.

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## Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Barrick, Deanna
- Tuesday** Bellingham, John & Leslie  
Daniel, Christina
- Wednesday** Bertin, Jean
- Thursday** Bilodeau, Ghislain & Vivianne
- Friday** Cerone, Richard & Carole  
Kaitlynn, Jonathan, Tiffany, Jeremy
- Saturday** Christian, Margureite

# 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' Bible Study – 8:30pm  
(Heather Arnold's House)

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm

Friday: College & Careers – 6:30pm

Saturday: Men's Bible Study – 8:00 am  
(Pastor John's House)

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**Baptism/ Membership Class:** Membership classes begin September 1 at 6:30pm and will last 6 weeks. Baptism classes begin September 1 at 9:00am and will last 3-4 weeks. See Pastor John if interested.

**Teen Challenge:** Representatives from Teen Challenge will be coming to Rosedale next Sunday share how the gospel has the power to transform lives. This would be a great week to invite a non-Christian friend!

**Missionary Visit:** Dr. Kishore will be with us on Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> to share about his ministry in India. Church Potluck followed by a presentation. Sign up in the foyer!

**Nursery Volunteers:** We are in need of one additional volunteer to join the rotation for our Church nursery. Please speak with Michelle Metcalf for more information.

## God Always Wins

Acts 12:1-25

-Because the purposes of our sovereign God can never be thwarted, God's people can rest confidently in the trials of life just as Peter slept soundly the night before he was scheduled to die - This final snapshot of the Apostle Peter in Luke's narrative contains three important reminders for all believers:

### **I. The Pretension of our Enemy (vv. 1-5)**

- 1) Satan is Defeated but Dangerous!
  - a. His doom was sealed at the cross
  - b. His stubborn pride keeps him on the prowl
- 2) Herod Agrippa was a Satanic Agent (vv. 1-3)
  - a. A wicked ruler from a wicked lineage of tyrants and despots
  - b. One of many 'anti-Christ's' who have come into the world (cf. 1 John 2:18)
  - c. A reminder that we are in a spiritual war!
- 3) A Hopeless Situation... ???
  - a. Fervent security from the Romans to prevent Peter from escaping a second time (cf. Acts 5:17-26)
  - b. Fervent prayer from the Church
  - c. What is impossible for man is possible with our God!

### **II. The Power of Prayer (vv. 6-19)**

- 1) Divine Intervention (v. 2)
  - a. *"An angel fetched Peter, but prayer fetched the angel."* - Thomas Watson

- b. Peter is sleeping soundly the night before his execution
    - i. Faith in God's Word (cf. John 21:18-19)
    - ii. Absolute trust in God's Providence
  - c. Have you learned to rest securely in God's sovereign hands?
- 2) Divine Comedy or Human Tragedy?
- a. The humorous story of Rhoda and Peter
  - b. A tragic lack of faith in the Church
  - c. Do we pray in faith, believing that God can accomplish the impossible?

### **III. The Penalty for Pride (vv. 20-25)**

- 1) Pride lies at the root of all sin
  - a. Pride is the futile attempt to usurp God's authority
  - b. Pride is the original sin that caused Satan's Fall
- 2) Pride cost Herod his life, his crown and his soul
  - a. He receives worship and flattery from the people and is promptly struck down by God in a very undignified way
  - b. Luke's historical precision here is vindicated by the Jewish historian Josephus (cf. *Antiquities* 19: 343-350)
- 3) God's Judgment may seem slow to us, but it is 100% certain – Our God will win the day!
  - a. The punishment of the wicked in this life serves as a gracious warning for humanity
  - b. No wickedness will be overlooked on the day of judgment when we stand before God
    - i. Are you ready to meet a holy God?
    - ii. Have you joined the winning team?