

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Lighting of Advent Candle..... Steve Olynyk

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Ruth 2:1-23

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

## PEACE FOR THE ANXIOUS

Lord's Supper

Final Song

Benediction

### Advent Week 2: Peace

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life." We light these candles as a sign of the coming of the light of Christ.

"I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by the paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do and I will not forsake them." - Isaiah 42:16

# Mission of the Week

## Willy and Jess Versteeg - Power to Change

You may remember reading in our last newsletter that Jack would need surgery right after birth to deal with an umbilical hernia. So, you can imagine our surprise when hours after Jack was born we get word from the surgeon the he didn't need surgery after all... A genetics team also took a look at Jack and found no initial indications of Beckwith-Wideman Syndrome. They are running blood tests to confirm, but we feel doubly blessed nonetheless. We are so relieved and grateful for your prayer for this situation. Praise God for how it resolved!

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## Families of the Week

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

**Monday** Pachkowski, Fred & Linda

**Tuesday** Pettit, Bryon & Jess  
Eden, Isabella, Myka

**Wednesday** Renaud, Robert

**Thursday** Riesebosch, Jane

**Friday** Robinson, Sheila & Percy  
Mckalah, Maya

**Saturday** Sadowski, Stella

# 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 Bible Study – 9:30 am  
Wednesday: Hopeful Hearts – 4:00 pm  
Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm  
Friday: Young Adults – 6:30 pm  
Saturday: Men’s Bible Study – 8:00 am  
Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am  
Lord’s Table – 10:30 am

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**Rosedale Christmas Party:** Our Christmas luncheon will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup> immediately following the morning worship service. Please sign up in the foyer and indicate which item you would like to bring

### **Poinsettia Memorial:**

**Christmas Eve Service:** Our Christmas Eve carol service will take place at 6:30pm with light refreshments to follow. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, family and neighbours to church.

**Open Arms Food Collection:** This month we are collecting brown beans and pork and beans for Open Arms Mission

### **Peace for the Anxious** - Ruth 1:1-22

- Chapter 1 ended with a few faint glimmers of hope in an otherwise hopeless situation. Naomi and Ruth are now back in Bethlehem but their future survival

hangs in the balance – these two widows are in desperate need of God’s peace  
- Chapter 2 contains several surprises that bring peace to the anxious hearts of Naomi and Ruth

### **I. Ruth’s Surprising Initiative (vv. 1-7)**

- 1) Ruth’s Determination to Provide
  - a. A request to ‘glean’
    - i. God’s special concern for the poor
    - ii. God’s legal provision – Deut. 24:19-22
    - iii. Not everyone welcomed gleaners!
  - b. A display of Providence
    - i. Tongue in cheek statement from the narrator: “as luck would have it...” (v. 3)
    - ii. God leads Ruth to a field belonging to Boaz, one of her husband’s relatives
- 2) Ruth’s Bold Initiative
  - a. An unusually bold request to ‘glean and gather among the sheaves’ (v. 7)
  - b. An impressive work ethic!

### **II. Boaz’s Surprising Response (vv. 8-16)**

- 1) A Godly Businessman
  - a. He is a man of significant wealth – “mighty man of valour” (v. 1)
  - b. His character is reflected in his God-glorifying speech (v. 4)
  - c. He is well respected by his employees
- 2) A Generous Israelite
  - a. Goes above and beyond the call of duty
    - i. Gives permission for Ruth to ‘glean’ alongside his own workers
    - ii. Offers his personal protection
    - iii. Provides water to drink
    - iv. Provides a cooked meal with leftovers

- v. Arranges for the workers to drop a few stalks from the bundles
    - b. Boaz gives all of the glory back to God where it belongs! (vv. 11-12)

### **Application:**

- God often distributes blessing through godly men and women– how can you demonstrate God’s love and kindness to someone in need this Christmas?

### **III. God’s Surprising Grace (vv. 17-23)**

- 1) God is the Silent Actor in this Drama!
  - a. Providence - causing all things to work for the good of those who love Him
  - b. Provision for our needs
    - i. 1 Ephah = approx 20L of grain!
    - ii. Ruth is overwhelmed (v. 10), and Naomi’s hope is restored (v. 20)
- 2) An Even Greater Story of Grace...
  - a. Boaz is an Old Testament ‘type’ who prefigures Jesus Christ
  - b. Ruth is an Old Testament ‘type’ who prefigures the Christian Church

### **Application:**

- No matter what our circumstances may be, we can find peace in the fact that our God is working behind the scenes for our good and for His glory  
- God’s spiritual provision is infinitely more important than His material provision! Are you experiencing the peace of God that comes through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ??