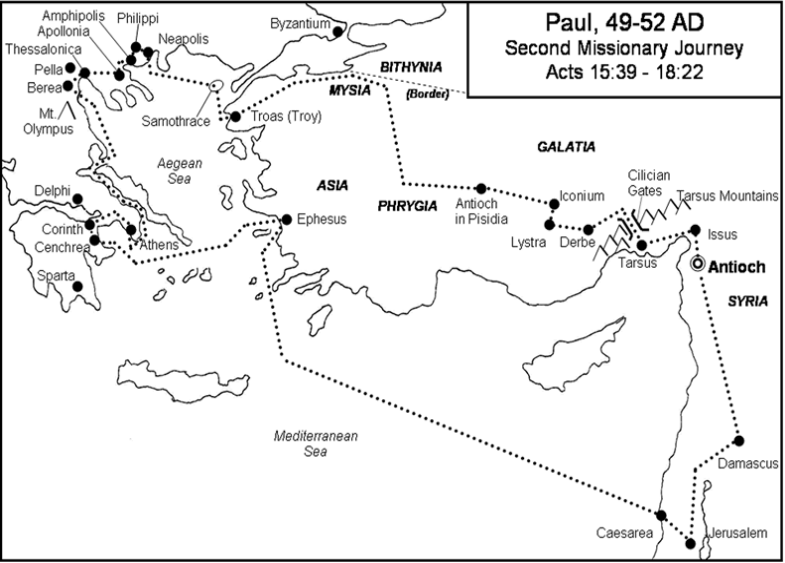


Welcome to Rosedale
Sunday November 24, 2013

- Welcome & Announcements
- Invocation
- Musical Praise & Worship
- Junior Church
- Family Prayer
- Scripture Reading..... Acts 18:1-23
- Message.....Pastor John Bellingham
- “ENCOURAGEMENT ALONG THE WAY”**
- Final Song
- Benediction



Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Goulet, Don
- Tuesday** Grilo, Lina
- Wednesday** Gyugyei, Andy & Hilda
- Thursday** Holmes, Jeff
- Friday** Jean, Dorothy
- Saturday** John, Aileen

Rosedale Baptist Church



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

Middle Elementary:

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

This Week at Rosedale

Monday: Youth Group – 6:30pm

Tuesday: Men's Study – 9:30am
Ladies' Study – 8:30pm
(Heather Arnold's House)

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm

Friday: Young Adults – 6:30pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00am
Budget Meeting – 9:30am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am
Communion Service – 10:30 am

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back today. Speak to Dave Terreberry if you forgot your shoebox at home.

Lord's Table: Please take time this week in prayer and self-examination as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's Table next Sunday.

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

Ladies' Cookie Exchange: Thursday November 28, 7:00pm. Bring 4 dozen cookies to exchange and another half-dozen to share over coffee and hot apple cider. Enjoy an evening of fellowship!

Ladies' Waffle Breakfast: Saturday December 7, 9:00am. Cost is \$5. Please sign up in the foyer and bring a friend!

Encouragement Along the Way

Acts 18:1-23

- When Paul arrived in the city of Corinth after preaching to the intellectual pagans in Athens the constant strain of ministry had taken its toll – Paul was weak and fearful! (1 Cor 2:3)
- In this condition of weakness, God encourages His servant in five ways:

I. Encouragement from Fellowship

- 1) Aquila and Pricilla (aka 'Prisca')
 - a. Christians from the Church in Rome
 - b. Ordered to leave Rome due to an Edict from Claudius in AD 50: *"Since the Jews were making constant disturbances at the instigation of Chrestus, [Claudius] banished them from Rome."* - Suetonius
 - c. Shared the same trade as Paul - Tentmakers
- 2) When we are feeling discouraged, one of the best places to turn for help is the body of Christ!

II. Encouragement from a Clear Conscience

- 1) Opposition and persecution didn't change Paul's core message: "the Christ was Jesus" (v. 5)
- 2) There is great freedom and encouragement in having a clear conscience before God even if the message we herald is rejected by men (v. 6)

III. Encouragement from Spiritual Fruit

- 1) A good report from Silas and Timothy (v. 5, *cf.* 1 Thessalonians 3:6-9)
- 2) The Gospel advances in Corinth against all odds!
 - a. Conversion of Crispus and his family
 - b. Establishment of a self-sustaining Church in the 'sin city' of Rome

IV. Encouragement from the Spirit

- 1) At a Critical Moment Paul receives a special reminder from the Lord
 - a. Do not be afraid
 - b. I am with you!
 - c. I have work for you to do here: calling my elect people to repentance and faith!
- 2) In the wake of this encouragement Paul remains in Corinth for a total of 18 months!
- 3) Are you immersed in Scripture and attentive to the voice of God as He speaks by His Spirit through His Word?

V. Encouragement from 'Common Grace'

- 1) Paul's ministry is attacked by the Jews on legal grounds
 - a. Judaism enjoyed tolerance in Rome as a *religio licita* (approved religion)
 - b. So long as Christianity was viewed as a sect of Judaism it enjoyed Imperial Protection
 - c. Paul's Jewish opponents were trying to get the secular authorities to view Christianity as an illegal religion!
- 2) Gallio unwittingly advances the gospel by refusing to intervene in a religious dispute
 - a. Paul doesn't even need to open his mouth in self-defense!
 - b. Paul's opponents begin to fight among themselves – but sometime later even Sosthenes is converted! (1 Corinthians 1:1)
- 3) God's Kingdom is not political, but God's common grace often works through the secular authorities He has put in place – Remember to pray for secular authorities – 1 Timothy 2:1-4