

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday December 29, 2013

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Missionary Update ..... Aileen John

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading.....Ephesians 5:15-21

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

## “WALKING WISELY IN 2014”

Final Song

Benediction

### Ephesians 5:15-21

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

# Mission of the Week

## FEB Church Planting – Karl Fortin (Quebec)

“This Christmas we launched a French version of the *Advent Conspiracy* which hinges on 4 themes: Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, Love All. On November 18 we held a press conference to launch the campaign. At our table we had 3 leaders of renowned non-profit organizations in Plessisville. That these people accepted to sit at our table and be ready to identify with our church is very big for us! For the occasion we put an upside-down Christmas tree in front of our church building. This has created curiosity in the community (a sign in front of the tree invites people to check out the web to understand why we did this). Also a newspaper article was published explaining our event, and the journalist expects to do a follow-up article.”

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## Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Neufeld, Gertrude
- Tuesday** Olynyk, Steve
- Wednesday** Pachkowski, Fred & Linda
- Thursday** Paladino, Pat
- Friday** Pettit, Bryon & Jess  
Eden, Isabella
- Saturday** Renaud, Robert

# 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 – 9:30 am  
Wednesday: **New Year’s Day**  
Friday: Young Adults – 6:30pm  
Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am  
Lord’s Table – 10:30 am

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**Christian Foundations:** We have begun 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 due to New Years Day we will not meet this Wednesday evening for Prayer and Praise.

**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.

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

## Walking Wisely in 2014

Ephesians 5:15-21

- One of the main themes in the book of Ephesians is the Christian ‘walk’ which flows out of our new identity in Christ and the gospel (cf. 2:1-2, 4:1-3, 17, 5:2, 5:8)

- As we enter into a new year, God commands us to ‘look carefully how we walk’, and Paul’s teaching in Ephesians 5 tells us 3 ways we can walk in a manner that is worthy of our calling:

### **I. Make the Most of the Time (vv. 15-16)**

- 1) The Brevity of Life (cf. Psalm 90)
- 2) The Uncertainty of Life (cf. James 4:13-17)
- 3) The Nature of the Times
  - a. Live with a sense of urgency!
  - b. *“Only one life, will soon be past. Only what’s done for Christ will last”* – C.T. Studd

### **II. Understand God’s Will (v. 17)**

- 1) Priorities of the Fool
  - a. Lust of the flesh
  - b. Lust of the eyes
  - c. Pride of life
- 2) Priorities of the Godly
  - a. Eternal Priorities
    - i. Relationship with God
    - ii. God’s Word
    - iii. Eternal souls of men and women
  - b. Temporal Priorities
    - i. Family (cf. 5:22- 6:4)
    - ii. Working/ studying/ retiring/ living for God’s Glory (cf. Chapter 4; 5:1-14; 6:5-9)
- 3) Most of God’s will for your life is already revealed on the pages of inspired Scripture!

- a. God is most concerned about your advancement in holiness and obedience
- b. *“God is not half so much interested in what you do as what you are. Therefore, the will of the Lord does not concern itself primarily about what you do. That is a rather simple matter. Once you get the real issue straightened out, what you do is relatively unimportant and can be handled very easily. What you are -- that is the big thing, what you are in every situation.”* – Ray Steadman

### **III. Be Filled with the Spirit (vv. 18-21)**

- 1) Spirit Filling vs. Spirit Baptism
  - a. ‘Spirit Baptism’ is a one time occurrence which happens upon conversion
  - b. We learn much about what it means to be ‘Spirit Filled’ from the Greek verb in v.18:
    - i. **Imperative** – a command
    - ii. **Present** – a continuous/ repeated action
    - iii. **Passive** – God is the subject of the verb, who does the ‘filling’
    - iv. **Plural** – a corporate responsibility
- 2) Results of a Spirit Filled Life
  - a. Holy Spirit is the controlling force in your life (note the contrast – Spirit vs. wine)
  - b. Corporate worship inspired by joy
  - c. Thankfulness
  - d. Mutual Submission