

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday October 26, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... 1 John 2:3-6

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

KNOWING THAT WE KNOW

Final Song

Benediction

“The certainty of salvation enjoyed by the saints of God is not mere conjecture and probability based upon a fallible hope, but an infallible assurance of faith based upon the blood and righteousness of Christ revealed in the gospel. It also results from the inward evidences of the graces of the Holy Spirit, for to those graces God speaks promises. Then again, it is based upon the testimony of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of adoption, for He bears His witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. Such witness results in the keeping of our hearts both humble and holy.”

- 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith: “Assurance”

Mission of the Week

Church by the Canal – Allan & Bonnie Gallant

Many from the Canal used the summer months to reach out to neighbours and to get involved in activities to build relationships with nonbelievers. Two couples joined a ball hockey league. A couple of house parties saw many unchurched people attend and connect with people from the Canal. We also hosted 3 outdoor movie nights this summer. Our best showing was in August – we saw 100 people attend who were mostly from the immediate neighbourhood. Please continue to pray that believers from the Canal will make strong friendships in their neighbourhoods and workplaces and that gospel conversations will happen with unchurched people.

Families of the Week

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

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| <u>Monday</u> | Evans, Tanya Aedan |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | Field-Dodge, Patrick |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | Gagnon, Denise |
| <u>Thursday</u> | Gilbert, Roger & Natasha Abigail, Sabrina |
| <u>Friday</u> | Goulet, Don |
| <u>Saturday</u> | Grilo, Lina |

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Study – 9:30 am
City Sized Youth Rally – 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Praise and Prayer – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Men's Study – 8:00 am

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

Thanksgiving Offering: This is the final week that we will be collecting our special offering for the ministry of Gilbert and Laura Bekkatla (NCEM). Envelopes are available in the pew.

Rosedale Anniversary: On November 9th we will celebrate 76 years of God's faithfulness with guest speaker, Greg Patus. 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.

Ordination Council for Pastor John: An Ordination Council for Pastor John has been scheduled for November 4th at 10:00 am here at Rosedale. A light luncheon will follow. If you would like to attend the council meeting as an observer, please RSVP and John will send you a copy of his Statement of Faith.

Open Arms Food Collection: For the month of November we will be collecting canned tuna and salmon.

Knowing that we Know - 1 John 2:3-6

- A major theme that John addresses in this Epistle is certainty in our lives as Christians – 5:13
 - Certainty that Jesus is fully God and fully man
 - Certainty that we have are in fellowship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ
- The Apostle John gives us several tests that will help us to grow in certainty, and we consider the first of these tests this morning: The Test of Obedience

I. Knowing God: Salvation

- 1) Intellectual Knowledge
 - a. Believing the right things about God and about Jesus (orthodoxy)
 - b. Although orthodoxy is necessary for salvation, true knowledge of God goes beyond bare intellect
- 2) Experiential Knowledge
 - a. Verb 'to know' is in the perfect tense – a past action that has ongoing effects in the present
 - b. Knowledge of God is real fellowship with the Father and with Jesus Christ (1:3)
 - c. Eternal life is defined by John in terms of experiential knowledge – John 17:3

Application

- Does your faith in God go beyond mere orthodoxy (believing the right things) into the realm of experience (fellowship with the Father and with Jesus Christ)?
- Are you a functional atheist?

II. Knowing that we Know God: Assurance

- 1) Assurance of faith is the birthright of every Christian through the indwelling Holy Spirit!

- Faith is “a firm and certain knowledge of God's benevolence toward us, founded upon the truth of the freely given promise in Christ, both revealed to our minds and sealed upon our hearts through the Holy Spirit.” - John Calvin
- 2) Assurance can increase and decrease over the course of our Christian lives
 - a. John wants us to know that we know
 - b. John also wants to guard us from the danger of false assurance
 - c. We are instructed to test our faith to make sure that it is genuine – 2 Peter 1:10; 2 Corinthians 13:5

III. Evidence that we Know God: Obedience

- 1) Keeping His Commandments
 - a. The verb 'to keep' goes beyond the idea of simply 'doing' commandments and includes our inner attitude toward them
 - b. *Antinomianism* – belief that obedience is optional for the Christian
- 2) Keeping His Word
 - a. 'Word' is broader than 'commandments'
 - b. Love for God is made complete as we grow in obedience - John 14:15, 15:10
- 3) Walking as Christ walked
 - a. Jesus' pattern of obedience to the Father sets the example for our obedience
 - b. Only possible as we 'abide' in Him and allow His power to flow through us

Application:

- We don't obey God to be saved, but rather because we are saved – a critical point!!!
- Our obedience is never perfect – 1 John 1:8