

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday December 8, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... John 1:1-3

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

“IN THE BEGINNING”

Final Song

Benediction

Into the world to live and witness for the Lord

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: Psalm 100:3a, 104:24; Romans 5:8, 8:28;
John 14:21; Ephesians 1:4; 1 John 4:10

Middle Elementary:

Review: John 4:24; Psalm 29:2, Psalm 100

Mission of the Week

Church on the Canal – Allan Gallant

“God continues to bless. We have been seeing between 60-70 people attend our Saturday Night Gatherings over the last month, we have seen an increase in students attending ‘The Canal’ again, our van is consistently full of students from week to week, our offerings are getting more healthy, new financial donors are partnering with us and we are building stronger relationships with teachers and volunteers at the school we serve at in their breakfast club. Continue to praise God with us and pray with us that God would continue to grow His church. We are striving to be on mission with Jesus in the Kingdom.”

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Kaczmarek, Huguette
- Tuesday** Kaune, Ashley
- Wednesday** Kirkpatrick, Derek & Melissa
- Thursday** Latulippe, Ron & Gloria
- Friday** Leclerc, Denis
- Saturday** Legacy, Louis

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
Ladies’ Study – 8:30pm
(Heather Arnold’s House)

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm

Friday: Young Adults – 6:30pm

Saturday: Ladies’ Study – 8:00am
Men’s Study – 8:00am
(Pastor John’s House)

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

Christian Foundations: Next Sunday morning at 9:00am we will be starting a new video series on the History of Revival as taught by the late Baptist historian J. Edwin Orr

Christmas Luncheon: There will be a Christmas luncheon immediately following the morning worship service next Sunday. Pick up a tab in the foyer this morning so you know what to bring!

Salvation Army Christmas Outreach: If you would like to adopt a family in our community and fill a Christmas Hamper with food and gifts, please speak with Leslie Bellingham.

Christmas Eve Service: Our annual Christmas Eve carol service will be happening at 6:30pm on Tuesday December 24th. This is an excellent opportunity to invite non-Christian friends!

In the Beginning

John 1:1-3

- The Synoptic Gospels start with Jesus’ birth (Matthew & Luke) and with the beginning of His ministry (Mark), but the gospel of John delves into eternity past and tells us three astounding truths about the baby who was born in Bethlehem

I. The Identity of Jesus as the ‘Word’

- 1) The ‘Word’ - *logos*
 - a. Words reveal the content of our mind
 - i. Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God’s mind and heart (Hebrews 1:1-3)
 - ii. “If you’ve seen me, you’ve seen the Father” (Jn 14:9)
 - b. Words are powerful!
 - i. The power of human speech
 - ii. The infinitely greater power of divine speech
- 2) What’s in a Title??
 - a. A Gospel written for the Jews
 - i. God creates by His Word (Ps 33:6)
 - ii. God heals by His Word (Ps 107:20)
 - iii. God rules by His Word (Ex 55:11)
 - iv. God’s Word never goes out in vain (Is 55:11)
 - v. God’s Word is a fire and a hammer (Jer 23:29)
 - b. A Gospel written for the Greeks
 - i. Beginning with Heraclitus (550 BC), Greek Philosophers believed in the *logos* as an impersonal force which brings order to the universe and holds everything together.

- ii. John uses a well known concept from Greek philosophy instruct the Greeks!

II. The Pre-existence of Jesus

- 1) “In the beginning was the Word”
 - a. Echoes the opening words of Genesis 1:1
 - b. The Word existed before every created thing, indicating the uncreated nature of Jesus
 - c. Greek verb translated “was” indicates an ongoing state of being, not a coming into existence
 - d. “*The world was from the beginning, but the Word was in the beginning*” -Matthew Henry
- 2) The new beginning in Bethlehem
 - a. Jesus, the eternal Word, created the world and gave life to the first human beings
 - b. Jesus, the eternal Word, came into His fallen creation to restore it and to give spiritual life to Adam’s helpless race.

III. The Full Deity of Jesus

- 1) “The Word was with God”
 - a. John makes a crucial distinction between God and the Word – two Trinitarian persons!
 - b. Greek pronoun “with” indicates the relational intimacy that exists within the Trinity
- 2) “The Word was God”
 - a. Jesus and God (the Father) are of the same essential nature – 1 God in 3 Persons
 - b. Teaching of the Jehovah’s Witnesses that Jesus a created being is completely false

Application: Marvel at the Mystery of Christmas this Advent season. The Baby in the manger is the eternal Word who spoke the Universe into existence!