

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday April 17, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4

Message..... Pastor Ron Latulippe

HISTORY OF CORINTH AND PAUL'S LETTERS

Final Song

Benediction

Missionary of the Week

TEAM (Mexico) – Brenda Matthews

“It’s hard to believe that it was just last Saturday that we held the ladies’ retreat with the theme of ‘Joyful and Content’ and I am so grateful for your prayers. God gave us a fantastic day. The ladies wanted to dig deeper into the Scriptures, so we had four sessions in which to do that in the book of Philippians. We first got to know about all the suffering Paul went through and was going through as he wrote the Epistle, so we knew that the command to be joyful and content applies to all situations and circumstances because our joy and contentment is found in the Lord. Please know that I love to receive your emails and the assurance of your prayers – they are a source of encouragement and joy”

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Ynema, Ron & Willie
- Tuesday** Arnold, Nelson & Heather
Grace, Michael, Elizabeth
- Wednesday** Arthurs, Gary & Bonnie
- Thursday** Bellingham, John & Leslie
Daniel, Christina, Carey
- Friday** Bertin, Jeanne
- Saturday** Cerone, Richard & Carole
Jeremy, Tiffany, Johnathan

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

“And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love.”
-Matthew 3:17a

Middle Elementary:

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”
- John 13:34

This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Men's Breakfast – 9:30 am

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

Movie Night – 'War Room': From the Kendrick brothers, the award winning creators of 'Fireproof' and 'Courageous' comes a powerful new film that will inspire Christians to fight battles the right way – through prayer! We will be watching 'War Room' here at Rosedale on Friday May 6th at 7:00pm. Bring your families and a friend!

'Plan To Protect' Meeting: Immediately following the service everyone currently serving in Children's ministry here at Rosedale is asked to attend a meeting upstairs where we will be reviewing our anti-abuse policy.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday April 23rd at 9:30am. Former NHL Goaltender Bob Froese will be speaking. This morning is your last opportunity to sign-up. If any more guests would like to attend please contact the church office by Wednesday.

Christian Foundations: We've recently started a new series based on Andrew Murray's classic book 'With Christ in the School of Prayer'.

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.

History of Corinth and Paul's Letters

Knowing the history between Paul and the Corinthian church really helps us to understand these verses and many other verses in the Corinthian letters. Here is a short chronology of the Corinthian church up to this letter of 2 Corinthians.

-Paul founded the Corinthian church on his second missionary journey. This is recorded in Acts 18. Paul spent almost two years in Corinth before returning to Antioch.

-After Paul left he heard of gross immorality in the church at Corinth and wrote them a letter calling the sinner to repent and instructing the church what to do about that man. We call this letter, which is mentioned in 1 Corinthians 5.9, the previous letter. It is now lost.

-The Corinthian church wrote a letter to Paul about the immorality problem and also asking a number of questions about their faith. 1 Corinthians is a response to their letter and the ongoing problems.

-Timothy visited Corinth shortly after 1 Corinthians was sent to them as stated in 1 Corinthian 4.17 and 16.10. This was a bad experience for Timothy and the problems in Corinth grew worse with the coming of false apostles. The church was stirred by them and some in the congregation to rebel against Paul and his teaching.

-Paul who was in Ephesus at the time decided to make an emergency visit to Corinth instead of the visit he was planning after visiting Macedonia 1 Corinthians 16.5. We call this the painful visit. We have no record of this painful visit but it is implied by comments in 2 Corinthians 2.1 and 13.1.

-Paul's painful visit was not successful so he followed it up with a severe letter which is now lost and a visit by Titus. We know of this severe letter from 2 Corinthians

2.4 and 7.8. Paul also cancelled any plans to visit Corinth until he found out about the results of the severe letter and Titus' visit. 2 Corinthians 2.1.

-We see Paul's anxiety in 2 Corinthian 2.12-13. Titus and the letter were finally successful in bringing repentance and renewed allegiance to Paul and this is recorded in the thanks of 2 Corinthians 2.14 and 7.7.

-Paul could now make plans to visit Corinth a third time and to deal with any pockets of rebellion and the false apostles. Read 2 Corinthians 10 to 13.

Christian Integrity

- 1) Paul's first appeal to the Corinthian church with regard to his integrity in his cancelled plans is to his conscience. 1.12-14
- 2) Paul's second appeal to the Corinthian church with regard to his integrity in his cancelled plans is to the faithfulness of God to them through his preaching. 1.15-22
- 3) Paul's third appeal to the Corinthian church with regard to his integrity in his cancelled plans is to the witness of God. 1.23-2.4

This is the application we can take home today. We are not called to integrity in order to parade ourselves as people of integrity but our integrity is a reflection of the gospel that we claim and proclaim. We must strive to live with a clear conscience before God, to speak a message that is faithful to God's truth, and work for the joy and increasing faith of others with a motive of love, even if that sometimes means rebuke and pain for a short time. We can do this by God's grace working in us.