

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday October 19, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... 1 John 2:1-2

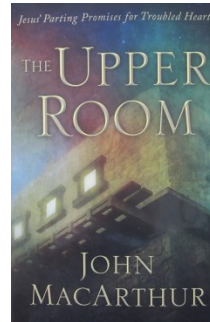
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

## JESUS CHRIST OUR ADVOCATE

Final Song

Benediction

### New in the Rosedale Library:



**The Upper Room**– During those final hours before Jesus’ betrayal He gave his disciples – and consequently all believers – His parting promises. Pastor John MacArthur takes us back to that night and our hope in Christ.

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**“Dream not that we hate sin merely because of the hell which follows after it. If there were no heaven for the righteous the sons of God would still follow after goodness, because their regenerated spirit pants for it; and if there would be no hell for the wicked, from the necessity of his new-born nature the true Christian would strive to escape from all iniquity. Loved by God, we feel we must love Him in return. Richly, yea, divinely forgiven we feel we cannot live any longer in sin.”**

- C.H. Spurgeon, ‘The Sinner’s Advocate’- 1863

### **Families of the Week**

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

**Monday** Denis, Gaston & Kim

**Tuesday** Denis, Esther

**Wednesday** Denis, David

**Thursday** DinFowler, Nikki  
Tianna

**Friday** Dodge, Nick

**Saturday** Doiron, Brenda

# 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: Missionary Speaker – 7:00 pm

Friday: Young Adults -

Saturday: Ladies’ Study – 8:00 am  
Niagara Prayer Group – 9:30 am

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

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**Missionary Speaker:** This Wednesday at 7pm we are hosting a Pastor from Cuba named David Moreno Jr. who is affiliated with Intercede International. Pastor Moreno will be telling us what God is doing in Cuba and we will have a time of prayer immediately following the presentation.

**Thanksgiving Offering:** For the next two weeks we are collecting a special Thanksgiving offering for the ministry of Gilbert and Laura Bekkatla (NCEM). Envelopes for this special offering are available in the pew.

**Rosedale Anniversary:** On November 9<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate 76 years of God’s faithfulness! Please sign up for the luncheon, indicating how many will attend and what you are able to bring. There is a list of items that are needed in the foyer.

**Birthday Gift for Aileen John:** If you would like to contribute toward a gift card for Aileen John, there is a basket in the Foyer. Aileen is in Missouri preparing for missionary service with NCEM.

## Jesus Christ our Advocate

1 John 2:1-2

- Last time we looked at a series of 5 “if” statements in chapter 1:5-10 and this morning we consider the last of these “if” statements which gives us a tremendous basis for assurance

### **I. Our Attitude in the Church**

#### 1) Legalism

- a. In the previous passage (1:5-10) John has emphasized the forgiveness that is ours when we confess our sins
- b. The strong emphasis on forgiveness in 1:5-10 runs contrary to the legalism of the false teachers in Ephesus
  - i. Gnostics who felt they could overcome sin by self-effort
  - ii. Perfectionists who were boasting that they had conquered sin

#### 2) Licence

- a. In 2:1 John addresses a possible misunderstanding: the belief that forgiveness of sin is a licence to do whatever we please - ‘*Antinomianism*’
- b. John deals with two types of wrong attitudes: Legalism and Antinomianism

### **Application**

- The love of God and the forgiveness of God as shown in Jesus Christ and the gospel gives us a tremendous motivation not to sin!  
Love is a more potent motivator than fear  
- God’s Word points us constantly to God’s free grace in Christ so that we will not sin

## **II. Our Advocate in God’s Courtroom**

- 1) The Accused – you and me!
  - a. Accusations from the Devil
  - b. Accusations from the world
  - c. Accusations from a guilty conscience
- 2) The Judge – God the Father
- 3) The Defense Lawyer – Jesus Christ
  - a. He is our *paraklete* – one who is ‘called alongside’ to speak on our behalf
    - i. Jesus is our advocate in heaven
    - ii. The Holy Spirit is our advocate on earth (John 14:16)
  - b. He is perfectly righteous
  - c. He is 100% effective

## **III. Our Priest in God’s Temple**

- 1) A Sacrifice for our Sins
  - a. The word ‘propitiation’ is linked with temple sacrifice in the Old Testament
  - b. Our sins have been removed
  - c. God’s holy wrath has been turned away
    - i. Not a picture of a vindictive Father and a benevolent Son
    - ii. The loving Father provides the sacrifice that His justice demands– 4:9-10
- 2) A Sacrifice for the Sins of the World
  - a. Not a universal salvation – cf. John 3:36
  - b. ‘World’ here must indicate all people without distinction (Jews and Gentiles), not all people without exception

### **Application:**

- If you know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour you have a firm basis for assurance!  
- Our Priest offered Himself once for all for the sins of believers everywhere

- Our Priest continually intercedes on behalf of each one of us

Is 41:10; Psalm 145:13