

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday October 2, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Missions Spotlight ..... Operation Christmas Child

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading ..... Mark 15:16-41

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

## THE MEANING OF THE CROSS

Final Song

Benediction

# Missionary of the Week

## New Life Associates – Joseph Kishore

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As a family we are doing well. Our daughter Rebecca with her family is fine and she is expecting a third daughter in the first week of December. Our son Suhas is completing his Fellowship in Joint Replacement Surgery at Bronx Lebanon Medical Center in New York and will return next August to join our Emory Hospital as one of the highest trained Orthopedic surgeons in India.

All is going well and the future looks very exciting in the ministry. A number of ministry events are lined up for the next three months and we covet your prayers. We thank you from the depths of our heart for your prayers and valuable partnership. We assure you that we are relentless in our efforts for Jesus and will continue to update you on the amazing things Jesus is doing in India. Many thanks for sending your support through CBM. We have received your recent donation of \$2,115.00

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## Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Turton, Geoff & Kim
- Tuesday** Turton, Geoff Jr.
- Wednesday** Turton, Gerry & Melanie
- Thursday** Warankie, Diane  
Peyton, Brokerick
- Friday** Warankie, Pat & Danielle
- Saturday** Ynema, Ron & Willie

# ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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“We owe all to Jesus crucified. What is your life, my brethren, but the cross? Whence comes the bread of your soul but from the cross? What is your joy but the cross? What is your delight, what is your heaven, but the Blessed One, once crucified for you, whoever liveth to make intercession for you? Cling to the cross, then, Put both arms around it! Hold to the Crucified, and never let Him go. Come afresh to the cross at this moment, and rest there now and forever! Then, with the power of God resting upon you, go forth and preach the cross! Tell out the story of the bleeding Lamb. Repeat the wondrous tale, and nothing else. Never mind how you do it, only proclaim that Jesus died for sinners.”

– C.H. Spurgeon

## This Week at Rosedale

- Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am  
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am  
Sunday: Christianity Explored – 9:00 am  
Christian Foundations – 9:00 am  
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

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**Christian Foundations:** Next week we begin a new video series on Church History that will cover the years 100 -600 AD. This excellent and informative series is taught by Dr. W Robert Godfrey of Westminster Seminary, California.

**Book Club:** Our next discussion of J.I. Packer's 'Knowing God' will take place tonight at 6:30pm. We will complete our discussion of Part II.

**Baptism Classes:** Baptism Classes begin Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. So far 6 people have expressed interest in believer's baptism! Please speak with Pastor John if you would like to attend.

**Used Clothing Drive:** We are currently collecting used clothing for impoverished Christians in Guyana, Surinam and Trinidad. Suliman Mohammed (Mississauga Prayer Group) will deliver these items on his upcoming trip in November. For more details on this project speak with Anita Nagy.

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

## The Meaning of the Cross

-Mark 15:33-41

### **I. Darkness (v. 33)**

- 1) A Supernatural Event
  - a. Darkness lasted three full hours – 12pm- 3pm
  - b. Darkness is mentioned by a secular historian named Thallus who wrote around AD 50: **“On the whole world there pressed a most fearful darkness; and the rocks were rent by an earthquake, and many places in Judea and other districts were thrown down.” (Quoted in the writings of Julius Africanus)**
  - c. Darkness cannot be explained naturally – solar eclipse is impossible at Passover and would not have lasted for 3 hours
- 2) A Symbolic Event
  - a. A return to the chaos of creation when darkness covered the face of the deep – cf. Genesis 1:1-2
  - b. A reminder of the Plagues of Egypt which occurred in connection with the first Passover – cf. Exodus 10:21-23
  - c. A partial fulfillment of Amos' prophecy about the 'Day of the Lord' – cf. Amos 8:9-10
  - d. A pre-figuring of hell and divine wrath – cf. Matthew 22:13; 2 Peter 2:4

### **II. Despair (v. 34)**

- 1) Cry of Dereliction
  - a. The agony of Christ's suffering for sin culminates in v. 34 with an audible expression of grief
  - b. Quotation from Psalm 22 – Jesus identifies with Psalmist's sense of total abandonment by God and brings this Messianic Psalm to its fulfillment
- 2) A Rupture within the Trinity??
  - a. On the cross Jesus experienced the separation of loving communion with God, as the Father poured His wrath out on the Son

- b. The Trinity, however, did not rupture or dissolve when Jesus died on the cross, nor did Jesus cease to be God when He died on the cross
- 3) Divine 'Child Abuse'??
  - a. We must understand that Jesus went to the cross willingly because this was the only way to satisfy divine justice so that God's elect people might be forgiven and set free from sin
  - b. It is theologically misguided to pit an 'angry' Father against a 'merciful' Son – all three Trinitarian Persons are completely unified in the purpose and plan of redemption.

### **Application:**

- The darkness that descended, and Jesus' cry of despair both testify to the divine wrath that was being poured out as Jesus died for the sins of God's people. Jesus endured hell so that we who believe wouldn't have to!  
- The darkness and despair of the cross serve as a stern warning. Those who do not embrace Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord will face eternal darkness and despair.

### **III. Destruction (v. 38)**

- 1) The Temple Veil Separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies (cf. Hebrews 9)
  - a. Only the High Priest could pass through the veil once per year on the Day of Atonement
  - b. Temple veil symbolizes the separation between God and humanity that has resulted from sin
- 2) The Temple Veil was destroyed when Jesus died
  - a. Jesus is the ultimate 'High Priest'
  - b. Jesus' death on the cross has removed the sin barrier between believers and God – the Temple/ sacrificial system is now obsolete
  - c. Foreshadowing of the Temple's complete destruction in AD 70

### **Application:**

- The cross of Christ is far more than a beautiful example of self-sacrificial love – it's the only hope we have for salvation and forgiveness from our sins!