

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday March 30, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Judges 4-5

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

IRON CHARIOTS AND AN IRON NAIL

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Work for Junior Church:

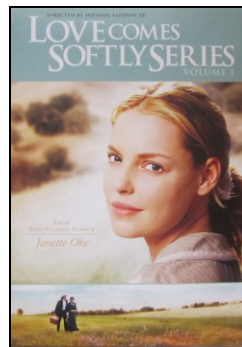
Younger Elementary

“Come, follow me.’ Jesus said, ‘and I will made you fishers of men.’” Matthew 4:19

Middle Elementary

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.” Luke 12:32

New in the Rosedale Library:



“LOVE COMES SOFTLY”

Three DVDs from best-selling author Janet Oke. 1) Love Comes Softly; 2) Love’s Enduring Promise; 3) Love’s Long Journey

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Olynyk, Steve
<u>Tuesday</u>	Pachkowski, Linda & Fred
<u>Wednesday</u>	Pettit, Bryon Eden, Isabella
<u>Thursday</u>	Renaud, Robert
<u>Friday</u>	Riesebosch, Jane
<u>Saturday</u>	Robinson, Sheila Mckalah

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
Ladies’ Study – 8:30 pm
- Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm
- Friday: Young Adults – 6:30 pm
- Saturday: Men’s Study – 8:00 am
- Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Communion Service – 10:30 am

Open Arms Fundraising Luncheon: Friday April 11th, 12pm-2pm here at Rosedale. Catered lunch, door prizes and a free will offering for Open Arms Mission. Please RSVP by calling 905-788-3800 or emailing: caitlin.oam@gmail.com.

Open Arms Collection: Open Arms thanks the Rosedale congregation for our ongoing partnership in food donations! Please note for the month of April we are collecting Canned Soup and Stew

Church Supplies: Help us stock up on supplies that are regularly used for fellowship events. Please take a tab from the foyer and return the item to Anita. Thank you in advance for participating and see Anita Nagy if you have any questions.

Lord’s Table: Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Lord’s Table as a Church family. Please take time this week in self-examination as we prepare for a meaningful time together.

Iron Chariots and an Iron Nail Judges 4-5

- Judges 4 introduces the third ‘cycle’ of apostasy and tells the story of two remarkable women of faith – Deborah and Jael
- Chapter 4 gives us a historical account of Israel’s victory over Jabin/ Sisera while chapter 5 gives us a poetic celebration of Yahweh’s salvation

I. A Cowardly Man (4:1-16)

- 1) The Consequences of Israel’s Sin
 - a. Slavery under King Jabin of Hazor
 - b. Loss of conquered territory (cf. Joshua 11)
 - c. Lack of spiritual leadership in Israel (cf. Isaiah 3:12)
- 2) A Contrast of Leaders
 - a. **Deborah** - the ‘prophetess’
 - i. Judges the people but does not function like the other Major Judges in the book
 - ii. A woman of great wisdom and ability
 - iii. A woman of great initiative and courage
 - b. **Barak** - the reluctant saviour
 - i. He hears God’s call but ignores it (v. 6)
 - ii. His reluctance to lead is not overlooked by Deborah or by God
 - iii. His faith in God is weak but is still commended (cf. Hebrews 12:32)

Application:

- a. Christian men – do not pass off your responsibility to lead!
 - Leadership in the home
 - Leadership in the Church
- b. Christian women – God can and will use you in incredible ways for His glory!

II. A Courageous Woman (4:17-24)

- 1) Jael’s background
 - a. A ‘Kenite’ – Woman of Midianite (Gentile) origin like Moses’ wife Zipporah
 - b. Most Kenites had joined with Judah (1:16), but Heber rebelled and made an unholy alliance with King Jabin and Canaanites (4:11, 17)
- 2) Jael’s courageous (and devious!) act
 - a. Invites Sisera into her tent under false pretences (recall Ehud!)
 - b. Kills Sisera in his sleep
 - i. Unexpected fulfillment of Deborah’s prophecy (4:9)
 - ii. *“He that thought to destroy Israel with his many iron chariots is himself destroyed with one iron nail.”* - Matthew Henry
 - c. Jael’s courage is blessed while the cowardice of Israel’s fighting men (Meroz) is cursed (5:23-27)

Application: Jael’s ‘crushing’ defeat of Sisera points backward toward God’s promise to Eve and forward to another great woman of faith named Mary.

III. A Celebration of Salvation (5:1-31)

- 1) God’s salvation provokes His people to joyful praise
 - a. Deborah’s song gives credit to God for Israel’s salvation (vv. 19-21)
 - b. Deborah’s song recognizes that God works through the obedience of His people
 - c. Deborah’s song celebrates the triumph of God over the forces of wickedness

Application: Does God’s salvation cause your heart to overflow in praise to the Lord? (cf. Eph 5:18-19; Col 3:16; James 5:13)