# Welcome to Rosedale

Mother's Day - May 10th, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 1:14-20

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

**COME FOLLOW ME** 

Final Song

Benediction

## **Memory Verses for Junior Church:**

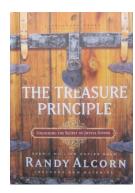
## Younger Elementary:

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

### **Middle Elementary:**

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

# **New in the Rosedale Library:**



The Treasure Principle: A book by Randy Alcorn in which you'll unearth a radical teaching of Jesus – a secret wrapped up in giving. Once you discover this secret, life will never be the same.

# **Families of the Week**

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

**Monday** Olynyk, Steve

<u>Tuesday</u> Pettit, Bryon

Eden, Isabella

**Wednesday** Renaud, Robert

<u>Thursday</u> Riesebosch, Jane

<u>Friday</u> 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

Wednesday: Hopeful Hearts – 12:00 pm

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

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**Guest Speaker:** Next Sunday morning, Will MacLaughlin from 'Christians Against Poverty' will be our guest preacher.

Out of Office: Pastor John will be away at a Pastor's Conference for most of next week. Please contact Glen or Joe if you need pastoral care.

Missionary Speaker: Come and hear what God is doing in Northern Nigeria, Chad, and Niger! Pastor Gabriel Barau (Intercede International) will be visiting us on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Barau's presentation will be followed by prayer.

'Veil of Tears' Movie & Dinner: Friday May 22. One of our Ladies' studies is organizing a dinner to raise awareness, and to help purchase sowing machines for women in India who are in need of a source of income. Cost of dinner will be \$10 for Adults and \$2 for Children. Sign up in the foyer

Rose Festival 'Days in the Park': We need volunteers to help at our table on Friday June 19 and Saturday, June 20. This is a great opportunity to advertise our summer outreaches and to interact with people from the community. Please sign up for a block of time in the foyer!

#### **Come Follow Me - Mark 1:14-20**

- Although Mark begins the story of Jesus' ministry in Galilee, he had already been active further south in Judea and Samaria for some time (John 2-4)

### I. Jesus' Message (vv. 14-15)

- 1) Presence of the Kingdom
  - a. Temporally near 'the time is fulfilled'
  - b. Spatially near 'the kingdom is at hand'
- 2) Possession of the Kingdom
  - a. Repentance turning from sin
  - b. Faith/Belief turning to Jesus
- 3) The 'Gospel' According to Jesus
  - a. Jesus' gospel preaching focuses on the nearness of God's Kingdom
  - b. Paul's gospel presentation focuses on the death and resurrection of Jesus
  - c. Jesus and Paul did not preach 2 conflicting 'gospels'! they preached the same 'good news' at different stages of God's unfolding plan

**Application**: The 'good news' is that God's Kingdom is here and that it is also coming in greater fullness ('now' and 'not yet')! If we want to enter that Kingdom we must repent of sin, believe the 'good news' and put ourselves under the authority of the King!

### II. Jesus' Method (v. 16)

- 1) Selection of Disciples was Jesus' core Strategy
- a. An unusual choice ordinary fishermen! "Jesus saw in these simple men the potential of leadership for the Kingdom. They were indeed 'unlearned and ignorant' according to the world's

standard, but they were teachable. Though often mistaken in their judgments and slow to comprehend spiritual things, they were honest men, willing to confess their need" - Robert Coleman

- b. An unusual approach
  - i. Normally the prospective student/ disciple would select the Rabbi
  - ii. With Jesus, the Rabbi selects his students!
- c. "Men were His method! His concern was not with programs to reach the multitudes but with men whom the multitudes would follow."

   Robert Coleman

**Application:** Jesus' set a simple pattern for evangelism and discipleship: 1) Preach the Gospel; 2) Select Disciples; 3) Teach them to Obey; 4) Send them Out. Our mission is not to make passive converts! Our mission is to make obedient, multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ!

### III. Jesus' Mandate (vv. 17-20)

- 1) The Call: 'Follow me'
  - a. We follow a Person, not a religious program
- b. As we follow Jesus we are transformed!
  Literal Greek translation: "I will make you to become fishers of men" emphasis on the process!
- 2) The Commitment: 'at once they left their nets'
  - a. They had already met Jesus (cf. John 1:35-51)
  - b. They needed to commit no turning back!

**Application:** Are you a casual 'fan' of Jesus or a committed 'follower' of Jesus?

"People who are crucified with Jesus have 3 distinct marks: 1) They are facing only one direction. 2) They can never turn back. 3) They no longer have plans of their own." -A.W. Tozer