

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday January 11th 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... 1 John 2:28 – 3:10

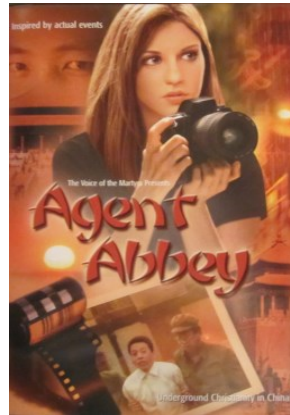
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

CHILDREN OF GOD

Final Song

Benediction

New in the Rosedale Library:



Agent Abbey – A DVD set in modern day Beijing revealing the harsh realities of being a Christian in a restricted nation such as China.

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.” Psalm 23:1

Middle Elementary:

“You shall have no other gods before Me.” Exodus 20:3

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Dodge, Nick
<u>Tuesday</u>	Doiron, Brenda
<u>Wednesday</u>	Evans, Tanya Aedan
<u>Thursday</u>	Field –Dodge, Patrick
<u>Friday</u>	Gagnon, Denise
<u>Saturday</u>	Gilbert, Roger & Natasha Abigail, Sabrina

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 – 12:00 pm
Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm
Saturday: Ladies’ Bible Study – 8:00 am
Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

New Series for Christian Foundations: Join respected pastor and theologian Dr. Derek Thomas as he takes readers through the *Pilgrim’s Progress*, showing that Christians have as much to gain from this book today as they did hundreds of years ago. Sunday Mornings, 9:00am

Ordination Service for Pastor John: Tonight at 6:30pm. Pastor Bob Parks (retired from Benton Street Baptist Church) will be our guest speaker.

Open Arms Collection: This month we are collecting Kraft Dinner for the Mission.

New Ontario Sex Education Curriculum: The Ontario government is resurrecting the controversial sex-ed curriculum that was ‘shelved’ in 2010 over parental concerns that it was age-inappropriate, overly explicit, and undermined the religious beliefs of many families. Learn more at CampaignLifeCoalition.com/SexEd. Please contact your school trustee and MPP with any concerns you have about these developments.

Children of God - 1 John 2:28 – 3:10

- The appearing of ‘antichrist’ (2:18-27) is contrasted by John with the future appearing of ‘Jesus Christ’
- Genuine Christians who have been born again by God’s Spirit enjoy new relationships: a new relationship with God and a new relationship with sin.

I. Our Relationship with the Father (2:28-3:3)

- 1) Confidence in His Appearing (vv. 28-29)
 - a. Confidence through ‘Abiding’
 - i. Vine/ Branch metaphor from John 15
 - ii. Jesus’ invitation in Revelation 3:20
 - b. Shame
 - i. John’s comment is directed primarily toward the false teachers
 - ii. Some disobedient believers will also be ashamed when Christ returns (1 Corinthians 3:12-15)
- 2) Confidence in His Love (v. 1)
 - a. John is overwhelmed by the truth that God has adopted and so too should we!
 - b. Sonship is not our right by birth – it is a gift of grace through the second birth
 - i. We become children of God by ‘receiving’ Christ (John 1:12-13)
 - ii. Our identity as God’s children makes us co-heirs with Jesus Christ (Romans 8:17)
- 3) Confidence for the Future (vv. 2-3)
 - a. We are becoming what we already are – tension between the ‘now’ and ‘not yet’
 - b. When Jesus returns we will see Him and will be made like Him

Application:

- Would you be confident or ashamed if Jesus were to return today??
"By far the best way to be ready for the coming of Christ is to live with Him every day. If we do that His coming will be no shock to us; it will simply be the entry into the nearer presence of one with whom we have lived for so long. The best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is never to forget the presence of Christ." - William Barclay

II. Our Relationship with Sin (3:4-10)

- 1) Definition of Sin: ‘lawlessness’ (v. 4)
 - a. Original ‘lawbreaker’ was Satan
 - b. All those who practice lawlessness follow the example of their father
- 2) Jesus’ Victory over Sin (vv. 5,8b)
 - a. Jesus came the first time as a sinless man in order to ‘take away sins’
 - b. Through the cross Jesus ‘destroyed the works of the devil’ (cf. Colossians 2:15)
- 3) Our Victory over Sin (vv. 6-10)
 - a. Jesus’ victory over sin is our victory, because His ‘seed abides in us’ (v. 9)
 - b. Genuine Christians exhibit victory over patterns of habitual sin
 - i. John is not advocating a doctrine of ‘sinless perfection’ (recall 1:8-10)
 - ii. Verbs in vv. 8-9 are in the present continuous tense – not isolated sins but a habitual practice of sinning

Application:

- Have you made peace with your sin, or have you declared war on it? To live comfortably in habitual sin is a contradiction of our new identity in Christ