

Welcome to Rosedale

Father's Day - June 21st, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Missionary Update..... Aileen John (NCEM)

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 2:23-3:6

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

SABBATH SHOWDOWN

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

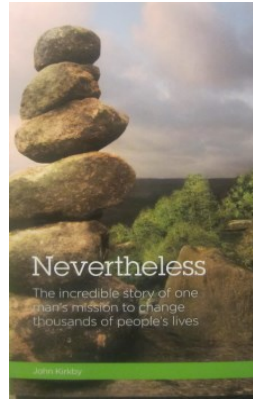
Younger Elementary:

Review: "But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy." - Titus 3:4-5a

Middle Elementary:

Review: "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." - Acts 20:24

New in the Rosedale Library:



Nevertheless: A book which tells about the beginnings of 'Christians Against Poverty' (CAP). A tangible demonstration of a God who is passionate about empowering His Church to be the answer for those who are poor and broken

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Goulet, Don
<u>Tuesday</u>	Grilo, Lina
<u>Wednesday</u>	Gyugyei, Andy & Hilda
<u>Thursday</u>	Holmes, Jeff
<u>Friday</u>	Jean, Dorothy
<u>Saturday</u>	John, Aileen

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

Friday: Young Adults – 6:30 pm

Saturday: Men's Bible Study – 8:00 am
Ladies' Fellowship – 10:30 am

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

Community Festival/ Garage Sale: On Saturday July 11th Rosedale will be hosting a community festival and Garage Sale which will benefit the 'Veil of Tears' project through Gospel for Asia. If you have items to donate for the garage sale, bring them to church and we will store them upstairs. Many volunteers will be needed for this outreach event so please mark it on your calendar!

Flyer Distribution: On Friday July 3rd we will be distributing flyers in our community inviting families to participate in our VBS and Community Festival. Speak to Pastor John if interested.

Elisha House Bottle Campaign: Baby bottle campaign wraps up today. Please return your bottles to Sue St. Amour!

Ladies' Fellowship Meeting: June 27th at 10:30am. Cost is \$5. Please RSVP to Gloria Latulippe.

Open Arms Collection: For the month of June we will be collecting Granola Bars for Open Arms Mission. Thank you for your generous support!

Sabbath Showdown - Mark 2:23–3:6

I. The Nature of Legalism

- 1) Type 1 – Legalism and Salvation
 - a. Teaches that we must do good works/ obey Law in order to be saved by God
 - b. Judaizers were advocating this type of legalism in Galatians and Acts – you cannot be saved if you're not circumcised!
- 2) Type 2 – Legalism and Sanctification
 - a. Measures spiritual maturity against a non-biblical standard (ie. traditions and customs)
 - b. Pharisees are advocating this type of legalism in Mark's Gospel
 - i. Rabbinic customs about fasting (2:18-22)
 - ii. Rabbinic customs about the Sabbath
 - c. Puffs us up in pride rather than in love!
- 3) Common misunderstandings about 'Legalism'
 - a. Legalism is any attempt to hold someone accountable to a high standard of holiness as defined by God's Moral Law
 - b. Anyone who follows a 'tradition' not found in Scripture is a 'legalist'
 - i. The 'weaker brother' is not necessarily a 'legalist' - Romans 14
 - ii. Legalism usually occurs when you hold someone else to a non-biblical standard

Application: In both of its forms, legalism is an ugly and destructive form of false teaching. We ought to stridently resist legalism, but be careful about who you label as a 'legalist'. Don't allow your 'liberty' to become a source of stumbling for yourself or for someone else. Christian Liberty is always governed by Christian Love.

II. Disputes About the Sabbath (2:23-3:6)

- 1) Plucking Grain on the Sabbath (vv. 23-28)
 - a. Doubtful whether this actually violated the Law, or just the traditions of Judaism
 - i. Prohibition against Reaping – Ex 34:21
 - ii. Law about 'plucking grain' – Deut 23:25
 - b. Jesus gives a Biblical example to show that human need takes precedent (1 Sam 21)
 - i. Pharisees focused on the 'letter' of the Law, while ignoring the 'spirit' and the purpose for which the Law was given
 - ii. King David foreshadows Christ as a Biblical 'type' – Jesus is 'Lord of the Sabbath' because He is the fulfillment of the Sabbath Law
- 2) Healing on the Sabbath (3:1-6)
 - a. Pharisees exploit a man to ensnare Jesus
 - i. Reveals their moral and spiritual bankruptcy!
 - ii. Provokes the righteous anger of God
 - b. Jesus takes the opportunity to extend mercy and to expose their wickedness
 - i. Jesus could have easily waited one more day to heal him – not life threatening
 - ii. Ironically the Pharisees are working hard on the Sabbath Day to plot a murder

Application: The Pharisees missed the point of God's Law completely! Do we sometimes miss the point too as Christians?? Is Biblical/ doctrinal orthodoxy a badge of pride that puffs us up, or is it a means to a greater end? Do we sometimes carelessly walk over people to further our own agenda without considering their desperate need for Jesus and their value to God?