

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday November 10, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Affirmation of New Members

Junior Church

Moment of Silence

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 17:16-34

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

“THE END OF IGNORANCE”

Final Song

Benediction

Into the world to live and witness for the Lord

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: 1 John 4:10; Ephesians 1:4

Middle Elementary:

Review: John 4:24; Psalm 29:2; Psalm 100:1-3

Missionary of the Week

Aileen John – NCEM

“Dear Rosedale Family - In Philippians 1 Paul writes, “I thank my God everytime I remember you... I have you in my heart... I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.” This is how I feel about you. Thank you for your ongoing love, prayers, and support. God has been answering your prayers and has been seeing me through the many challenges of school. In my absence from you, God has given me a small church family to belong to here. The form of worship/service is somewhat different from Rosedale but the people’s hearts are the same. I will be home for Christmas. My car insurance requires me to cross the border within six months. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Love Aileen

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Christian, Marguerite
<u>Tuesday</u>	Cimato, Dave & Stephanie Malyssa, Lauren, David
<u>Wednesday</u>	Denis, Gaston & Kim
<u>Thursday</u>	Denis, Esther
<u>Friday</u>	Denis, David
<u>Saturday</u>	Din Fowler, Nicoleta Tianna

Rosedale Baptist Church



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Monday: Youth Group – 6:30pm

Tuesday: Men’s Study – 9:30am

Wednesday: Seniors’ – 12:00pm
Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm

Friday: Young Adults – 6:30pm

Saturday: Ladies’ Study – 8:00am
Anniversary Banquet – 5:30pm

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am
Anniversary Sunday – 10:30 am

Newcomers Lunch: We will be holding a special lunch immediately after the service to welcome any newcomers to Rosedale. If you are new to our fellowship we invite you to join us in the overflow room!

75th Anniversary Weekend: Today is the final day to purchase tickets for the Anniversary Banquet next Saturday. Doors open at 5:30pm. Pastor Frank Beerman will be our guest speaker. For our Anniversary service next Sunday morning, Rev. Greg Patus will be preaching!

Samaritan’s Purse: Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back on Sunday, November 24th. Speak to Dave Terreberry for more information.

Budget/ Nominations Meeting: Our annual budget meeting will be held November 30 at 9:30am. All members are encouraged to attend.

The End of Ignorance - Acts 17:16-34

I. Paul’s Motive

- 1) Paul was deeply grieved by the idolatry that he saw in Athens (v. 16)
 - a. *paroxuno* = irritated; provoked to anger
 - b. “It is easier to find a god than a man in Athens” - Petronius (c. AD 27-66)
- 2) Are you grieved by the idolatry of our culture?
 - Paul’s deep concern for the spiritual state of Athens drove him not to despair, but to evangelism!

II. Paul’s Audience

- 1) Paul began in the synagogue but quickly moved to the *agora* (marketplace)
- 2) Epicureans
 - a. Life is due to the change collision of atoms
 - b. Our purpose is to seek pleasure/ avoid pain
 - c. ‘gods’ exist but have no interest in the affairs of human beings here on earth– no danger of divine judgment
- 3) Stoics
 - a. Pantheism - ‘god’ exists within the physical creation as the ‘world soul’
 - b. Fatalism – everything that happens is written in the stars and fixed by fate
 - c. We face life with a sense of resolve and duty to endure whatever comes our way
- 4) Paul is viewed with disdain and curiosity by both groups of philosophers
 - a. He is called a ‘babbling’ (v.18) – literally a ‘seed-picker’: a second rate philosopher who recycles and rehearses information
 - b. He is summoned to the Areopagus (aka. Mars Hill) to give an account of his teaching

- 5) Our contemporary culture bears some striking similarities with Athens!
 - a. Not ‘religious’ but ‘spiritual’
 - b. Religious pluralism/ relativism
 - c. Epicurian outlook
 - i. Everything is due to chance
 - ii. Pleasure is the greatest good
 - iii. No accountability to God
 - d. Unhealthy obsession with anything that is new or trendy (v. 21)

III. Paul’s Message

- 1) Paul uses elements of Greek culture as a springboard to share the gospel
 - a. Inscription to the ‘unknown god’ (vv. 22-23)
 - b. Quotations from Greek (pagan) poetry (v. 28)
- 2) Essential elements of Paul’s message (cf. Acts 14)
 - a. God the Creator -v. 24
 - b. God the Sustainer–v. 25
 - c. God the Father of all races - v. 26
 - d. God the Saviour of all kinds of people
 - i. God will no longer overlook ignorance!
 - ii. God will judge the world through one man – Jesus Christ
 - iii. God has raised Jesus from the dead

IV. Application

- 1) Learn from Paul’s flexibility in the way you share Christ with different kinds of people – do not assume Biblical literacy in a culture that looks more and more like Athens!
- 2) Affirm elements of our culture that point toward the truth about God and Jesus Christ
- 3) Stand firm on gospel truth even if it offends the sensibilities of our culture