

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday July 12th, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 4:1-20

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

PARABLE OF THE SOILS

Final Song

Benediction

Missionary of the Week

Joseph & Marie Kishore – New Life Associates

“Our ministries such as Pastor’s conference, television outreach, Church ministry and medical work continue to touch the lives of many with the blessings of Christ. Each ministry is faced with many challenges, involves hard work and needs careful execution. The Lord is granting the energy and expertise! There are no set times for holiday and vacation for us. We are on the job all the time and take rest whenever possible. Still the ministry gives us great joy and satisfaction. We thank you from the depths of our heart for your faithfulness towards this ministry over the years and pray for you in all our intercessions.”

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” - Ephesians 2:10

Middle Elementary:

Review: “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” - 1 Peter 3:15

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Meinzinger, Julius & Mary
- Tuesday** Metcalfe, Kris & Michelle
Keegan, Oliver, Jonas, Rael
- Wednesday** Miller, Russell & Wendy
- Thursday** Morey, Eric
- Friday** Morgan, Terry
- Saturday** Morog, Matt & Pauline

This Week at Rosedale

Monday: Vacation Bible School – 9:00 am

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Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Thursday: Vacation Bible School – 9:00 am

Friday: Vacation Bible School – 9:00 am

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

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

Missionary Speaker: Next Sunday we are pleased to welcome Willy and Jess Versteeg who are serving the Lord with 'Power to Change'. We will hear an update on the ministry in Montreal and Willy will be sharing a message from God's Word.

Worship on the Water: This evening at 6:00pm the Evangelical Churches of Welland will come together for a joint service along the Canal in the IlliminAqua theatre. Hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School: Vacation Bible School will be happening every day this week from 9am-noon. Please be in prayer for all of our volunteers, children and CEF missionaries.

Men's Breakfast – Due to the Vacation Bible School this week, the men will be meeting for breakfast in place of the normal Bible study – Tuesday, 9:30am at the Welland Café on East Main

Open Arms Mission – This month we are collecting Canned Tomatoes for Open Arms.

Parable of the Soils

Mark 4:1-20

- The 'Parable of the Soils' helps us understand why different people can hear the same gospel message and yet respond to it in very different ways

I. The Seed and the Sower (vv. 3, 14)

- 1) Jesus was the Original 'Sower'
 - a. Indiscriminate sowing of the seed (ie. God's Word – vv. 14-15)
 - b. Parable follows the established pattern of ancient Agriculture – seed was sown before the land was plowed
 - c. No farmer expected 100% germination – most of the seed sown would be lost
- 2) Every Christian is a 'Sower'
 - a. Jesus has given us His authority to proclaim the 'good news' and to make disciples - Matthew 28:18-20
 - b. We sow seed by sharing the good news of God's Kingdom to the ends of the earth
 - i. Preaching in the Local Church
 - ii. Evangelism/ Mission in the World
 - c. *"Be Patient! Do your work. Sow the seed. Leave the rest to God. The harvest is sure."*
– William Barclay

Application: Are you serving as a 'farmer' for Jesus Christ? (cf. 2 Timothy 2:6) How can you sow the seed of God's Word this week, and in what particular 'field' is God calling you to scatter seed?

II. The Soils (vv. 4-9, 15-20)

- 1) Each Soil represents a Type of Heart
 - a. **A Hardened Heart**

- i. Satan wants to interfere with the progress of God's Word (2 Corinthians 4:2-4)
 - ii. This hardened soil represents the natural state of the human heart – a result of sin
- b. A Shallow Heart**
- i. Shallow layer of soil on top of limestone rock is common in Galilee
 - ii. Plants spring up and appear healthy but die because they cannot put down roots
 - iii. This shallow soil represents a professing Christian who does not persevere in faith.
- c. A Crowded Heart**
- i. Plants that spring up among thorns can't thrive and eventually get choked out
 - ii. This thorny soil represents a person who allows idols (ie. money, pleasure, work etc.) to crowd out the true worship of God
- d. A Fruitful Heart**
- i. Plants that land on good soil thrive and eventually produce a harvest
 - ii. A tenfold harvest was outstanding in ancient Israel. The thirty, sixty or hundredfold harvest Jesus describes in this parable is unimaginably large!
 - iii. To bear fruit is the one infallible mark of a right-hearted hearer!

Application:

- Which of these four soils do you identify with?
- What are some of the 'thorns' in your life that try to crowd out your relationship with Jesus Christ?
- We cannot change our hearts through self-effort but the Divine Gardener can: *"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."* Ezekiel 36:26

