

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday January 26, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 21:1-26

Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

"COSTLY DISCIPLESHIP"

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

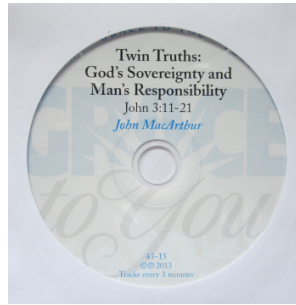
Younger Elementary

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Middle Elementary

"He is Lord of lords and King of kings – and with Him will be His called, chosen and faithful followers." Revelation 17:14b

New in the Rosedale Library:



"TWIN TRUTHS: GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY"

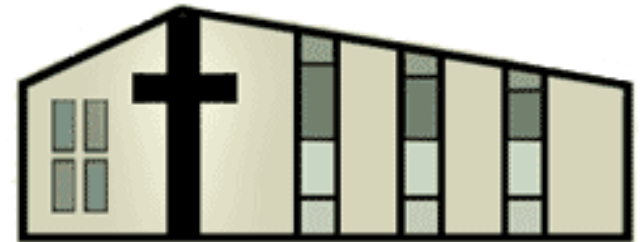
A sermon on CD by John MacArthur. Find the answer to the question, "how can salvation be solely a work of God, and I be held responsible for believing or not believing?"

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Ynema, Ron & Willie
- Tuesday** Arnold, Nelson & Heather
Grace, Michael, Elizabeth
- Wednesday** Arthurs, Gary & Bonnie
- Thursday** Barrick, DeAnna
- Friday** Cao, Rock
- Saturday** Cerone, Richard & Carole
Jeremy, Tiffany, Jonathan

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

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am
Lord’s Supper – 10:30 am

Outreach Committee: Pastor John will be heading up an Outreach Committee for 2014. If you have a passion for Evangelism and ideas about how you'd like to see Rosedale reach out into our Community with the gospel, please contact John ASAP. We will begin meeting soon (probably monthly) to pray, and to begin sharing ideas for the coming year. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved if you are not yet actively serving at Rosedale!

Parents Meeting for Junior Church: All parents who have children involved with Junior Church are encouraged to attend a short meeting on Sunday February 16 immediately following the morning service. We will be discussing how to best use the curriculum at home, as well as some important information related to our anti-abuse policy - 'Plan to Protect'.

Punctuality for Services: To respect one another and to minimize distraction during corporate worship, let's make a greater effort to be seated on time for Sunday morning services. Also please note that the back door of the Church is locked during the service for security reasons.

Costly Discipleship - Acts 21:1-26

- Having said a tearful goodbye to the Elders at Ephesus, Paul heads for Jerusalem knowing that suffering and imprisonment await him.

- Paul's journey to Jerusalem shows us what it means to count the cost of following Jesus Christ. Paul models *costly discipleship* in two ways: 1) His Inflexibility (vv. 1-16); 2) His Flexibility (vv. 17-26)

I. Paul's Inflexibility (vv. 1-16)

- 1) The Compassion of the Church (vv. 4, 10-12)
 - a. The believers love Paul and desire that he would be spared from any suffering
 - b. Paul's suffering in Jerusalem is continually predicted through the Prophetic Gift
 - c. The well intentioned warnings from these believers are reminiscent of Peter's words to Jesus (cf. Matt 16:21-23)
- 2) The Courage of the Apostle (v. 13, cf. 20:22-25)
 - a. Paul is travelling to Jerusalem under the compulsion of the Spirit (cf. 20:22)
 - b. Paul's final journey to Jerusalem parallels Jesus final journey to Jerusalem (cf. Luke 9:51)
 - c. Paul understood that suffering was an integral part of his gospel ministry (cf. 9:15-16; Colossians 1:24)

Application: Do we have a Biblical perspective or a worldly perspective on suffering?

- 3) A Perspective on the Gift of Prophecy
 - a. Prophecy is a gift of the Spirit that will remain active until the return of Jesus Christ (Rom 12:6; 1 Cor 12:27-31, 13:8-10)

- b. The New Testament gift of prophecy is best understood as "telling something that God has spontaneously brought to mind" (Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*)
- c. Prophetic utterances are NOT of equal authority with Inspired Scripture (Acts 21:4)
 - i. They must be sifted and tested against the Scriptures (1 Cor 14:29-38; 1 Thess 5:19-21)
 - ii. Our interpretation of what the Spirit is saying to us is fallible (open to error)
 1. The Spirit accurately revealed that Paul would be imprisoned, but the Church's interpretation of that message was clearly inaccurate
 2. Some of the fine details of Agabus' prophecy are inaccurate

Application: Do not despise the gift of prophecy (1 Thess 5:19-21), but do not abuse it either! The Word and the Spirit must always be held together.

II. Paul's Flexibility (vv. 17-26)

- 1) Legalists within the Jerusalem Church had started a false rumour about Paul
 - a. The relationship of Gentiles to the ceremonial law (ie. circumcision) was settled (cf Acts 15)
 - b. The relationship of Jewish Christians to the ceremonial law was still a very hot issue!
- 2) James and the Elders suggest that Paul make a public statement to silence his vocal critics
 - a. Paul must have agonized over this decision!
 - b. "*The truly emancipated soul is not in bondage to his own emancipation.*" - F.F. Bruce

Application: Has our discipleship progressed to the point where we can genuinely show love those who treat us with contempt?