

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday September 1, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 13:4-13

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

“OPPORTUNITY AND OPPOSITION”

Lord’s Supper

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; James 1:5

Missionary of the Week

New Life Associates/ Kishore Family

“Both of us are doing fine and keeping good health! As a pastor, evangelist and television preacher, I am keeping busy with a number of assignments. Marie is such a blessing to us as a family and the ministry. She is always behind the curtain working unceasingly! Under her able leadership the Emory Multi-specialty Hospital is growing in strength. Our daughter Rebecca will join Fellowship in Geriatrics in Philadelphia in July. Our son is clearing all the exams to join his fellowship in Orthopaedics in the US next year. This will give him excellent training to treat patients at our Emory Hospital for years to come. Thanks for your valuable partnership over the years! We have achieved much for the Lord and much more is yet to be done.”

Families of the Week

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

Monday Holmes, Jeff

Tuesday Jean, Dorothy

Wednesday John, Aileen

Thursday Johnston, Glen and Wil

Friday Johnston, Tom

Saturday Jones, Gerry & Mary

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

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm

Friday: Young Adults – 6:30pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

Christian Foundations: Christian Foundations for 2013-2014 began today and will continue every Sunday morning at 9:15am. Over the next few months we will be working through the 'Truth Project' which was developed by Focus on the Family, and is geared toward the development of a Christian worldview.

Benevolent Offering: Reminder that we will be collecting a benevolent offering this morning in addition to regular tithes and offerings.

Men's Retreat: Rosedale men are invited to a weekend retreat in Parry Sound with Bradford Baptist Church from Sept 27th- 29th. Cost is \$80 plus gas. RSVP to Pastor John.

Prayer Updates: If you would like to receive prayer requests via email, please send a request to Gloria Latulippe: glorialatulippe@yahoo.ca

Opportunity and Opposition

Acts 13:4-13

- Our text today reveals a dramatic 'Power Encounter' between the Apostle Paul and a false Jewish prophet named 'Elymas'
- As we make the most of every opportunity and encounter opposition from the enemy, we can trust God for the outcome

I. The Opportunity (vv. 4-7)

- 1) Sent out by the Spirit and by the Church (vv. 3-4)
 - a. Beginning of the 'First Missionary Journey'
 - b. Spirit works through the Local Church!
 - c. John Mark (Barnabus' cousin) sent to help
- 2) Mission on the "Happy Island" of Cyprus (v. 4)
 - a. Homeland of Barnabus (cf. 4:36)
 - b. Located on a major trade route with good climate and many natural resources
 - c. Large Jewish population which had been previously evangelized (11:19-20)
- 3) Pattern of Early Missions
 - a. 'To the Jew first'
 - i. Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles, but never forgot about his own people
 - ii. Evangelistic activity usually began in the Jewish synagogues
 - b. '...and also to the Greek'
 - i. First notable Gentile contact in Cyprus was in Paphos (90 miles from Salamis)
 - ii. Invitation from the top Roman official on the Island – Proconsul Sergius Paulus!
 - iii. Saul's name change to 'Paul' is related to his Gentile mission

II. The Opposition (vv. 8-10)

- 1) Satan's agent: Bar-Jesus (aka. 'Elymas')
 - a. He was an apostate Jewish sorcerer
 - b. His Hebrew name 'Bar-Jesus' means "Son of Salvation"
 - c. His livelihood as the court magician was threatened by the gospel
- 2) God's agent: Paul the Apostle
 - a. Paul had acute discernment from the Spirit
 - b. Paul had prophetic boldness!
 - c. Paul exposes the so-called 'son of salvation' as a 'son of the devil'
 - d. Paul confronts the power of darkness with the power of Almighty God!

III. The Outcome (vv. 11-13)

- 1) Elymas is struck blind
- 2) The Roman Proconsul is converted
 - a. He saw God's power through the miracle
 - b. He was "astounded" by the gospel teaching
- 3) John Mark jumps ship

