

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday February 23, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Acts 23:31-24:27; 25:23-26:32

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Work for Junior Church:

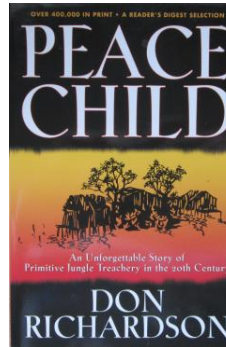
Younger Elementary

Review: 1 John 4:19; 1 John 4:9; Matthew 1:21

Middle Elementary

Review: John 1:12; John 14:6; John 13:34;
1 John 4:14; Revelation 17:14b

New in the Rosedale Library:



"PEACE CHILD"

A book by Don Richardson. An unforgettable story of primitive jungle treachery in the 20th century, and a reminder that every culture has elements that point us toward Jesus Christ and the gospel. From cannibals to Christ-followers – a true story!

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Holmes, Jeff
<u>Tuesday</u>	Jean, Dorothy
<u>Wednesday</u>	John, Aileen
<u>Thursday</u>	Johnston, Aleda
<u>Friday</u>	Johnston, Glen & Wil
<u>Saturday</u>	Johnston, Tom

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 – 6:30 pm
Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Corporate Worship– 10:30 am

Dinner for Doctors: Last opportunity to sign up in foyer! Friday, February 28 at 6:00pm. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Donations for the Silent Auction are needed – See Anita Nagy

Membership Classes: Membership Classes will start on March 9 and will meet Sunday evenings at 6:30pm for 6 weeks. These interactive classes will be of great benefit for everyone in our fellowship including existing members. Please speak with Pastor John if you would like to attend.

Ladies’ Study: New study topic starting March 18th. We will be studying the lives of twelve ‘ordinary’ women in the Bible who were made ‘extraordinary’ through their life-changing encounters with God. Meeting every other Tuesday evening at 8:30pm. Speak to Leslie Bellingham if you’d like to be part of this small group.

Discontinued Collections: Please note that we are no longer collecting Aluminum cans or Printer Cartridges. Thank you for your past support in these initiatives!

The Power of Your Story Acts 23:12-26:32

- In the closing chapters of Acts we see Paul making his defense before the Jews (21:37-23:11), before Roman Governors (23:12-25:12), and before Kings (25:13-26:32)
- Although Paul could have delivered lengthy speeches and sermons in his own defense, he instead chose to share his personal testimony!
- The personal testimony of Paul is of great importance to Luke since it’s repeated 3 times in the book of Acts (9:1-19; 22:1-21; 26:1-32)

The Value of Your Story

- 1) Reminds us of God’s amazing grace at work in our lives
 - a. Prevents spiritual amnesia
 - b. Prevents spiritual apathy
 - c. Prevents spiritual attack
- 2) Helps us Communicate the Gospel message to others who don’t know the Lord
 - a. Everyone has a unique story to tell!
 - b. Personal experiences are tough to refute!
 - c. Our contemporary North American culture loves to hear a good story
- 3) Glorifies Jesus Christ!
 - a. In your own spiritual life
 - b. In the body of Christ
 - c. In the non-believing world

The Structure of Your Story

- 1) Before I met Jesus Christ (cf. 26:4-11)
 - a. Religious/ Spiritual background
 - b. Former attitudes and actions
 - c. God’s sovereign preparation
- 2) How I met Jesus Christ (cf. 26:12-19)
 - a. Unique Elements of your story
 - b. Common Elements of every story
 - i. God’s initiative in confronting us with the gospel
 - ii. God’s initiative in opening our eyes to see the truth
 - iii. Our response to God’s initiative: Repentance and Faith
- 3) After I met Jesus Christ (cf. 26:19-23)
 - a. How did He change me?
 - b. How is He using me?
 - c. How is His grace working in my life right now to make me more like Jesus?

Application Point: Write out your salvation story this week if you’ve never done it!

- Longer version
- Short version
- Be flexible in how you share and what elements you emphasize
- Ask God for an opportunity to share
- Be ready when the opportunity comes