

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday July 3, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 13:14-23

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Lord's Table

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" -Luke 19:38a

Middle Elementary:

Review: "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

Elisha House – Nikki Bakker, Crisis Pregnancy Co-ordinator

"This winter we ran 3 pregnancy groups, with a total of 17 participants. We've had clients asking about faith and who God is, and in response we will be running a Bible study this summer. Please pray for God to open the hearts of our clients to receive the truth and to put their trust in Him! This year 82% of the women who walked through our doors voiced that they were seriously considering abortion as their only option. Praise God for the opportunity to walk alongside these women as they learned about their options and the supports available to them. It has been a privilege to witness minds and hearts being changed. Of all the women who received a positive test and were intending to have an abortion, 80% of them made the decision to choose life. For this reason we press on. We work diligently to promote life, to change minds... but ultimately, we work to change hearts for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for supporting our life affirming ministry."

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Terreberry, David & Gabriella
- Tuesday** Terreberry, Jerry
- Wednesday** Turton, Paul & Val
- Thursday** Turton, Geoff & Kim
- Friday** Turton, Geoff Jr.
- Saturday** Turton, Gerry & Melanie

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: Men's Bible Study – 8:00 am
Sunday: Christianity Explored – 9:00 am
Outdoor Service/ Picnic – 10:30 am

Kid's Club (VBS): Kid's Club will be happening July 11-15 from 9am- noon. 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 next week (July 10th) at 10:30am in Memorial Park (located just around the corner from Rosedale on Memorial Park Drive). Sign up for food in the foyer!

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

Christianity Explored: Christianity Explored is an informal 7 week course for anyone who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. It explores who Jesus is, why He came, and what it means to follow Him. If you'd like to join the class please speak to Pastor Jim Evans.

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 Great Tribulation

Mark 13:14-23

I. The 'Abomination of Desolation' (v. 14a)

- 1) Jesus borrows this phrase from Daniel's Prophecy and instructs the reader to understand
 - a. **Daniel 9:26-27** – The 'Anointed One' (The Messiah) is cut off (crucified/killed) and makes a covenant (The New Covenant) with the many (God's People/ Church) for one week (the 'last days'/ Pentecost → return of Christ), thereby putting an end to Temple sacrifice. This saving work of the Anointed Messiah in the middle of the '70th week' is followed by the appearance of 'one who makes desolate' (anti-Christ)
 - b. **Daniel 11:32**- Prophecy about a King/ Army that will profane the Temple and set up the 'abomination of desolation'.
 - c. **Daniel 12:11** – Prophecy about the final resurrection & judgment of the dead which will be preceded by the cessation of sacrifice and the setting up of the 'abomination of desolation'.
- 2) Multiple Fulfillments & Multiple 'Abominations'
 - a. 167 BC – Antiochus IV Epiphanes erects statue of Zeus in Temple and sacrifices pig on altar (cf. 1 Maccabees 1:54, 6:7)
 - b. 'Great Tribulation': AD 70 – Titus and the Roman Siege of Jerusalem/ Temple
 - 1.1 million Jews were killed by the Roman Army without mercy
 - Unspeakable atrocities were committed
 - c. Future Tribulation – 'man of lawlessness'/ eschatological Anti-Christ will be revealed shortly before the Second Coming of Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; 1 John 2:18)

II. The Flight from Judea (vv. 14b – 23)

- 1) A Description of First-Century Events
 - a. Details mentioned by Jesus in these verses strongly suggest a first-century, Jewish setting
 - b. Luke explicitly connects Jesus' warning about 'Great Tribulation' with the events of AD 70 (cf. Luke 21:20-24). Luke specifies that the fall of Jerusalem will trigger the 'times of the Gentiles'
 - c. Jesus' words in v. 19 suggest that the 'Great Tribulation' he's describing in these verses will not be the final time of tribulation God's people experience, but it will be the worst: *"For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be."*
- 2) Fulfillment of the 'Flight' in the Early Church:
"The people of the Church in Jerusalem were commanded by an oracle given by revelation before the war to those in the city who were worthy of it to depart and dwell in one of the cities of Perea which they called Pella. To it those who believed on Christ traveled from Jerusalem..."
(Eusebius, Church History)

Application:

- The fulfillment of this remarkable prophecy in AD 70 demonstrates both the deity of Jesus Christ and the reliability of Scripture. This should give us great confidence that what Jesus says in the Gospels is absolutely trustworthy and true

- Although the 'Great Tribulation' spoken of by Jesus in the Olivet Discourse has a definite fulfillment in history, it foreshadows another time of Tribulation that is still coming upon the Church. The final return of Christ will not come until the 'man of lawlessness' (final anti-Christ) has been revealed (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

