

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday December 13, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

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

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

THROUGH MARY'S EYES - PART II

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

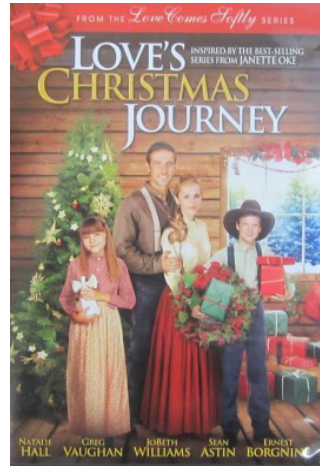
Younger Elementary:

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

Middle Elementary:

"Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture."
- Psalm 100:3

In the Rosedale Library:



Love's Christmas Journey: A movie inspired by the best-selling series from Janette Oake

Families of the Week

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

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| <u>Monday</u> | Latulippe, Ron & Gloria |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | Leclerc, Denis |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | Mallen, Linda |
| <u>Thursday</u> | McKay, Scott & Chris |
| <u>Friday</u> | Meertins, Cedric |
| <u>Saturday</u> | McPherson, Pat |

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

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

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

Christmas Lunch: Next Sunday after the morning service (December 20th) we will be celebrating the Saviour's birth with a special lunch. There is no need to sign up or to bring anything with you.

Christmas Eve Service: On Christmas Eve we will be joining our friends at First Baptist Church for their carol service. Pastor John will be giving a short Christmas message as part of the evening. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, family and neighbours to Church. Service will begin at 6:30pm.

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.

Open Arms Mission: This month we are collecting Macaroni and Cheese for Open Arms in addition to other non-perishable food items. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this important ministry.

Through Mary's Eyes – Part II - 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!