

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... 1 John 5

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

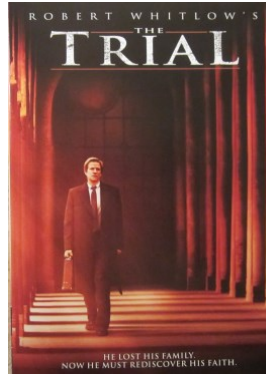
## FAITH IS THE VICTORY

Final Song

Lord's Supper

Benediction

### New in the Rosedale Library:



**The Trial (DVD):** A courtroom thriller based on the best-selling novel by Robert Whitlow about an emotionally crippled attorney who's lost his faith in God and in himself.

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### Families of the Week

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

- Monday**      Kaune, Ashley
- Tuesday**     Kirkpatrick, Derek & Melissa
- Wednesday**   Latulippe, Pastor Ron & Gloria
- Thursday**      Leclerc, Denis
- Friday**         McPherson, Pat
- Saturday**      Meertins, Cedric

# ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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### Memory Verses for Junior Church:

#### **Younger Elementary:**

"He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Psalm 23:3

#### **Middle Elementary:**

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." Exodus 20:7

## This Week at Rosedale

- Monday: Youth Group – 6:30 pm  
Tuesday: Men’s Bible Study – 9:30 am  
Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm  
Saturday: Men’s Bible Study – 8:00 am  
Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am  
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am  
Burning Questions – 6:30 pm

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**Burning Questions Series:** Beginning tonight at 6:30pm we are adding a second Christian Foundations class that will be geared toward newer Christians, and those who are still seeking. This seven week video discussion group will address some of our ‘burning questions’ about God, the Christian faith and the Bible. Tonight’s topic: **‘Is There a God?’**

**Coldest Night of the Year:** Rosedale will be hosting this event on February 21 as a fundraiser for Open Arms Mission. If you would like to participate in this year’s walk-a-thon or make a special donation to Open Arms, please speak with Melissa Kirkpatrick.

**Open Arms Food Collection:** For the month of February we will be collecting canned Salmon

**Compassion Sunday:** On Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> well known Christian Musician Jacob Moon will be with us to lead musical worship and to share about the ministry of Compassion Canada

## Faith is the Victory - 1 John 5

- John has already warned us about the danger of falling in love with the world (2:15-17), but now in the final chapter of his Epistle he tells us how we can actually overcome it – through faith!

### **I. The Object of our Faith (vv. 1-5)**

- 1) Jesus Christ, the Son of God is the object of Christian faith (vv. 1, 5)
  - a. It is not enough to have faith in something – saving faith must have the proper object!
  - b. Those who believe in Jesus have already been ‘born of God’ (John 3)
- 2) Confusing the object of faith with its effects
  - a. Love is essential, but we don’t overcome the world through love
  - b. Obedience is essential, but we don’t overcome the world through obedience
  - c. Only faith in Jesus Christ can enable us to overcome the world!

**Application:** If you want to overcome the world and experience victory you must place your faith in Jesus Christ. There is no victory apart from Him!

### **II. The Certainty of our Faith (vv. 6-12)**

- 1) A Triple Witness - Deuteronomy 19:15
  - a. Witness of the Spirit - Romans 8:12-17
  - b. Witness of the Water
    - i. Reference to Jesus’ earthly baptism (Matthew 3:16-17)
    - ii. Through ‘Believer’s Baptism’ God continues to bear witness to the cleansing of our sin
  - c. Witness of the blood

- i. Reference to Jesus’ crucifixion (Matthew 27:45-54)
- ii. Through the ‘Lord’s Table’ God continues to bear witness to the sacrifice which brings forgiveness

- 2) The Reliability of God’s Testimony
  - a. To reject God’s testimony about Jesus is to call God a liar → eternal death
  - b. To accept God’s testimony about Jesus is the first step toward eternal life

**Application:** The Christian message is an exclusive message: Jesus is the only way to be saved. We have a choice either to receive Him or to reject Him.

### **III. The Effects of our Faith (vv. 13-21)**

- 1) Assurance of Faith (v. 13)
  - a. John wrote his Gospel so that non-believers would come to saving faith in Jesus Christ (John 20:31)
  - b. John wrote his Epistle so that believers would come full assurance of faith (v. 13)
- 2) Confidence in Prayer (vv. 14-17)
  - a. **Promise:** God hears and answers the prayer of believers
  - b. **Condition:** We must pray according to God’s will
  - c. **Example:** Prayer for a brother or sister who has fallen into sin
    - i. Prayer will restore true Christians back to a right relationship with God
    - ii. Prayer will not be able to restore a person who has committed the ‘sin unto death’ (ie. Apostasy/ Rejection of Christ/ Blasphemy of the Spirit)
- 3) Protection from Idolatry (v. 21)