

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday October 27, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 16:11-40

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

## "PORTRAITS OF GRACE"

Believer's Baptism

Final Song

Benediction

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

### Memory Verses for Junior Church:

#### **Younger Elementary:**

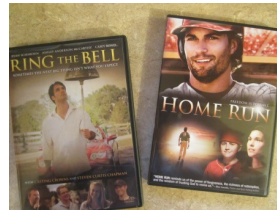
"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 4:10

#### **Middle Elementary:**

"Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture." Psalm 100:3

### New In the Rosedale Library

2 Baseball themed Christian movies released on DVD in 2013:



**Ring the Bell:** Sometimes the next big thing isn't what you expect (96 minutes)

**Home Run:** With God it's never too late. Freedom is possible (113 minutes)

# Rosedale Baptist Church



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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## Families of the Week

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

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Van Galen, Sam
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Warankie, Diane
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Warankie, Pat & Danielle
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Ynema, Ron & Willie
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	Arnold, Nelson & Heather Grace, Michael, Elizabeth
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	Arthurs, Gary & Bonnie

## This Week at Rosedale

Monday: Youth Group – 6:30pm

Tuesday: Men’s Study – 9:30am

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm

Friday: Young Adults – 6:30pm

Saturday: Ladies’ Bible Study – 8:00am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am  
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am  
FEB Day of Prayer - 6:30pm

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**Special Offering:** For the next three Sundays we will be taking a special offering for the Bekkatlas who serve with NCEM. Envelopes are in the pew. Please prayerfully consider how you can partner with this couple over and above your regular tithe.

**FEB Day of Prayer:** Next Sunday at 6:30pm we will be joining with hundreds of our brothers and sisters across Canada to ask the Lord’s blessing upon our Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet:** Tickets for our anniversary celebration on November 16<sup>th</sup> are available for purchase today in the foyer. Cost will be \$10/ person and includes childcare (5 and under).

**Lord’s Supper:** Next Lord’s Day we will gather around the Lord’s Table as a Church family. Please take some time before the Lord this week in self-examination.

## Portraits of Grace - Acts 16:11-39

- After following the Paul and Silas to the city of Philippi, Luke tells the testimonies of three of the Church’s founding members: Lydia, a Slave Girl, and a Roman Jailer  
- These three portraits of God’s grace reveal several important truths about salvation:

### **I. Salvation is a Universal Need**

- 1) Lydia was a wealthy female merchant who feared God (vv. 11-15)
- 2) The Slave Girl was an impoverished, demon possessed pagan (vv. 16-24)
- 3) The Jailer was a middle class servant of Rome (vv. 25-34)

**Application:** God is no respecter of persons when it comes to salvation. All of us are sinners in need of God’s grace – rich or poor, slave or free, religious or non-religious, male or female

### **II. Salvation is a Sovereign Work of God**

- 1) God took the initiative to open Lydia’s heart in an act of sovereign grace (v. 14)
- 2) The demon possessed Slave Girl was totally unable to liberate herself from the grip of Satan
  - a. Like this girl, we are all born enslaved to sin and unable to liberate ourselves
  - b. When God saves us He pays the ransom price with the blood of His own Son to free us
- 3) In grace, God broke through the Jailer’s sense of despair and hopelessness (vv. 27-28)

**Application:** Because salvation is a sovereign work of God, all of the glory rightly belongs to Him!

## **III. Salvation Comes through the Word**

- 1) Paul preached the gospel to Lydia and the Jailer
- 2) God permitted a demon to declare gospel truth through the Slave Girl!!
  - a. Satan often mixes truth with error in his effort to deceive and ensnare
  - b. The salvation of the slave girl is not stated outright, but it is strongly implied by the way Luke structured this narrative

**Application:** The Word of God preached is God’s divinely ordained means to bring the elect to saving faith! (Romans 10:17)

## **IV. Salvation Requires a Response**

- 1) Lydia heard the message and responded in obedience
  - a. She heard and responded in faith and repentance
  - b. She evangelized her household
  - c. She was baptized in water along with believing members of her household
  - d. She shows the fruit of repentance right away
- 2) The Jailer responds to God’s initiative with a most important question: “What must I do to be saved?”
  - a. Paul’s response: “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved”
  - b. The Jailer and his family trust in Jesus and are then baptized – faith comes before baptism!
  - c. The Jailer shows the fruit of repentance

**Application:** 1) Have you responded to the message in repentance and faith? 2) Have you obeyed God’s command by being baptized in water? 3) Are you manifesting spiritual fruit in your life?