

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday June 26, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Mission Moment Open Arms Mission

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 13:5-13

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

THE AGE OF TRIBULATION

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” -Matthew 16:16b

Middle Elementary:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” - Acts 1:8

Missionary of the Week

TEAM (Mexico) – Brenda Matthews

“I’m looking forward to two additional areas of ministry for June. One is that I hope to have a Ladies’ Retreat. I’m looking forward to hearing how the Word of God and the retreat experiences have impacted our lives. Please pray for the preparations, for good attendance, and for an encouraging time of fellowship together. The other area is that I’m the supervisor for a short-term worker coming in July (named Hayden). I’ll write more about Hayden next time, but please pray for the Lord to be preparing her heart for the ministries she’ll have in her five months here and please pray for me as I set up the logistics and schedules”

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Sarides, Daniella
- Tuesday** Sarides, Nick
- Wednesday** Schoenfeldt, Darryl & Diane Nathan, Ryan
- Thursday** Schoenfeldt, Eileen
- Friday** Schoenfeldt, Jeffrey
- Saturday** St. Amour, Sue

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: Christianity Explored – 9:00 am
Lord's Supper – 10:30 am

Kid's Club (VBS): Kid's Club will be happening July 11-15 from 9am- noon. A couple more volunteers are needed to help with games. Promotional flyers are available in the foyer. Please speak to Anita Nagy for more information.

Church Picnic: Our annual Outdoor Service and Church Picnic will take place on July 10th at 10:30am in Memorial Park (located just around the corner from Rosedale on Memorial Park Drive). More details will follow about bringing food!

Rosedale Book Club: Our first book discussion on 'Knowing God' by J.I. Packer will be happening on Sunday July 3rd at 6:30pm. Please read Part 1 (Chapters 1-6) and be prepared to discuss with the group.

Elisha House Bottle Campaign: Due to the outdoor service last week we are collecting all baby bottles today. If you forgot to bring your bottle please speak with Sue St. Amour

Open Arms Food Collection: For the month of July we will be collecting breakfast cereal for Open Arms. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Age of Tribulation

Mark 13:5-13

I. Jesus' Description of the 'Last Days' (vv. 5-13)

- 1) The 'last days' began at Pentecost (cf. Acts 2:17-21; Hebrews 1:1-2)
- 2) Tribulation is part of the normal Christian life (cf. Matthew 10:22; John 15:18, 16:33)
- 3) These are not signs of the end – they are 'the beginning of birth pains' (vv. 7-8)
- 4) Specific Signs – all of them in evidence before the destruction of Temple in AD 70 and throughout the present age
 - a. **False Messiahs**
 - i. Theudus – Acts 5:36
 - ii. The 'Egyptian' – Josephus, *Wars of the Jews* 2.261
 - b. **Wars/ Rumours of Wars**
 - i. Jewish war with Rome nearly erupted in AD 40 when Emperor Caligula tried to place his statue in the Temple - Josephus, *Antiquities* 18:257-309
 - ii. Roman/ Parthian Wars – AD 58 -63
 - c. **Earthquakes**
 - i. AD 61 – devastation of major cities in Asia Minor (described by Tacitus)
 - ii. AD 62 – devastation of Pompeii (described by Seneca)
 - d. **Famine** – severe famines during reign of Claudius - AD 41-54 (described by Eusebius, Josephus, Tacitus, and Luke - Acts 11:28)
 - e. **Persecution** – Described in Book of Acts, Hebrews, 1 Peter etc.
 - f. **Gospel Proclamation** – Acts 17:6

II. The Olivet Discourse and Revelation 6 – a striking correspondence!

- 1) Seal 1: White horse → False Messiah/Anti-Christ

- 2) Seal 2: Red horse → War
- 3) Seal 3: Black horse → Famine
- 4) Seal 4: Pale horse → Pestilence
- 5) Seal 5: Persecution/ Martyrdom
- 6) Seal 6: Earthquake/ Cosmic Disturbances

Application:

-Tribulation, Persecution and Martyrdom have always been a part of the Christian experience and will be until the Lord comes back. We should not expect God to take the Church out of persecution and tribulation, but rather to enable us to persevere through it whenever it comes and however severe it becomes.