

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday January 17, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 9:14-29

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

I BELIEVE - HELP MY UNBELIEF!

Final Song

Benediction

Missionary of the Week

Brenda Matthews - TEAM (Mexico)

“I’ve been able to meet with the pastors to talk about my new assignment here in Mexico. I’ll write more about that another time, except to ask you to pray about starting a new small group. The pastors are in agreement and a couple ladies from the church are interested, but my plan is to invite the people I’ve met because of the fractured foot/ move. As far as I know, the people in the following list are unsaved, but they have expressed an interest in studying the Bible, so please pray for the Lord to work in their hearts and prompt them to attend: Luis, Gonzalo, Angel, Gabriel, Roman, Oscar, Eduardo, Rigo, Nancy, Raquel, Alex and Vivi.”

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8b

Middle Elementary:

Review: “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.” - Psalm 29:2

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** St. Amour, Sue
- Tuesday** Terreberry, David & Gabriella
- Wednesday** Terreberry, Jerry
- Thursday** Turton, Paul & Val
- Friday** Turton, Geoff & Kim
- Saturday** Turton, Geoff Jr.

This Week at Rosedale

- Tuesday:** Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am
Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm
Saturday: Men's Bible Study – 8:00 am
Annual General Meeting – 9:30 am
Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am
Membership Class – 6:30 pm

Annual General Meeting: This year's AGM will take place on Saturday January 23rd at 9:30am. Aside from reviewing ministry reports for 2015 we will be voting on a revision to our Church Constitution, and a revision to the Missions portion of our Budget for 2016.

Prayer Line/ Email: If you would like to be added to the email prayer line send a request to Gloria Latulippe: glorialatulippe@yahoo.ca . Any prayer requests for our church fellowship can be sent directly to Gloria. This is a wonderful way that we can minister to one another.

Small Group Bible Study: If you are new to Rosedale we would encourage you to get involved in one of our small group studies. There are currently two men's studies and two ladies' studies. We also have a Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night at 7pm. Speak to Pastor John for more information on meeting times/ locations.

Children & Youth Ministry: We are currently looking for a Jr. Church teacher and volunteers who are interested in Youth ministry. Speak to Pastor John or Leslie Bellingham if interested.

I Believe - Help my Unbelief

Mark 9:14-29

I. Failure (vv. 14-19)

- 1) Contrast Between 'Mountain' and 'Valley'
 - a. Glory of God vs. Destruction of Devil
 - b. Encouragement of the Prophets (Moses/ Elijah) vs. Discouragement of the Scribes
 - c. Pleasure of the Heavenly Father vs. Torment of an Earthly Father
- 2) Continuation of 'Sinai' / 'New Moses' Theme
 - a. Jesus descends the Mount of Transfiguration to a scene of failure and faithlessness (cf. Exodus 32)
 - b. Jesus' appearance provokes amazement among the people (cf. Exodus 34:29-33)
- 3) The Demon Possessed Son
 - a. Described as an 'Epileptic' in Matthew 17:15
 - i. Physical illness exploited by the demon
 - ii. The son had been afflicted with this problem since childhood (v. 21)
 - b. Disciples failed to exorcise the demon
 - i. Provokes an argument with the Scribes
 - ii. Provokes a rebuke from the Lord Jesus

Application:

-Mountaintop experiences are often followed by spiritual valleys. Discouragement, failure and frustration are all part of our Christian pilgrimage here on earth. Failure can be painful but it's also a teacher that God uses to great effect in our lives!
- We cannot stay up on the mountain forever – solitude is not meant to make us solitary
- Satan begins his work very early in life – we should too by bringing our children to Jesus!

II. Faith (vv. 20-29)

- 1) Faith of the Father
 - a. The father's faith was shaken by the disciples' inability to help his son
 - b. Father questions Jesus' ability to perform the miracle – "if you can do anything..." (v. 22)
 - i. Contrast this with the Leper's words in Mark 1:40 – "if you will, you can..."
 - ii. Jesus gently corrects him – ability is not the issue; faith is the issue!! (cf. Heb 11:6)
 - c. Father acknowledges the inadequacy of His faith and asks for divine assistance
"As our faith is never perfect, it follows that we are partly unbelievers; but God forgives us, and exercises such forbearance towards us, as to reckon us believers on account of a small portion of faith." – John Calvin (*Harmony of the Gospels*)
- 2) Faith of the Disciples
 - a. Disciples are perplexed by their inability to cast out the demon – v. 28 (cf. 3:14-15)
 - b. Jesus traces the problem to faith - Prayerless Ministry = Self-Dependent Ministry

Application:

- Don't judge the Master's ability because of the failures of His Church. Men will sometimes disappoint you, but Jesus will never disappoint!
- Jesus' words in v. 23 must be understood within the framework of God's sovereignty. Anything is possible for the one who believes providing that it lines up with the will of God. (Mark 14:36)
- Don't wait until your faith is perfect – use the faith God has given you and pray for more faith as you earnestly study God's Word (Romans 10:17)
- Don't attempt to live the Christian life in your own power – without Christ we can do nothing!