

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday March 22nd, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Malachi 3:7-12

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

YOUR HEART AND YOUR TREASURE

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11

Middle Elementary:

Review: "You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbour's." Exodus 20:17

Missionary of the Week

Gospel for Asia: Suna Tamang and Vijay Sony

I am delighted to let you know how God used our missionaries to bring healing and hope in the lives of many individuals. For example, Sukmaya, a 39 year old widow, regained her mental health through the prayer of Pastor Dawa. After the death of her husband Sukmaya started behaving abnormally. She had an 18 year old son named Santosh who was very sad about his mother. Sukmaya's family took her to different witchdoctors and sorcerers for her healing, but nothing availed. One day a GFA missionary named Pastor Dawa, visited her house. At first Sukmaya's family, being Hindus, did not welcome him, but then they allowed him to pray for her. As a result the prayer, Sukmaya regained her mental stability. Because of this miracle, Sukmaya and her son gave their lives to Jesus. Now both mother and son are attending our local church. Please do continue to pray for us!

Families of the Week

<u>Monday</u>	Arthurs, Gary & Bonnie
<u>Tuesday</u>	Bertin, Jeanne
<u>Wednesday</u>	Cerone, Richard & Carole Jeremy, Tiffany, Jonathan
<u>Thursday</u>	Christian, Marguerite
<u>Friday</u>	Cimato, Stephanie Malyssa, Lauren, David
<u>Saturday</u>	Denis, Gaston & Kim

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

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

Parent's Meeting: Our annual meeting for Junior Church parents and grandparents will be held this morning, immediately following the service in one of the classrooms upstairs.

Good Friday Service: Our annual Good Friday service with Bethel Baptist will be held here at Rosedale, April 3rd at 10:30am. There will be a lunch after the service. Please look at the list in the foyer and indicate what you will be able to bring.

Easter Breakfast: Anita Nagy is organizing an Easter Breakfast which will be held at 9:00am on Easter Sunday. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan on attending.

Easter Offering: On Easter Sunday we will be collecting a special offering (above and beyond regular giving) for the ministry of Joseph Kishore and New Life Associates in India. Please use the special envelope in the pew.

Membership Classes: Membership Classes will be starting shortly after Easter! If you are interested in Believer's Baptism or Church Membership please speak with Pastor John.

Your Heart and Your Treasure

Malachi 3: 6-12

I. Robbing God (vv. 6-10a)

- 1) A Problem with the Heart
 - a. The root issue Malachi is confronting in these verses is a heart issue
 - b. Israel had turned away from God, and God had 'turned away' from Israel
 - i. God was withholding His blessing as a form of discipline – Deuteronomy 28
 - ii. Context of this dispute is most likely crop failure and a poor economy – v. 11
- 2) A Problem with the Pocketbook
 - a. God accuses Israel of stealing from Him!
 - b. Israel had stopped paying their tithe
 - i. Tithing (giving 10%) was a principle that pre-dates the Mosaic Law (Gen 14, 28)
 - ii. Tithing became mandatory for Israel under the Mosaic Covenant
 1. Tithing to supporting the ministry of Levites and Priests – Numbers 18
 2. Tithing every third year to support the poor – Deuteronomy 14:28-29
 3. Tithing to celebrate – Deut 14:23
 - iii. Nehemiah Enforces the Tithe – Nehemiah 10:36-39, 13:10-12
- 3) Are Christians Required to Tithe?
 - a. Tithing was part of the Ceremonial/ Civil Law of Israel which is no longer binding
 - b. New Testament does not 'lower the bar', but assumes financial generosity/ self-sacrifice
 - i. To support gospel proclamation through Missionaries and the Local Church (1 Corinthians 9:14)

- ii. To meet the needs of the poor – (Acts 6:1, 2 Corinthians 8:14, 1 Timothy 5:16)
- iii. To give regularly and in proportion to what we earn (1 Corinthians 16:2)
- iv. To give willingly (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- v. To give sacrificially (2 Corinthians 8:1-5)

“Tithing is like a toddler's first steps: They aren't his last or best steps, but they're a good start. Once you learn to ride a bike you don't need the training wheels. Once you learn to give, tithing becomes irrelevant.” - Randy Alcorn

Application: There is a deep connection between the spiritual condition of our heart and the way that we spend our money (cf. Matthew 6:21). What do your current financial priorities indicate about your current spiritual priorities?

II. Robbing Ourselves (vv. 10b-12)

- 1) By Robbing God, Israel was also Robbing Herself
 - a. Disobedience brought God's discipline
 - b. Israel felt (wrongly) that they couldn't afford to tithe 10% of their income
 - c. God challenges Israel to take a step of faith!
- 2) How Can we Rob Ourselves as Christians?
 - a. Becoming overly attached to this world (Matthew 19:22; 2 Tim 4:10; 1 John 2:15)
 - b. Finding our security in wealth rather than trusting fully in God (1 Timothy 6:17)
 - c. Not experiencing the joy of blessing others as God has blessed us (Acts 20:35)
 - d. Making friends in heaven (Luke 16:9)
 - e. Sow sparingly, reap sparingly (2 Cor 9:6)

Application: What practical changes do we need to make in order to line up our financial priorities with the priorities of God and His Kingdom?