## Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday February 14, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading...... Mark 10:13-31

Message...... Pastor John Bellingham

#### **ENTERING THE KINGDOM**

**Final Song** 

Benediction

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

## **Younger Elementary:**

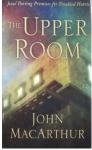
"We are His people, the sheep of His pasture." - Psalm 100:3b

## 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

## **Featured in the Rosedale Library:**





'The Upper Room: A book by John MacArthur. Jesus' parting promises for troubled hearts. The author takes us back to the night before Jesus died, calling us to know and love the One who loved us to the end.

## **Families of the Week**

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

**Monday** Gilbert, Roger & Natasha

Abigail, Sabrina

<u>Tuesday</u> Goulet, Don

**Wednesday** Gyugyei, Hilda & Andy

**Thursday** Harris, Joe & Doreen

**Friday** Jean, Dorothy

**Saturday** John, Aileen

# 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: Men's Bible Study – 8:00 am

Niagara Prayer Group - 9:30 am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am

Corporate Worship – 10:30 am Membership Class – 6:30 pm

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**Ladies' Fellowship:** Gloria Latulippe has organized a Ladies fellowship on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. Paulette Smith we 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>.

**Sandwich Sunday:** Immediately following the worship service we will have a potluck lunch and time of fellowship. If you are visiting with us this morning we warmly invite you to join us!

Women of Grace Retreat: The 'Women of Grace' conference is filling up! If you would like to come on Rosedale's women's retreat, please register online at http://www.gfcto.com/womenofgrace this week to guarantee your spot. April 8-9 at Muskoka Bible Conference. \$87 Cost (includes conference registration and meals) plus housing and gas money. Please sign up in the foyer so we can plan carpooling and rooms.

**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.

#### **Entering the Kingdom**

Mark 10:13-31

#### I. The Kingdom Bestowed (vv. 13-16)

- 1) Parents Bring Their Children to Jesus
  - a. Common practice for Jewish parents to bring their children to the Rabbi for a blessing
  - b. Second time in Mark that children are used as an object lesson (cf. 9:33-37)
- 2) Disciples Prevent the Children from Coming
  - a. Disciples' action reflect a common attitude toward children in 1st century Jewish/
    Hellenistic culture
  - b. Disciples are once again standing in the way of God's purposes (*cf.* 9:38-41)
- 3) Jesus' Response
  - a. Jesus is 'indignant' with the Disciples
  - b. Jesus eagerly embraced the lowest and most humble members of His society
  - c. Jesus draws a comparison between children and those who belong to God's Kingdom
    - i. Jesus is not making a statement about baptism/infant-baptism
    - ii. Jesus is speaking about the child-like qualities of those who belong to His Kingdom –
      - 1. Come with empty hands
      - 2. Trust others to meet their needs
      - 3. Eager to love and to forgive

**Application:** "We tell children to behave like adults, but Jesus tells the adults to model themselves after children." – W. Wiersbe

- God does not want us to be 'childish', but He does want us to be 'child-like'

#### II. The Kingdom Withheld (vv. 17-31)

- 1) The Plea of a 'Seeker'
  - a. Contrast between the children (empty hands) and this rich man (full hands)
  - b. Eagerness to 'follow' Jesus
    - i. Running was considered undignified
    - ii. Kneeling was a sign of deep respect
    - iii. Calling Jesus 'good' was a rare compliment for a Rabbi
      - Jesus' light rebuke in v. 18 forces the man to consider what he was saying by calling Him 'good' (cf. Rom 3:9-20)
    - iv. Deeply concerned about salvation (v. 17)
- 2) The Response of the Saviour
  - a. Jesus points this man to God's 'Moral Law'
    - i. One important use of the Law is to convict us of sin and show our need for a Saviour
    - ii. Instead of being humbled by the Law this man was puffed up with spiritual pride
    - iii. Jesus' convicts the man with the first commandment by placing his finger on an idol in his life: materialism
      - 1. The man is confronted with a choice
      - 2. No 'easy believism' here! Jesus simply lets him walk away
  - b. Jesus' response to the Disciples
    - i. Impossible to enter God's Kingdom with your idols (cf. Matthew 6:24)
    - ii. We cannot smash our idols in our own strength, but with God it's possible!

**Application:** The Kingdom of God is only bestowed on those who will accept it with the faith of a child - empty hands and complete trust in the goodness and love of our Saviour, Jesus Christ