

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday January 12, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 20:1-12

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

## “THE EARLY CHURCH IN ACTION”

Final Song

Benediction

### Memory Verses for Junior Church:

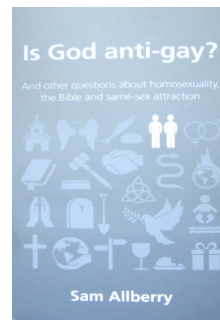
#### **Younger Elementary**

“This is how God showed His love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.” 1 John 4:9

#### **Middle Elementary**

“And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world.” 1 John 4:14

### New in the Rosedale Library:



“**Is God anti-gay?**” by Sam Allberry  
Questions about homosexuality, the Bible and same-sex attraction. Written by an Evangelical Pastor who tackles these issues from personal experience.

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## Families of the Week

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

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| <b><u>Monday</u></b>    | Schoenfeldt, Eileen                          |
| <b><u>Tuesday</u></b>   | Schoenfeldt, Jeffrey                         |
| <b><u>Wednesday</u></b> | Schoenfeldt, Darryl & Dianne<br>Nathan, Ryan |
| <b><u>Thursday</u></b>  | Scodellaro, Sandy & Denise                   |
| <b><u>Friday</u></b>    | St. Amour, Sue                               |
| <b><u>Saturday</u></b>  | Terreberry, Dave & Gabriella                 |

# 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: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm  
Friday: Young Adults – 6:30pm  
Saturday: Niagara Prayer Group – 9:30 am  
Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am  
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

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**Annual General Meeting:** The Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. All members of Rosedale are encouraged to make this meeting a priority.

**Niagara Prayer Group:** Niagara Prayer Group will be meeting this Saturday at 9:30am. Join with brothers and sisters in Christ from various Niagara churches to pray for revival in our region!

**Bible Study Groups:** If you are not yet part of a small group Bible study, we would encourage you to take the initiative to join one in 2014. We have a number of studies that meet throughout the week. Contact Pastor John for more information.

**Ministry Involvement:** God has designed the Church as a body where each member is using his/her gifts for the glory of God. If you do not yet have a place of service here at Rosedale please begin to pray about where He would have you to use Your gifts for the edification of this local body.

## The Early Church in Action

Acts 20:1-12

- These few verses in Luke’s narrative cover approximately 1 year of Paul’s Third Missionary Journey! During this time Paul re-visited the Churches of Macedonia and Greece which he had planted on the Second Missionary Journey. The Epistles of 2 Corinthians and Romans were both written during this time and give us further insight into the details of his missionary activity.  
- Although we must be careful about drawing doctrine from narrative (descriptive) passages, these verses help us to understand a few central priorities within the Early Church (cf. Ac 2:42-47)

### **I. Generosity (vv. 1-4)**

- 1) The Jerusalem Collection:
  - a. One of the crowning achievements of Paul’s ministry which is underappreciated!
  - b. Mentioned in Acts 19:22, Romans 15:25-26, 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2 Corinthians 8-9)
  - c. Intended to ease the burden of the poor and persecuted Jewish believers in Jerusalem.
- 2) A Pattern of Generosity:
  - a. A top concern for Paul’s ministry
    - i. Agreement with Apostles (Gal 2:9-10)
    - ii. Paul’s hesitance to place a financial burden on the Church (Acts 20:33-35)
  - b. A top concern for Luke’s writing of Acts
    - i. Selling of personal property (Acts 2:44-45, 4:34-37)
    - ii. Consequences of greed (Acts 5:1-11)
    - iii. Famine relief (Acts 11:27-30)

**Application:** A concern for us today?? Do our financial priorities reflect the generosity and

priorities of God? Do we love the brethren in both word and deed? (cf. James 2:14-17; 1 John 3:18)

### **II. Camaraderie (vv. 2-6)**

- 1) Ulterior motive for the Collection
  - a. Relations between Jewish and Gentile Christians in the Early Church were tense because of cultural differences
  - b. Paul hoped that the love and generosity of the Gentiles would help ease these tensions
- 2) A Display of Gospel Solidarity
  - a. The messengers mentioned by name and region in v. 4 accompanied Paul to Jerusalem as a visible expression of Church Unity!
  - b. Paul’s persistence in “encouraging” the churches also underscores the camaraderie that existed within the Early Church

**Application:** Do we see other Churches and Missions as ‘comrades’ in the Gospel or as ‘competitors’?

### **III. Worship (vv. 7-12)**

- 1) A Designated Day for Worship:
  - a. Early Christians met on Sunday instead of Saturday (cf. 1 Cor 16:1-2)
  - b. Jesus rose from the dead, and the Spirit was poured out on the first day of the week
  - c. Sunday is not a replacement of the Sabbath! (cf. Col 2:16-17; Gal 4:10-11; Rom 14:5-6)
- 2) The Lord’s Supper:
  - a. Observed during a communal meal called the ‘Love Feast’ (cf. Acts 2:42; 1 Cor 11:17-34)
  - b. Observed weekly in the Early Church!
- 3) Preaching:
  - a. Church’s insatiable hunger for God’s Word
  - b. Paul’s delight in preaching