

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday August 31, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Commissioning of Pastor Ron and Gloria

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Revelation 4-5

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

FOCUSING ON THE MISSION - 'REACHING UP'

Lord's Supper..... Pastor Ron Latulippe

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: "The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." Psalm 121:7-8

Middle Elementary:

Review: "He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; He hears their cry and saves them." Psalm 145:19

Mission of the Week

Child Evangelism Fellowship Summer Clubs

"CEF Ontario's summer ministry is a colossal effort. Hundreds of people and many thousands of hours make all of our clubs and camps work across the province. Some people don't really understand the importance of ministry to children. Those people might wonder, is it really worth it? Consider this: Is any effort too great when the result is almost 200 children stepping forward, as the Holy Spirit prompts them, to say "I would like to trust Jesus."? Is any price too high to see hundreds of children saved and on their way to eternity in heaven. That happened this summer. But there was more. The seed of the gospel was sown into the lives of thousands more children. Scores of young workers grew immeasurably through the things they learned and experienced. Only God knows what fruit will develop through them in the years to come." -Rob Lukings, Provincial Director

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Leclerc, Denis
<u>Tuesday</u>	McPherson, Pat
<u>Wednesday</u>	Meertins, Cedric
<u>Thursday</u>	Meinzinger, Julius & Mary
<u>Friday</u>	Metcalf, Kris & Michelle Keegan, Oliver, Jonas, Rael
<u>Saturday</u>	Miller, Russell & Wendy

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

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
Baby Shower – 12:00 pm

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

Christian Foundations: Christian Foundations will be starting again next Sunday morning at 9am with a new series on the Attributes of God by Dr. Steven J. Lawson

True Women Conference: October 9-11, Indianapolis. The cost to attend this event will be \$149 for registration plus gas and accommodations. If you would like to register for this excellent conference please speak to Leslie Bellingham. For more information see www.truewoman14.com

Church Membership: The Elders are recommending the following candidates to the congregation, to be affirmed next Sunday morning: **Carole, Richard & Tiffany Cerone; Denise Gagnon; Ashley Kaune; Stuart Muir; Bryon Pettit, Julius & Mary Meinzinger.** If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Elders.

Open Arms Mission: For the month of September we will be collecting Pasta Sauce for Open Arms

Focusing on the Mission Part 1: 'Reaching Up'

- Our mission statement at Rosedale is three pronged (Reaching up, Reaching in, Reaching out) and for the next three Sundays we will be refocusing on our mission and vision as God's people here in Welland

- This morning we begin with a glorious passage from Revelation 4-5 which helps us to understand what it means to be a true worshipper of God

I. The Object of Worship

- 1) God the Father
 - a. Enthroned in the true, heavenly Temple of which the Jewish Tabernacle and Temple were earthly types and shadows
 - b. He is an indescribably glorious King
 - c. Emphasis is on God's **transcendence**
- 2) God the Son
 - a. Symbolized in chapter 4 by the 'sea' (laver) in front of the throne
 - b. Symbolized in chapter 5 as a lion-like Lamb and as a lamb-like Lion: meekness and majesty!
 - i. Horns are a symbol of power
 - ii. Eyes are a symbol of knowledge
 - c. The 'root of David'
 - d. The only One in all of creation found worthy to open the scroll
- 3) God the Spirit
 - a. Symbolized in chapter 4 by seven burning lamps (golden candlestick)
 - b. Symbolized in chapter 5 by seven eyes
- 4) All of the worship in these two chapters is **Trinitarian**– "holy, holy, holy"

Application: How accurate is your view of the God we claim to love and worship? This picture of God's throne room should humble us and leave us in awe of the holiness and transcendence of our Triune God (cf. Isaiah 6)

II. The Subjects of Worship

- 1) Twenty-four elders
 - a. Most likely angelic ministers
 - b. Number 24 signifies their priestly role (cf. 1 Chronicles 24:4-5)
- 2) Four Living Creatures
 - a. Most likely Cherubim (cf. Ezekiel 10)
 - b. Represent what is most noble, wise, strong and swift in God's creation
- 3) Myriads of Angels
- 4) Every created thing in heaven and on earth

Application: We humans do not offer God anything that He does not already have. Myriads of angels are worshipping Him as we speak. Nevertheless, worship is the purpose for which God created the world and the goal of history. In a real sense God is also the ultimate subject of worship, because He is the source of all worshippers through creation (4:11) and through redemption (5:9). Because the worship of God is our purpose, we will find ourselves most satisfied when God is most glorified in and through us.

III. The Reason for Worship

- 1) He is our Creator (chapter 4)
- 2) He is our Redeemer (chapter 5)
- 3) He alone is worthy!
 - a. The word 'worthy' points us away from ourselves and toward God
 - b. Get your eyes off yourself and onto God