

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday September 28, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... 1 John 1:1-4

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

THE LIFE-GIVING WORD

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

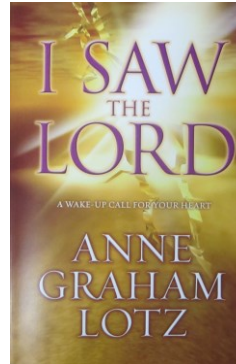
Younger Elementary:

Review: “The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.” Psalm 121:5-6

Middle Elementary:

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him. – 1 Corinthians 2:9

New in the Rosedale Library:



I Saw the Lord– a book by Anne Graham Lotz. If a fresh vision of God could transform Isaiah into the greatest of the Old Testament prophets, what difference would it make if you truly saw the Lord?

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Schoenfeldt, Jeffrey
<u>Tuesday</u>	Schoenfeldt, Darryl & Diane Nathan, Ryan
<u>Wednesday</u>	Scodellaro, Sandy & Denise
<u>Thursday</u>	St. Amour, Sue
<u>Friday</u>	Terreberry, Dave & Gabriella
<u>Saturday</u>	Turton, Paul & Val

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
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
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

Open Arms Luncheon: Open Arms Mission will be holding a Thanksgiving Fundraising Luncheon on Thursday October 9th, 12:00pm. If you would like to attend please call 905-788-3800 before October 7th.

“Challenging Islam”: Glenridge Bible Church is hosting a presentation tonight at 6:30pm by noted Christian evangelist and apologist Jay Smith. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about Islam from someone who is on the front lines of ministry in the UK.

Small Group Studies: Rosedale has a number of small group Bible studies that meet throughout the week. If you are not yet part of a small group community and would like to grow in your walk with the Lord, consider joining one this Fall. For more information please contact Pastor John – john.c.bellingham@gmail.com

The Life-Giving Word

1 John 1:1-4

- As we begin a new series in the Epistles of John we will introduce this wonderful little book this morning and look at two of the Apostle’s main purposes in writing a general letter to the Churches of Asia Minor

I. Introductory Issues

- 1) Author – John the Apostle
 - a. Supported by internal evidence
 - i. Similar content, vocabulary and writing style to John’s Gospel
 - ii. Written by an eyewitness
 - iii. Written in authoritative tone
 - b. Supported by external evidence in early Church (Polycarp and Irenaeus)
- 2) Date – around 90 AD
 - a. Probably written after the Gospel and before Domitian’s persecution of the Christians
 - b. John was writing this letter as an old man and as the last living Apostle
- 3) Location - Ephesus/ Asia Minor (modern day country of Turkey)

II. John’s Polemical Purpose (vv. 1-2)

- 1) The ‘Gnostic’ Challenge to Christianity
 - a. The Gnostics tried to mix popular Greek philosophy with Christian theology
 - b. Taught that the material world/physical body was evil, while the spiritual world/soul was good
 - i. Some Gnostics were very strict and severe in their treatment of the body (asceticism)
 - ii. Other Gnostics were openly immoral and lascivious
- c. All Gnostics denied that God could have taken on human flesh – called ‘Docetism’ (Jesus only ‘seemed’ to be human)

2) John’s Response to Gnosticism

- a. Jesus was eternally God (v. 1)
- b. God took on genuine human flesh and was historically manifested in the person of Jesus Christ (vv. 1-2)

Application Points:

- The attempt to compromise the apostolic gospel of Jesus Christ by blending it with popular philosophies is still a major challenge today!
- The Christian faith stands or falls on the historicity of Jesus Christ! If there was no historical incarnation, crucifixion or resurrection there is no salvation for the human race.

IV. John’s Pastoral Purpose (vv. 3-4)

- 1) Experience of Fellowship
 - a. With the Triune God
 - b. With one another
- 2) Experience of Joy

Application Points:

- It is impossible to have fellowship with the Father if we reject the Bible’s teaching about His Son
- A relationship with Jesus Christ, lived out within the Church family becomes our greatest joy