

Welcome to Rosedale

Easter Sunday - April 20, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Ezekiel 37:1-14

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

CAN THESE BONES LIVE?

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Work for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary

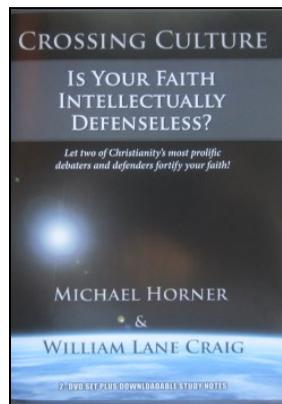
“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.” Psalm 119:18

“Lead me in the paths of your commandments, for I delight in it.” Psalm 119:35

Middle Elementary

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

New in the Rosedale Library:



“CROSSING CULTURE DVD”

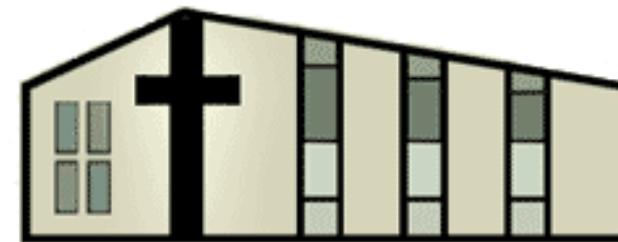
Is your faith intellectually defenseless? Let two of Christianity’s most prolific debaters and defenders fortify your faith.

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** VanGalen, Sam
- Tuesday** Warankie, Diane
- Wednesday** Warankie, Pat & Danielle
- Thursday** Wynema, Ron & Willie
- Friday** Arnold, Nelson & Heather
Grace, Michael, Elizabeth
- Saturday** Arthurs, Gary & Bonnie

Rosedale Baptist Church



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30am

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Friday: Young Adults – 6:30 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Study – 8:00 am

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

Welcome Visitors: We are glad you are with us today! If this is your first time visiting Rosedale please fill out the welcome card in the pew and place it in the offering plate, or give it to one of our ushers. Nursery and Junior Church are available for children age 9 and under.

Christianity Explored: If you are curious about what Christians believe or want an opportunity to ask questions about faith in a non-threatening environment consider coming to 'Christianity Explored'. Email Pastor John if interested and we will try to get a group going soon:
john.c.bellingham@gmail.com

Easter Missions Offering: This morning we will be taking a special collection for the ministry of Dr. and Mrs. Kishore (New Life Associates, India).

Summer VBS: Dates for Vacation Bible School this summer will be July 14th -18th. If you are available to volunteer during the morning, please speak with Leslie Bellingham. Consider spending a portion of your summer vacation serving the Lord!

Can These Bones Live?

Ezekiel 37:1-14

- Although the primary application of this passage is related to the restoration of national Israel, Ezekiel's vision of resurrection points forward in God's plan toward Jesus Christ, and sheds light on the resurrection in three significant ways:

I. The Need for Resurrection (vv. 1-3)

- 1) Israel's need as a fallen Nation
 - a. Israel had broken God's Covenant
 - b. The nation had been taken into Assyrian and Babylonian exile as an act of divine discipline
 - c. The dry bones symbolize the spiritual state of the nation – dead and hopeless (v. 11)
- 2) Our need as fallen Humanity
 - a. Just as Israel had broken God's Covenant, so too has the entire human race
 - i. 'In Adam's fall, we sinned all'
 - ii. The wages of sin is death – Romans 6:23
 - iii. Sin has terrible consequences in our lives and in the world we live in
 - b. We human beings all stand in desperate need of a heart transplant (Ezekiel 36:26-27)
 - i. We cannot do anything to save ourselves
 - ii. We stand before God guilty and deserving of eternal punishment – If God does not intervene there is no hope

II. The Power for Resurrection (vv. 4-10)

- 1) The life-giving Word of God
 - a. God created the universe by speaking
 - b. God raised the dry bones through Ezekiel's obedient preaching (vv. 4-6)
 - c. Jesus raised Lazarus to life by calling him to come out of the tomb (cf. John 11)

d. God still raises the dead to life as His Word (the Bible) is read and proclaimed

- 2) The life-giving Spirit of God
 - a. The Spirit of God enables us to believe and trust the Word of God
 - b. The Spirit of God gives us spiritual life by uniting us with Jesus Christ

III. The Hope of Resurrection (vv. 11-14)

- 1) **Partial Fulfillment:** Israel's restoration to the land in 538 BC under King Cyrus of Persia
- 2) **Greater Fulfillment:** The resurrection of Israel's Messiah – Jesus Christ - in 33 AD
 - a. Jesus raised the dead to life physically
 - b. Jesus claimed to have power to raise the dead to life spiritually (John 4:24-25)
 - c. Through His own Resurrection Jesus proved that He is the Son of God, and has power over death, and sin and hell
- 3) **Greatest Fulfillment:** The future resurrection of all of God's chosen People – the Church
 - a. Jesus' resurrection is a small foretaste of what is yet to come for believers
 - b. All have been spiritually raised to life 'by grace through faith' will one day be physically raised to live forever in the Kingdom of God with our living King

Application Questions:

- 1) Do you recognize your need for God's sovereign touch on your life, or are you still trying to earn your salvation through religion and/or good works?
- 2) Do you believe that Jesus Christ has the power and authority to give you new life?
- 3) Will you repent of your sin and turn to Him today?