# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday September 20th, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 6:1-30

Message...... Pastor John Bellingham

THE COST OF OBEDIENCE - PART II

**Final Song** 

Benediction

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

# Younger Elementary:

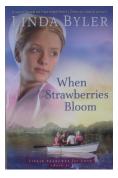
"Pray for each other." James 5:16a

### Middle Elementary:

**Review:** "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted." Job 42:2

# New in the Rosedale Library:





'Running Around' & 'When Strawberries Bloom'

Two novels by Linda Byler, based on true experiences from an Amish writer

# **Families of the Week**

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

**Monday** Kaune, Ashley

<u>Tuesday</u> Kirkpatrick, Derek & Melissa

**Wednesday** Latulippe, Ron & Gloria

**Thursday** Leclerc, Denis

**Friday** McPherson, Pat

**Saturday** Meertins, Cedric

# ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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# This Week at Rosedale

<u>Tuesday:</u> 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 (Guest Speaker: Rev. Dan Biggar) Life's Healing Choices – 6:30 pm

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Men's Retreat: Our annual men's fishing retreat with Bradford Baptist Church will be happening the last weekend of September in Parry Sound. The speaker this year is Pastor Roy MacGregor from First Baptist, Collingwood. If interested in coming please speak to Pastor John.

**Newcomers Lunch:** We praise God for a number of new visitors to our Church fellowship these past few months. If you are new to Rosedale, we warmly invite you to our Newcomer's Lunch which will be happening immediately after the morning service.

Foundations – Who is the Holy Spirit?: Taught by Scottish theologian and pastor Dr. Sinclair Ferguson, this twelve week series will trace the work of the third Person of the Trinity through Scripture from Creation to His work in the world today. Sunday mornings at 9:00am.

<u>Church Directory:</u> A draft copy of the updated directory is available in the foyer. Please make any necessary corrections, and if you would like your name to be added this will be your last chance!

#### The Cost of Obedience

Mark 6:1-30

#### **I.** The Cost for Jesus (vv. 1-6)

- 1) Rejection in His Hometown
  - a. This is probably Jesus' second visit to His home Synagogue in Nazareth (cf. Luke 4)
    - i. On the first visit, initial amazement with Jesus' gave way to murderous rage
    - ii. The second visit reveals their stubborn unbelief in the face of abundant proof
      - 1. Can't deny His wisdom and power
      - 2. Offended by His 'blue-collar' identity
      - 3. Offended by the sordid rumours surrounding His birth "Son of Mary" was intended to be an insult!
      - 4. An embarrassment to His own family
  - b. Their stubborn unbelief amazes Jesus (v. 6)
- 2) Judgment upon His Hometown
  - a. Not many miracles performed in Nazareth
  - b. Jesus' omnipotence/ divinity is not at all limited by the extent of human faith
    - i. Numerous examples in New Testament Gospels of Jesus healing various people apart from their personal faith in Him
    - ii. Jesus 'could not' do miracles in Nazareth because he 'would not' do miracles there!

#### **Application:**

- Are you 'scandalized' or embarrassed by Jesus Christ and His message?? The Biblical Jesus has always been a source of deep offense for the unbelieving world, but for those of us who know and love Him, the 'stone of stumbling' has become a precious cornerstone – 1 Peter 2:4-8

#### II. The Cost for the Apostles (vv. 7-13, 30)

- 1) Called by Jesus in order to be Sent by Jesus
  - a. An Echo of Passover / Exodus (cf. Ex 12:11)
    - i. Israel left Egypt with a few simple items: belt, sandals, staff
    - ii. Apostles are sent out on their mission trip with a similar list of items
      - 1. Taught them full dependence on God
      - 2. These stringent instructions were temporary not a pattern for modern missionaries (cf. Luke 22:35-37)
      - 3. Confirming evidence that these 12
        Apostles are a reconstituted 'Israel'
        -Shaking off the dust signifies that nonbelieving Jews are in the same spiritual
        situation as non-believing Gentiles
  - b. A Foreshadowing of Pentecost (cf. Acts 2)
    - i. A trial run for the time when Jesus would pass the baton to His Apostles/ Church
    - ii. Miracles confirmed the message

# **Application:**

- Like the first Apostles, we have been called to salvation by Jesus Christ in order to be sent back into a lost world with His life-changing truth.
- Like the Apostles, we must learn to depend on God in all things and learn to count the cost of rejection.

#### III. The Cost for John the Baptist (vv. 14-29)

- 1) John was not Afraid to Speak Truth to Power
  - a. Called King Herod to repent of his sin!
  - b. Unrighteous men are always made uncomfortable by those who stand for truth
- 2) Beginning of a new Era: The New Covenant
  - a. John last of the Old Testament Prophets
  - b. Death of John the Baptist prefigures the death of a far greater Prophet Jesus Christ