

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday April 3, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 11:20-25

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

MOUNTAIN MOVING PRAYER

Lord's Supper

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." -John 20:31b

Middle Elementary:

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" - John 14:6

Missionary of the Week

NCEM – Gilbert and Laura Bekkatla

"Gilbert was diagnosed with diverticulosis and now he is to see a specialist to determine the cause of his higher PSA levels. He was not physically able to go on the scheduled trip to Manitoba in February. Gilbert's health has improved enough that he will be going on a trip to Wollaston Lake, Black Lake, Stony Rapids and Fond du Lac. Jon Siebert our Central Field Director will go with Gilbert in the mission truck... Often there is spiritual opposition because the enemy has a strong hold on the people of these communities. We have been saddened by the number of suicides of young people over the last few months in the Dene communities. Gilbert was able to be in La Loche for 4 days after the school shooting and he has been in regular phone contact with family members since. He visited with the shooter at the youth correctional facility where he goes to have Bible studies."

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Schoenfeldt, Darryl & Diane Nathan, Ryan
<u>Tuesday</u>	Schoenfeldt, Eileen
<u>Wednesday</u>	Schoenfeldt, Jeffrey
<u>Thursday</u>	Scodellaro, Sandy & Denise
<u>Friday</u>	St. Amour, Sue
<u>Saturday</u>	Terreberry, Dave & Gabriella

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

Friday/ Women of Grace Retreat
Saturday:

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

Christian Foundations: This morning we started a new series based on Andrew Murray's classic book 'With Christ in the School of Prayer'. Speak with Pastor Ron if you need a copy of the book.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday April 23rd at 9:30am. Former NHL Goaltender Bob Froese will be speaking. Sign up in foyer and begin to pray about who you'd like to invite!

Open Arms Collection: For the month of April we will be collecting Macaroni and Cheese. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting Open Arms.

Employment Opportunity: Niagara Christian college has an opening for a part-time Custodial Worker beginning immediately. Please direct your resume and cover letter to Wendy Lovegrove: wendyl@niagaracc.com

Plan to Protect Meeting: Our annual training meeting for 'Plan to Protect' will be happening after the morning service on April 17th. Anyone involved or interested in children's ministry at Rosedale must attend. Speak to Leslie Bellingham for more information.

Mountain Moving Prayer

Mark 11:20-25

- Cursing of the fig tree/ cleansing of the temple provides an important teaching opportunity on the subject of 'prayer'

I. Prayer Requires Faith (vv. 20-24)

- 1) Connection between Fig Tree & Faith???
 - a. Peter's astonishment at how quickly the tree died reveals a lack of faith
 - i. Disciples will need faith to face the coming time of judgment on Israel
 - ii. Disciples will need faith to accomplish their mission after Jesus leaves
 - b. Contrast: lack of faith in national Israel/ prayerlessness in the Temple court vs. faith/ prayerfulness of genuine disciples of Christ
 - c. Faith & prayer is the solution for disciples who have 'leaves' but are lacking in fruit
- 2) Jesus' Command: 'Have faith in God'
 - a. Faith is a gift from God (Philippians 1:29, Galatians 5:22), and a requirement of God (Hebrews 11:6):
"Lord command what you will and grant what you command." – St. Augustine
 - b. Faith must have the proper object
 - i. Not faith in the abstract, or 'faith in your own faith', but 'faith in God'
 - ii. True faith is rooted in the unchanging character and nature of our God
- 3) Jesus' Promise: Ability to 'Move Mountains'
 - a. Jesus' illustration of 'mountain moving' is a figurative expression – can be easily tested!
 - i. Prayer releases God's supernatural power to do what is otherwise impossible

- ii. It is God who 'moves the mountain', not you or your faith that moves it!
- b. Two errors in understanding Jesus' teaching on prayer in vv. 23-24
 - i. **Error 1:** The 'Word of Faith' heresy – 'whatever you speak in faith will happen'
 1. Prayer is not for your own selfish, materialistic benefit (James 4:3)
 2. Prayer must always be offered according to God's will (1 John 5:14-15; 2 Cor 12:7-9; Mark 14:36)
 - Pray boldly according to God's will as revealed in Holy Scripture
 - Submit yourself humbly to God's wisdom and sovereignty over all things (Ephesians 1:11)
 - "When prayer is the source of faith's power and the means of its strength, God's sovereignty is its only restriction."* - William Lane
- ii. **Error 2:** Trivializing the Power of Prayer or the Necessity of Prayer for the Believer
 1. God has ordained prayer as the means of accomplishing His sovereign purposes in this world – prayer is a means of grace that must not be neglected or trivialized!
 2. God sometimes gives us assurance of answered prayer even before we see the concrete results of prayer (v. 24)

II. Prayer Requires Forgiveness (v. 25)

- 1) Genuine Faith leads to Genuine Forgiveness
 - a. Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matt 18)
 - b. Those who refuse to forgive others, don't understand the severity of their own sin
"We have no right to look for mercy if we are not ready to extend mercy to our brethren." - J.C. Ryle