

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday September 7, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... 1 Corinthians 12

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

**FOCUSING ON THE MISSION - 'REACHING IN'**

Affirmation of New Members

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 (Review verses 1-8)

### **Middle Elementary:**

**Review:** "He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; He hears their cry and saves them." Psalm 145:19 (Review verses 9, 13b, 14,18,19)

## New in the Rosedale Library:



**'King's Faith** – a movie on DVD. Eighteen foster homes... Nine arrests... One life-changing moment. "A powerful story of the transforming power of faith."

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## **Families of the Week**

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

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Morey, Eric
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Morgan, Terry
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Morog, Matt & Pauline
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Muir, Lynne
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	Muir, Muriel
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	Muir, Stuart

# ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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## This Week at Rosedale

- Monday: Youth Group – 6:30 pm  
Tuesday: Men’s Study – 9:30 am  
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

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**Christian Foundations:** Our Christian Foundation class started again this morning with a new teaching series on the Attributes of God by Dr. Steven J. Lawson. Christian Foundations meets upstairs every Sunday morning at 9am.

**Men’s Retreat:** September 19-21. All Rosedale men (including high school and young adults) are invited our second annual men’s fishing/golf retreat in Parry Sound. The weekend includes Bible teaching, fellowship and worship with several other Churches from the Bradford area. The cost (including food and accommodations) is \$80 plus gas for transportation. RSVP to Pastor John if you would like to come.

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

**Benevolent Offering:** Reminder that this morning we are collecting our monthly benevolent offering which is used to meet practical needs in our church fellowship.

## Focusing on the Mission Part II: ‘Reaching In’

- Today we continue our series with a look at 1 Corinthians 12 which helps us to understand what it means to be a member of the body of Christ

### **I. The Unity of the Body (vv. 1-13)**

- 1) Paul’s image of the Church as a ‘body’
  - a. Paul uses this image in Ephesians 4:15-16 to speak about the universal church
  - b. Paul uses this image in 1 Corinthians 12 to speak about the local church
  - c. We become members of the universal church through Spirit Baptism and the new birth, but we become members of the local church through Water Baptism and voluntary association (ie. Church Membership). *The New Testament teaches that each born again, baptized member of the universal church is also to be an active member of a local church.*
- 2) Emphasis on Unity
  - a. All Spiritual Gifts are given by Holy Spirit
    - i. Distribution of spiritual gifts emphasizes God’s sovereignty
    - ii. Distribution of spiritual gifts emphasizes the Spirit’s deity and personhood – He is not a force, but a real person with a real will!
  - b. All Spiritual Gifts are given to believers for the common good (v. 7)

### **II. The Diversity of the Body (vv. 14-20)**

- 1) Church Unity is not Church Uniformity

- a. Corinthians were exalting some spiritual gifts (ie. tongues) over others, and Paul is writing to correct their error
  - b. Uniformity within any local Church will stifle creativity and will eventually lead to death
- 2) The ideal model for a healthy church is unity in diversity – one body with many members
- a. The Trinity is our ultimate model – One God in Three Persons; One Church with many members
  - b. Diversity only leads to disunity when members compete with one another

### **III. The Necessity of the Body (vv. 21-31)**

- 1) The Church is Christ’s body on earth – *“here is the supreme glory of the Christian man – he is part of the body of Christ upon earth”* – William Barclay
  - a. The guardian and pillar of truth
  - b. The ambassadors of Christ and His Kingdom
  - c. Salt and light in a dark world
- 2) Membership in the local body guards us against the two sins of pride and envy
- 3) Membership in the local body forces us to recognize our interdependence and to forsake our cultural spirit of independence – *“To no one does He give all the gifts, lest anyone satisfied with his particular portion should separate himself from others and live solely for himself”* – John Calvin
- 4) Membership in the local body makes us accountable to spiritual authority
- 5) Membership in the body gives us a venue for Christian service

