

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday December 22, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... John 1:1-18

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

“THE WORD BECAME FLESH”

Final Song

Benediction

Into the world to live and witness for the Lord

On the Morning of Christ's Nativity

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This is the month, and this the happy morn
Wherein the Son of Heav'n's eternal King,
Of wedded maid and virgin mother born,
Our great redemption from above did bring;
For so the holy sages once did sing,
That He our deadly forfeit should release,
And with His Father, work us a perpetual peace.

- John Milton

Mission of the Week

Church on the Canal – Allan Gallant

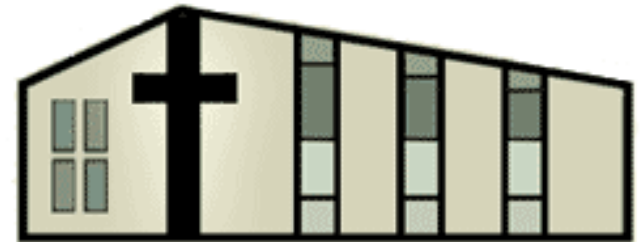
“God continues to bless. We have been seeing between 60-70 people attend our Saturday Night Gatherings over the last month, we have seen an increase in students attending ‘The Canal’ again, our van is consistently full of students from week to week, our offerings are getting more healthy, new financial 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** Morey, Eric
- Tuesday** Morgan, Terry
- Wednesday** Morog, Matt & Pauline
- Thursday** Muir, Muriel
- Friday** Muller, Joe
- Saturday** Nagy, Joe & Anita

Rosedale Baptist Church



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Christmas Eve Service – 6:30pm

Wednesday: **Christmas Day**

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

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

Christian Foundations: We are beginning a new video series on the History of Revival as taught by the late Baptist historian J. Edwin Orr. We would encourage you to come a bit earlier on Sunday morning so that you can benefit from our Foundations class!

Calendar Changes: Please note that many of our regular events and activities are postponed this week due to Christmas. **Youth Group and Young Adults are both cancelled this week.**

Salvation Army Dinner: The Salvation Army will be holding their Christmas dinner here at Rosedale. Please pray for this event and contact their office if you know of anyone who would like to come: 905-735-5700

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! **Please bring some treats to share for the reception after the service.**

The Word Became Flesh - John 1:14-18

- So far in our Advent series we’ve focused on two metaphors that John uses to describe Jesus. Jesus is the “Word” (vv. 1-3) and the “Light” (vv. 4-13). -Today we will focus on three additional ‘types’ that were fulfilled when the “Word became flesh”.

I. Jesus is the true ‘Tabernacle’ (vv. 14-15)

- 1) The Word became flesh
 - a. John writes against the ‘Docetists’ who denied the full humanity of Jesus Christ
 - i. Jesus was tired (4:6), thirsty (4:7, 19:28), angry (11:33), sad (11:35), able to die (19:30), able to bleed (19:34)
 - ii. Story of John and Cerinthes – *“let us flee lest the bath fall in, as long as Cerinthus, that enemy of the truth is within.”*
 - b. The doctrine of Christ’s humanity is absolutely essential for our salvation:
 - i. “Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He himself likewise partook of the same things” (Hebrews 2:14)
 - ii. *“That which was not assumed is not healed.”* - Gregory of Nazianzus
- 2) “.... and **tabernacled** among us.”
 - a. Jesus dwelt in a ‘tent’ of flesh just as the Israelites dwelled in tents in the wilderness
 - b. ‘Tabernacle’ is a foreshadowing of Jesus
 - i. Visible glory of God was once associated with the Tabernacle (Ex 40:34-35)
 - ii. God’s glory is now displayed in the Son!
 - iii. The arrival of Jesus has made the Tabernacle and Temple obsolete (cf. John 4:21; Matt 12:6)

iv. God is now with us – Emmanuel!

II. Jesus is the New Moses (vv. 16-17)

- 1) Moses and God’s Law
 - a. Greatest prophet of the Old Testament
 - b. Delivered his people from slavery in Egypt
 - c. Mediated the ‘Law’ at Mount Sinai
 - i. Law was a gracious gift from God
 - ii. The Law cannot save us! It only points a condemning finger at our sin
 - d. God revealed Himself to Moses as “abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Ex 34:6)
- 2) Jesus and God’s Grace
 - a. Jesus is a greater prophet than Moses (Deut 18:15-20; Hebrews 3:1-6)
 - b. Jesus delivers his people from slavery to sin
 - c. Jesus does for sinners what the law could never do!
 - i. He fulfilled the demands of the Law
 - ii. He paid the penalty for Law-breakers
 - iii. Through Christ Jesus all believers have received “grace upon grace”
 - d. God reveals Himself through Jesus as being “full of grace and truth”

III. Jesus is the Last Adam (v. 18)

- 1) Adam and the Image of God
 - a. Adam was created in God’s image to reflect God’s character and glory to the world
 - b. Adam failed in this responsibility
- 2) Jesus and the Image of God
 - a. Jesus has “made [the Father] known” – Greek verb = *exegeisthai* = ‘exegesis’
 - b. Jesus succeeds where Adam failed!