

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday August 28, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 14:26-52

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

THE GREATEST BATTLE

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: [Jesus said,] "I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever." -Revelation 1:18a

Middle Elementary:

Review: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." - Romans 1:16a

Missionary of the Week

Christian Salvage Mission

"Since our last newsletter we have been very busy with donated materials coming in to ship. Our new President Philipson Philip has moved into a home in Stoney Creek and he commended his duties the first of April. Please remember Philipson and Rebecca in prayer as they settle into our Lord's calling with C.S.M. In the last couple months, two containers were shipped overseas, one to India and one to Ghana with another waiting and ready to go to Ghana. A number of Pastor's Library packages have been mailed with more awaiting financing. We are working on a container for the Kale Heywet Church in Ethiopia to leave sometime in the summer. This request was brought to us by SIM Canada which is helping us with the container. Thank you again for your prayer and support as we press on in His Service together."

If you have used Bibles or Theologically sound books and material you'd like to donate to the Salvage Mission, please bring them to Pastor John

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Jollymore, Morris
- Tuesday** Kaczmarek, Huguette
- Wednesday** Kaune, Ashley
- Thursday** Kirkpatrick, Derek & Melissa
- Friday** Labbe, Gilles & Yvonne
- Saturday** Latulippe, Ron & Gloria

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

11 Rosedale Place
Welland, ON L3B 1J2
905-735-0788
Pastor: John C. Bellingham

www.rosedalebaptistwelland.com

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
Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Worship/ Lord's Table – 10:30 am

Church Directory/ Prayer Line: If you are new to Rosedale and would like to be added to our Church Directory or Prayer Line, please email your information to Gloria Latulippe. Anyone who has a prayer request to be shared with the Church family can send it directly to: glorialatulippe@yahoo.ca

Elisha House Banquet: Consider attending the Elisha House Fundraising Banquet on September 16th, 2016. There is no cost for the meal, but a free-will offering will be taken to support this excellent ministry. RSVP: 905-735-9934

Believer's Baptism: If you are interested in learning more about Baptism, or if you are a believer who has not yet been baptized by immersion, please speak to Pastor John about attending Baptism Classes this Fall.

Men's Retreat: Our annual men's fishing retreat is scheduled for September 23-25. We will be joining several other Churches at a beautiful camp in Parry Sound. Cost will be approx \$130 (accommodation, meals and transportation)

Open Arms Collection: For the remainder of August we will be collecting Baby Formula.

The Greatest Battle - Mark 14:26-52

I. Prediction of the Battle

- 1) Jesus repeatedly predicted the battle He would face, and dramatized it in the Upper Room
- 2) Jesus predicted the battle His Disciples would face
 - a. Judas will betray Him and be eternally lost
 - b. The 11 remaining Disciples will be scattered and then regathered in fulfillment of Zech. 13

II. Location of the Battle

- 1) Garden of Gethsemane
 - a. Located on the Mount of Olives near Bethany
 - b. A favorite place of rest for Jesus (cf. John 18:2)
- 2) Garden of Eden
 - a. In Gethsemane, Jesus continues a battle that had started long ago in a different Garden
 - i. The first Adam failed miserably when he faced Satan's temptation in the Garden of Eden – brought a curse on humanity
 - ii. The second Adam (Jesus Christ) succeeded gloriously when He faced temptation in Gethsemane– brought the curse upon Himself
 - iii. What initially looks like defeat turns out to be a stunning victory – Genesis 3:15
 - b. Jesus' victory in Gethsemane opens the way back into Eden → The 'New Jerusalem'
 - i. Garden/ Eden imagery in Revelation 22:1-5
 - ii. Restoration of Fellowship with God in a Garden Temple

III. Nature of the Battle

- 1) A Spiritual Struggle for Jesus
 - a. Jesus was "greatly distressed" and "troubled"
 - i. Enduring the Father's wrath for sinners was infinitely worse than enduring crucifixion
 - ii. The stress of this trial was so immense that Jesus sweat drops of blood – '*hematidrosis*'
 - b. In His humanity, Jesus cried out to the Father for deliverance from the trial He was about to face

Application:

- Jesus' struggle in the Garden reveals His true humanity
- If Jesus was this distressed and alarmed at the thought of enduring God's wrath on the cross, the possibility of spending an eternity in hell ought to alarm us, and drive us directly to Jesus Christ for salvation. Hell is no joke!
- The agony of Jesus in the Garden shows us the magnitude of God's love and the price of our salvation

- 2) A Spiritual Struggle for the Disciples
 - a. The struggle against spiritual pride
 - b. The struggle against spiritual sloth/ apathy
 - c. The struggle against the fear of man

Application:

- No Christian however mature, is beyond the possibility of falling into grievous sin. We must constantly be on guard against temptation and rely fully on God's grace.

IV. Weapons for the Battle

- 1) Prayer
 - a. Jesus' first impulse in this trial was to pray
 - b. Instead of praying, the Disciples sleep!
 - c. Peter resorts to the sword – not the weapon of a Christian or the way to advance God's purposes
- 2) The Family of God
 - a. In a time of trouble Jesus sought the spiritual support of His friends and brothers
 - b. Intercessory prayer – a tremendous privilege

Application: What 'weapon' do you impulsively reach for during a difficult time of trial??

V. Outcome of the Battle

- 1) Victory for Jesus – Satan's temptation has been resisted and He is now ready to face the cross
- 2) Failure for the Disciples – The fear of man causes all of them to abandon Jesus... including a young boy who is also present in the Garden (was it Mark???)

Application: No sin or failure is too great for God to forgive, if we will only repent. The sheep may be scattered, but the Shepherd isn't through with them yet!

