

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday April 12th, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Mission Spotlight..... Debbie Neufeld (CEF)

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Malachi 3:13-4:3

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

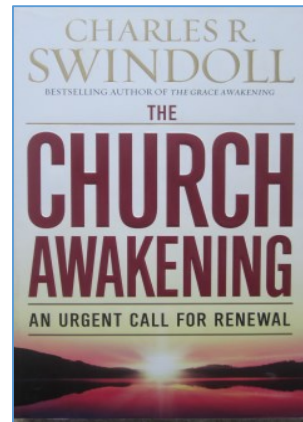
Younger Elementary:

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Middle Elementary:

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.” Jeremiah 31:33b

New in the Rosedale Library:



The Church Awakening: A book by Charles Swindoll. The author issues a call for the church to see how far we have drifted.

Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

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| <u>Monday</u> | Johnston, Glen & Wil |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | Johnston, Tom |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | Jollymore, Morris |
| <u>Thursday</u> | Jones, Gerry & Mary |
| <u>Friday</u> | Jones, Ronald |
| <u>Saturday</u> | Kaczmarek, Huguette |

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
Admin Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

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
Membership Class – 6:30 pm

April Supply Shower: Items are posted in the foyer that are needed to replenish our supplies. You can help by taking the tab of an item and then dropping it off in the kitchen. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Summer Kids Club: Our summer VBS is scheduled for July 13th to 17th during the morning. This is a great opportunity for gospel outreach here in our community. Please speak with Leslie Bellingham if you would like to volunteer.

Easter Offering: If you forgot to bring your offering for the Kishores' ministry last weekend, we will still be collecting designated gifts today.

Membership Classes: Membership Classes will be starting on April 19th at 6:30pm. If you are interested in Believer's Baptism or Church Membership please speak with Pastor John.

Open Arms Collection: For the month of April we will be collecting Pasta Sauce

What's In It For Me?

Malachi 3:13-4:3

-This sixth and final dispute between God and His people here in 3:13-4:3 closely reflects another passage about God's justice in 2:17-3:5.

- The focus in 2:17-3:5 was on divine justice. The focus here in 3:13-4:3 is on divine blessing.

- Our text today reveals 2 groups within the Covenant Community who harbour very different attitudes toward the Lord: The 'Fussers' and the 'Fearers'

Group 1: The 'Fussers' (3:13-15)

- 1) Their Complaint: Serving God is Pointless!
 - a. They were outwardly religious
 - i. 'keeping His charge' – ie. regular Temple observance
 - ii. 'mourning before the Lord'
 - b. They bitterly complain that there is nothing to be gained from religious devotion
 - i. The arrogant are blessed
 - ii. The evildoer escapes from God
 - iii. There is no clear distinction between the righteous and the wicked
- 2) New Testament Parallel – The Elder Brother in Jesus' Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15)
 - a. The Younger Brother tried to manipulate his Father by being very bad
 - b. The Elder Brother tried to manipulate his Father by being very good
 - c. The Younger Brother eventually repents and comes home, but the Elder does not repent– he only grows more bitter toward the Father

Application: Is your religious devotion a form of manipulation (What's in it for me??), or does your

devotion to God come from a heart that has been transformed by grace? What motivates your worship – the gifts of God or the Giver Himself?

Group 2: The 'Fearers' (3:16 – 4:3)

- 1) Their Conversation was filled with Grace rather than with Grumbling!
 - a. The difference between the 'fussers' and the 'fearers' was NOT found in:
 - i. Their outward circumstances
 - ii. Their outward forms of worship
 - b. The difference was found in:
 - i. Their esteem and their love for God
 - ii. Their private conversation (an outer reflection of the inner heart condition)
- 2) God's Response to the 'Fearers'
 - a. Their words are recorded and rewarded!
 - i. 'Book of Remembrance' – (Esther 6:1)
 - ii. God's people will one day be judged/ rewarded according to their works and their words! (Matthew 12:36; 2 Corinthians 5:10)
 - b. God will make a clear distinction
 - i. The righteous (God's treasured possession) will be distinguished from the wicked (Matthew 25:31-46)
 - ii. The 'fussers' will be distinguished from the 'fearers' (Romans 9:6; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15)

Application:

- Today's text reminds us that our lives are lived in the presence of God - God is watching and listening!
- What do our conversations tell us about our hearts? Are you a 'fusser' or a 'fearer'?