

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday September 15, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church/ Missionary Update

- Jess and Willy Versteeg (Power to Change)

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 14:1-28

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

“GOOD NEWS FOR THE PAGANS”

Final Song

Benediction

Into the world to live and witness for the Lord

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

“How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.” Psalm 104:24

Middle Elementary:

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

- Ephesians 2:10

Missionary of the Week

Power to Change/ Jess and Willy Versteeg

“As August draws to a close, Jess and I are continuing to raise our financial support. We currently have 85% of our financial needs raised or pledged. To raise support we need to be in Ontario, and to do ministry we need to be in Quebec (although Jess is still able to work on the ‘digital strategies’ portion of her work since it is online)... We are trusting God, knowing ‘no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly’ (Ps 84:11) and that ‘The battle is the LORD’s’ (1 Sam 17:47). “ Please continue to pray for Willy and Jess as they raise financial support in order to resume their ministry on campus in Montreal. Pray that many students will be impacted by the gospel through the ministry of Power to Change, both here in Niagara and all across the country.

Families of the Week

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

Monday Latulippe, Pastor Ron & Gloria

Tuesday Leclerc, Denis

Wednesday McPherson, Pat

Thursday Meininger, Julius & Mary

Friday Metcalfe, Kris & Michelle
Keegan, Oliver, Jonas, Rael

Saturday Miller, Russell & Wendy

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
Niagara Prayer Group – 9:30am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am
Membership Class – 6:30pm

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.

Elisha House Fundraiser: Elisha house is holding a fundraising banquet on September 27th beginning at 5:15pm. Dinner is free, but a donation toward the ministry is requested. Please contact Sue StAmour this week to reserve a spot at Rosedale's table.

Niagara Prayer Group: Join with brothers and sisters from across our Region to pray for revival. This Saturday Eldon Thompson from the Centre for Evangelism & World Mission will be our guest.

Nursery Volunteers Needed: Please speak with Michelle Metcalfe for more information.

Good News for the Pagans

Acts 14:1-28

- As the gospel continues to spread southeast into Asia Minor, we encounter today one of Paul's most colourful missionary encounters as he and Barnabus are mistaken for two Greek gods!
- The story of Paul and Barnabus at Iconium, Lystra and Derbe reveals three important functions of the Gospel

I. The Gospel Divides Men (vv. 1-7)

- 1) Paul's experience at Iconium reveals a recurring pattern of Christian ministry
 - a. Some hear the message and believe
 - b. Some hear the message and blaspheme
 - c. Some hear the message and resort to mob violence
 - d. The first missionaries understand Jesus' difficult words in Matthew 10:34-39
- 2) The Gospel of Jesus Christ Divides Humanity into Two Groups
 - a. Those who bow the knee to Jesus
 - b. Those who worship idols in place of Jesus
 - c. **Application:** "One door and only one, and yet its sides are two - I'm on the inside, on which side are you?"

II. The Gospel Delivers Men (vv. 8-18)

- 1) Deliverance pictured through the healing of the lame man (vv. 8-10)
 - a. Deliberate parallel between Peter's miracle (Acts 3) and Paul's miracle (Acts 14)
 - b. The gospel takes the spiritually lame and enables them to walk!

- 2) A Terrible Misunderstanding (vv. 11-13)
 - a. The pagans in Lystra mistake Paul and Barnabus for Zeus (Jupiter) and Hermes (Mercury)
 - b. **Application:** Good works are essential, but they do not replace the verbal proclamation of the gospel!
 - c. **Application:** Be very careful that you do not make idols out of your heroes!
- 3) An Opportunity for Deliverance (vv. 14-18)
 - a. Paul and Barnabus declare the message
 - b. Their method with the pagans is different than their method with the Jews
 - i. No quotations from Old Testament
 - ii. Message begins with God the Creator
 - c. **Application:** Because our society is becoming more like Lystra than Iconium, we need to learn how to communicate the gospel with the 'pagans' in our culture

III. The Gospel Makes Disciples out of Men (vv. 19-28)

- 1) Paul counts the cost of discipleship
 - a. He is stoned to the point of death, but gets up and gets busy!
 - b. **Application:** The Christian life is not for the faint of heart! Have you truly counted the cost of following Jesus?
- 2) Paul and Barnabus actively make disciples!
 - a. They encourage the young believers
 - b. They appoint Church leadership
 - c. They report to their sending Church