

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday February 7, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 10:1-12

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

## THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

Lord's Table

Final Song

Benediction

### Featured in the Rosedale Library:



**'Truth Matters':** A book by John MacArthur.

Fifteen chapters on various topics such as:

- Does God Promise Health and Wealth?
- Truth in a world of theory
- How did Creation Happen?

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## Families of the Week

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

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| <b><u>Monday</u></b>    | Do Carmo, Larissa                                    |
| <b><u>Tuesday</u></b>   | Doiron, Brenda & Jim                                 |
| <b><u>Wednesday</u></b> | Dube, Normand & Susan                                |
| <b><u>Thursday</u></b>  | Evans, Jim & Daniella<br>Jessica, Jennifer, Jonathan |
| <b><u>Friday</u></b>    | Fidler, Gail<br>Bella, Kayla                         |
| <b><u>Saturday</u></b>  | Gagnon, Denise                                       |

# ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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### Memory Verses for Junior Church:

#### **Younger Elementary:**

"We are His people, the sheep of His pasture." - Psalm 100:3b

#### **Middle Elementary:**

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace."  
- Numbers 6:24-26

## This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am  
Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Hopeful Hearts – 12:00 pm  
Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

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

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**Ladies' Fellowship:** Gloria Latulippe has organized a Ladies fellowship on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. Paulette Smith will be speaking about her recent trip to China and lunch will be catered from the Mandarin. Cost is \$10 and must be paid in advance by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Gloria for more information.

**Sandwich Sunday:** Reminder that next Sunday we will have a potluck lunch and time of fellowship after the morning worship service. Please bring enough food for your family and a little extra to share with any visitors who will be joining us.

**Benevolent Offering:** Each Communion Sunday (first Sunday of the month) we collect a special benevolent offering in addition to regular tithes. If you would like to contribute to the benevolent fund, please indicate on your envelope. Benevolent offerings are used for special financial needs that arise within our Church Fellowship.

**Open Arms Collection:** For the month of February Rosedale will be collecting Macaroni and Cheese. Please put all non-perishable food donations in the bin outside the auditorium.

## The Sanctity of Marriage - Mark 10:1-12

### I. Pharisees' Trap Concerning Divorce (vv. 1-2)

- 1) Jesus is now marching south toward His crucifixion in Jerusalem
- 2) Pharisees attempt to ensnare Jesus with a question on 'divorce'
  - a. Question is really whether a man could divorce "for any cause" (cf. Matthew 19:3)
  - b. Backdrop of the question is ongoing Rabbinic debate about the specific meaning of "indecency" in Deuteronomy 24:1
    - i. Rabbi Shammai (conservative view) – divorce only allowed in cases of adultery
    - ii. Rabbi Hillel (liberal view)– divorce allowed for almost any reason
  - c. Pharisees know the answer to this question could easily land Jesus in hot water
    - i. John the Baptist was recently beheaded for criticizing the divorce of King Herod
    - ii. A lenient answer on divorce would cost him the support of more conservative Pharisees who followed Rabbi Shammai

### II. Jesus' Teaching Concerning Divorce (vv. 3-11)

- 1) Jesus Response to the Pharisees (vv. 3-9)
  - a. Jesus tests the Pharisees with a loaded question: 'What did Moses command you?'
    - i. Jesus knows there is no command in the Mosaic Law concerning divorce
    - ii. Pharisees are forced to admit that Moses only permitted divorce
  - b. Jesus recognizes divorce only as a divine concession for human sinfulness
    - i. Divorce was never God's intention

- ii. Divorce in the Mosaic Law was God's way of graciously protecting women who would otherwise be destitute
  - c. Jesus primary concern is God's original plan and intention for marriage
    - i. Marriage is between one man and one woman – Genesis 1:27
      1. Polygamy was not God's original intention for marriage & sexuality
      2. Homosexuality was not God's intention for marriage & sexuality
    - ii. Marriage is permanent – joining of two people into one – Genesis 2:24
- 2) Jesus' Response to His Disciples (vv. 10-12)
  - a. The Disciples' question in v. 10 reveals that they had the more 'liberal' view on divorce
    - i. Jesus teaches the general principle that divorce frequently leads to adultery
    - ii. *Two Biblical exceptions:*
      1. God permits divorce & remarriage when one spouse is guilty of 'porneia' (sexual immorality) – Matthew 19:9
      2. God permits divorce/remarriage when a Christian is deserted–1 Cor 7:12-16
      3. Celibacy is the only Biblical option for the Christian who is divorced on non-biblical grounds – 1 Cor 7:10-11

### **Applications:**

- God gently embraces the victims of divorce and understands what it is like – Jeremiah 3:8
- Divorce is not the unforgiveable sin – there is forgiveness and grace even if you've failed
- We ought always to nurture our marriages and to seek reconciliation in every circumstance
- We should never choose a marriage partner lightly, or marry someone against the will of God