

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday December 1, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 18:18-19:7

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

**“NEW WINE AND OLD WINESKINS”**

Lord’s Supper

Final Song

Benediction

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

## **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:**

**Review:** “For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” Psalm 100:5

# Mission of the Week

## Jess and Willy Versteeg – Power to Change

“This past month Jess was invited to speak to global leaders responsible for the development of digital strategies to reach the lost with the message of Jesus. People now spend as much time on the Internet as they did on TV. The difference is that through social media people can be active and social rather than just passively consuming. This is a great opportunity to introduce people to Christ but it is often missed. Jess addressed the leaders about things she’s learned by experimenting with digital evangelism in Quebec.

Your prayers and support are making it possible for students in Quebec to reach their world!”

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## Families of the Week

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

- Monday**           Johnston, Aleda
- Tuesday**          Johnston, Glen & Wil
- Wednesday**       Johnston, Tom
- Thursday**         Jollymore, Morris
- Friday**            Jones, Gerry & Mary
- Saturday**         Jones, Ronald

# 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: Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm
- Thursday: Senior’s Christmas – 4:00pm  
(Welland Swiss Chalet)
- Friday: Young Adults – 6:30pm
- Saturday: Ladies’ Waffle Breakfast – 8:00am
- Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am  
Worship Service – 10:30 am

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**Benevolent Offering:** On the first Sunday of the month we would encourage you to bring an extra offering for our benevolent fund. Offerings that are designated for the benevolent fund are used to help people within our congregation and community who have practical needs.

**Seniors Meeting for December:** Please note that the Seniors’ Christmas Meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 4pm at Swiss Chalet. Speak to Muriel Muir for more details

**Samaritan’s Purse:** By God’s grace we filled 59 boxes this year which is a new record for Rosedale! Thank you for participating and please remember to pray for all of the children who will receive a box.

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

## New Wine and Old Wineskins

Acts 18:18- 19:7

- The transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant was a challenge for the Early Church, and this transitional period is illustrated by Luke by means of three examples:

### **I. The Apostle Paul (vv. 18-23)**

- 1) Paul’s Nazarite Vow (v. 18)
  - a. Nazarite Vow was part of the Ceremonial Law of the Jews (cf. Numbers 6:1-21)
    - i. Solemn vow to abstain from alcohol and to allow hair to grow (normally 30 days)
    - ii. Usually done to express thanksgiving to the Lord in a formal and public way
  - b. Why did Paul take this vow as a Christian?
    - i. An expression of his Jewish culture
    - ii. A way to gain trust with Jewish skeptics, similar to the circumcision of Timothy (cf. 16:3)
- 2) Christianity and Tradition
  - a. Traditions are not wrong or sinful as long as they do not compromise the gospel
  - b. As long as the Temple was standing in Jerusalem, Jewish Christians maintained many elements of their culture
    - i. Some practiced tradition with a clear understanding of God’s grace (ie. Paul)
    - ii. Others used tradition in a way that undermined God’s grace (ie. Pharisees)

**Application:** Unexamined traditions and ceremonies can easily lead us into legalism!

### **II. Apollos (vv. 24-28)**

- 1) Early Ministry in Ephesus
  - a. Jew from Alexandria (Egypt)

- b. An eloquent man, trained in Philosophy and Rhetoric – author of ‘Hebrews’??
    - c. Competent expositor of the Old Testament
    - d. Familiar with the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as taught by John the Baptist
    - e. A genuine Christian?? Hard to know for sure!
  - 2) Spiritual Formation under Priscilla and Aquila
    - a. They recognized a deficiency in Apollos’ knowledge of Jesus Christ and the gospel
    - b. They privately and graciously “explained to him the way of God more accurately”

**Application #1:** Are you humble enough to receive instruction from other believers?

**Application #2:** Are you concerned and patient enough to help others grow in Christ?
  - 3) Mature Ministry in Corinth
    - a. A very powerful preacher – probably more gifted than Paul in his speaking ability
    - b. Became Pastor of the Church in Corinth

### **III. The Ephesian Disciples (19:1-7)**

- 1) These ‘Disciples’ were NOT true Christians
  - a. They didn’t have the indwelling Holy Spirit
  - b. They did not know about Pentecost!
  - c. They had not been properly baptized

**Application:** This story does not support the ‘Second Blessing’ theology of some holiness groups or a two stage view of Conversion
- 2) Conversion of the Ephesian Disciples was unique!
  - a. Signaled the end of the Old Covenant era
  - b. Jewish Pentecost (Acts 2); Samaritan Pentecost (Acts 8); Gentile Pentecost (Acts 10); Pentecost for Remaining Disciples of John the Baptist (Acts 19)