

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday April 10, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Child Dedication Pastor Jim Evans

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Psalm 127

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

THE HOUSE THAT GOD BUILT

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature,
and in favour with God and men.”
-Luke 2:52

Middle Elementary:

Review: “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

Power to Change (Montreal)

- Jess & Willy Versteeg

“Pray for us in the daily spiritual work that is going on. Right now we can see some new believers that are taking great steps in their walk with God and others that are worried about doubts and challenges. There are non-Christians who seem very close to a decision for Christ and others that seem to be turning away. The individual situations change a bit every day. Pray for us that we would have the power and wisdom that only comes from God to care for these students and bring them to Jesus.”

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Terreberry, Jerry
<u>Tuesday</u>	Turton, Paul & Val
<u>Wednesday</u>	Turton, Geoff & Kim
<u>Thursday</u>	Turton, Geoff Jr.
<u>Friday</u>	Warankie, Diane Peyton, Broderick
<u>Saturday</u>	Warankie, Pat & Danielle

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 – 12:00 pm
Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Men's Bible Study – 8:00 am
Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

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

Church Office Closed: Pastor John will be travelling to Louisville, Kentucky this week for a Pastor's Conference (Together for the Gospel). The Church Office will be closed Monday – Thursday. If you need Pastoral care please contact one of the Elders: Ron Latulippe or Glen Johnston

Christian Foundations: We've recently 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.

Hopeful Hearts: Rosedale Seniors will be going out for lunch at Betty's restaurant this Wednesday. Speak to Muriel Muir for further details.

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.

The House that God Built

Psalm 127

I. The Necessity of God's Blessing (vv. 1-2)

- *The main principle in vv. 1-2 is that all human effort is useless ('vain') apart from God's blessing. (cf. John 15:5) Solomon illustrates this principle in 3 ways:*

- 1) Building a 'House'
 - a. Building the Physical Temple
 - i. Superscription identifies this Psalm with King Solomon – the builder of the Temple
 - ii. Psalm of Ascent – sung by pilgrims on their way to worship in the Temple
 - iii. Solomon ascribes glory and praise where it belongs – to the Divine builder!
 1. The Pattern for the Temple came from God's Spirit (1 Chronicles 28:11-19)
 2. The Power associated with the Temple came from God (2 Chronicles 5:13-14)
 3. The Temple was dedicated to God through prayer (2 Chronicles 6)
 - b. Building the Spiritual Temple/ Church
 - i. Jesus is the Cornerstone of His Spiritual Temple (Ephesians 2:19-22)
 - ii. Jesus is the Builder of His Spiritual Temple (Matthew 16:18)
 - iii. Jesus allows us to serve within His Spiritual Temple (Ephesians 4:11-12)
 - c. Building a Family/ Dynasty
 - i. The Hebrew word for 'House' – *bah'-yith* -can refer to a Structure (Temple) **or** to a Family Dynasty (Children)
 - ii. We cannot possibly establish a 'dynasty' of godly children apart from God's blessing
- 2) Guarding a City
- 3) Earning a Living
 - a. Work is 'vain' if it produces the 'bread of anxious toil' (ie. anxiety, insomnia, ulcers)

- b. Christians know that God continues to work even when we sleep!

Application:

- Without God's blessing we can accomplish nothing of lasting value in this life, whether in our Churches, or in our Careers, or in our Families
- Solomon is not advocating apathy or laziness, but rather an awareness that we are utterly dependent upon God - We do our part (building, watching etc.), but do not trust in our effort– we trust fully in God's power, and depend on His blessing in every part of life! *“Trust in God and keep your powder dry” – Oliver Cromwell*

II. The Enjoyment of God's Blessing (vv. 3-5)

- 1) Children are a heritage/ inheritance/ reward from the Lord – a gift of His grace!
 - a. Human effort alone does not guarantee the conception and/ or birth of a child
 - b. Human effort alone does not guarantee the salvation and godly character of our children
 - c. Children bring a richness into life that no amount of money can produce
- 2) Godly children are 'arrows' on the warrior's bow
 - a. An arrow does not form automatically from a stick – it must be crafted, shaped & sharpened
 - b. The purpose of an arrow
 - i. To defend the warrior against attack
 - ii. To defeat the enemy in battle

Application:

-View children as a blessing, not as a burden
-Do everything in your power to produce 'sharp and straight' arrows that will be used of God to assault the kingdom of darkness in the next generation
- Recognize that your human efforts accomplish nothing in the life of your child apart from God's gracious activity – **Be in constant prayer for your children!**
- If you are a Christian, you are part of God's precious inheritance, and one of the 'arrows' in His quiver