

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday December 6, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Luke 1:26-38

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

## THROUGH MARY'S EYES - PART 1

Lord's Table

Benediction

### Memory Verses for Junior Church:

#### **Younger Elementary:**

"Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us and we are His." - Psalm 100:3a

#### **Middle Elementary:**

**Review:** "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." - Psalm 100:1-2

### In the Rosedale Library:



**Silent Night:** A movie on DVD. The powerful true story about one of the most popular Christmas carols of all time

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### **Families of the Week**

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

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Jones, Ronald
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Jollymore, Morris
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Kaczmarek, Huguette
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Kaune, Ashley
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	Kirkpatrick, Derek & Melissa
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	Labbe, Gilles & Yvonne

# ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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## This Week at Rosedale

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

Wednesday: Hopeful Hearts – 4:00 pm  
Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Waffle Breakfast – 9:00 am

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

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**Ladies' Waffle Breakfast:** This annual Christmas outreach event will be held this coming Saturday (December 12<sup>th</sup>) at 9:00am. The cost is \$5 and we strongly encourage you to invite a friend who does not yet know Jesus. Sign up today!

**Christmas Eve Service:** On Christmas Eve we will be joining First Baptist Church for their carol service. Service will begin at 6:30pm.

**Hopeful Hearts:** Rosedale Seniors will be meeting this Wednesday at 4pm at Swiss Chalet with a program to follow. Please speak to Hilda Gyugyei to reserve your spot!

**Operation Christmas Child:** A total of 52 boxes were sent this year from Rosedale! Thank you for your generosity and please continue to pray for the children who will be receiving these shoeboxes.

**Baptism and Membership Classes:** If you have never been baptized as a believer or have any questions about Baptism or Church Membership please speak with Pastor John.

## Through Mary's Eyes – Part I - Luke 1:26-38

### I. Gabriel's Announcement (vv. 26-33)

- 1) The Angelic Messenger
  - a. Gabriel is one of 2 angels mentioned by name in the Bible
  - b. Most likely he is an 'archangel' like 'Michael' (Jude 9, cf. Luke 1:19)
  - c. Gabriel suddenly appears to Zechariah and Mary after 400 years of prophetic silence
- 2) The Setting of the Announcement
  - a. Striking contrast between the birth announcement of John the Baptist (vv. 5-25) and the birth announcement of Jesus
  - b. An obscure Galilean town: Nazareth
    - i. Town is not mentioned in Old Testament, Apocrypha, by Josephus, or in the Talmud
    - ii. Held in contempt by the Jews (John 1:46)
  - c. An obscure young woman: Mary or 'Miriam'
    - i. Engaged to be married to a man named Joseph (most likely 13-14 years old)
    - ii. Emphasis on her virginity (cf. Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:22-23)
    - iii. Poor (Luke 2:24, cf. Lev 12:6-8)
- 3) The Content of the Announcement
  - a. Mary is a recipient of God's grace ('favour')
    - i. Popular mistranslation from the Latin Vulgate: "*Hail Mary, full of grace*"
      1. Roman Church wrongly teaches that Mary is a dispenser of God's grace
      2. God's Word makes it clear that Mary was a recipient of God's grace
    - ii. Mary's low social standing magnifies the sovereign choice of God
      1. Unconditional Election

2. God chooses 'foolish' and weak things to confound the wise (1 Cor 1:27)
  - b. An Unexpected Pregnancy
    - i. A Son named 'Jesus'
      1. Means "Yahweh is salvation"
      2. Greek form of the Hebrew name 'Joshua' –the Bible hero who brought Israel into the Promised Land
    - ii. The Son of God (Isaiah 9:6)
    - iii. The Davidic King or 'Messiah' (2 Sam 7)

### II. Mary's Astonishment (vv. 29, 34-37)

- 1) Mary was "greatly troubled" (v. 29)
- 2) Mary was confused – "How will this be" (v. 34)
- 3) How did the Virgin Conception happen?
  - a. 'Overshadowing' of the Holy Spirit (cf. Exodus 40:34-35; Luke 9:34)
  - b. Mary's womb becomes a 'tabernacle' for God in human flesh!
- 4) Why was the Virgin Conception Necessary?
  - a. God's Word clearly teaches it!
  - b. Related to the unique, divine Sonship of Jesus – "*therefore the child to be born will be called holy –the Son of God*" (v. 35)
  - c. "Nothing will be impossible with God." (v. 37)

### III. Mary's Answer (v. 38)

- 1) Mary responds to God in humble obedience
- 2) Mary counts the high cost of obedience
  - a. Possible divorce with Joseph
  - b. Disgrace of being viewed as an adulteress

### **Application:**

- As Christians we should not worship, venerate, or pray to Mary but we should respect her as a model of humble, obedient faith in God  
- Be in awe of the miracle and mystery of Christmas!

- Just like our salvation, Christmas begins with God's initiative and moves toward our response