

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday June 22, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Judges 16

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

THE WEAK MAN'S STRENGTH

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: Psalm 119:18, 35, 9-11; John 1:14, 6:68b

Middle Elementary:

Review: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Mission of the Week

Christian Salvage Mission

Update from a local pastor in Kerala, India:
"Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus Christ. The container of books reached here - Thank you for your prayers. We unloaded and started adding to our public library. Anyone can come and study here and take a book to their home for free. We have a plan to set up a library for all the pastors and preachers so that they can refer to theological books. In the future we will not only distribute books, we will make all the people come to use the library. We are also praying for the next container which is sanctioned. Thank you, Poulouse."

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Muller, Joe
<u>Tuesday</u>	Nagy, Joe & Anita
<u>Wednesday</u>	Neufeld, Gertrude
<u>Thursday</u>	Olynyk, Steve
<u>Friday</u>	Pachkowski, Fred & Linda
<u>Saturday</u>	Pettit, Bryon Eden, Isabella

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Monday: Youth Group – 5:30 pm
(Buffalo Bisons Game)

Tuesday: Men’s Study – 9:30 am
Ladies’ Study – 8:30 pm

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Men’s Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

Special Guests: Next Sunday morning some guests from our sister congregation (Church by the Canal) will be with us. Pastor Allan Gallant will be preaching and the Canal worship team will be leading our congregational singing.

Free 5 Day Kids Club (VBS): July 14 to 18, 9am – noon. Youth workers from Child Evangelism Fellowship will be helping lead skits and Bible stories. There will also be crafts, games, snacks and songs. All children aged 4-12 are welcome to attend. If you can help with this year’s club, please sign up in the foyer.

Community Carnival: On Saturday, August 9 Rosedale will be hosting a community event with a free barbecue, kid’s carnival games, silent auction to benefit Open Arms, tea, coffee, dessert and more.

Outdoor Service and BBQ: Our annual outdoor service and BBQ will be held in Memorial Park on July 13. More details to follow!

Worship on the Water (WOW): On July 6 at 6pm, the Churches of Welland are joining together once again for an outdoor service on the Aluminaqua stage.

The Weak Man’s Strength

- Judges 16

- This final ‘act’ of Samson’s story is the most well known and takes place in 3 distinct scenes:

I. Scene 1: Samson and the Prostitute (vv. 1-3)

- 1) Samson’s deepening sexual addiction (cf. Proverbs 6:20-35)
- 2) Samson’s reputation in Gaza
 - a. Samson is hated by the Philistines
 - b. The brothel is immediately surrounded by his enemies
 - c. God is using Samson’s foolish behaviour to stir up strife between the apathetic Israelites and the Philistines
- 3) Storming the gates
 - a. An incredible feat of strength
 - b. A humiliating defeat for the Philistines

Application: A foreshadowing of Jesus Christ who stormed the gates of hell (cf. Matt 16:18)

II. Scene 2: Samson and Delilah (vv. 4-22)

- 1) Samson’s foolish pride
 - a. Samson has now come to believe that he is invincible
 - b. He is so enslaved by sinful addictions that he has thrown away all common sense and spiritual wisdom – *“It is hard to say whether there appears here more of Samson’s weakness, or Delilah’s wickedness”* – Matthew Henry
- 2) Samson’s fall from grace
 - a. Total disregard for his Nazarite Vow
 - i. Philistines wrongly thought that the hair was magical

- ii. Samson wrongly thought that the hair was meaningless
 - iii. Reminds us that there is a close connection between the ‘sign’ and the ‘thing signified’ (ie. Lord’s Supper)
 - b. Abandoned by God
 - i. God’s removes His blessing and power from Samson’s life at this point – extreme discipline – *“If we sleep in the lap of our lusts, we shall certainly awake in the hands of the Philistines”* – Henry
 - ii. The greatest tragedy is that Samson didn’t even realize that God had left him

Application: Although God’s Spirit will never depart from a true Christian, our sin and disobedience will provoke God’s hand of discipline in our lives and upon our Churches (cf. 1 Sam 4:21; Rev 3:17)

III. Scene 3: Samson’s Last Stand (vv. 23-31)

- a. The Strong man is now totally weak and helpless
- b. Samson’s shame has become God’s shame (vv. 23-24)
 - i. We are God’s ambassadors
 - ii. Careless and ungodly living in the world reflects not only on us, but on the God we have been called to represent
- c. In weakness Samson is made strong again
 - i. Recognizes his dependence upon God through prayer
 - ii. Samson’s final request is still tainted by selfishness, but God still acts for His own glory

Application: Samson’s victory in death points us forward to Jesus Christ and His victory at Calvary!