

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday April 30, 2017

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Praise & Worship

Mission Spotlight Rose City Kids

Family Prayer

Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:5-23

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

WISE BUILDERS

Benediction

“Cathedrals in Europe often took four or five centuries to complete, sometimes longer. In Paul’s day, a temple, a much more modest edifice than a medieval cathedral, sometimes took decades. So one builder might lay the foundation; others would complete various phases of the building project and then would move on, retire, or die, while still others would take their places. The lesson is clear: Paul laid the foundation, and others have built on his work. It is the project as a whole that is important, and, implicitly, it is foolish to focus all praise on just one of the builders who has contributed to the project.”

- D.A. Carson

Missionary of the Week

TEAM Mexico – Brenda Matthews

“It’s now official – along with what I’ve already been doing, I have a new role as the evangelistic events coordinator, but I will say ‘we’ because I have a team of church members serving with me. We want to have at least one evangelistic event each month. We unofficially began the marriage conference, and a couple who was involved with that activity has since joined our committee. Thanks for praying for our ongoing construction project. It’s great to see progress being made week by week on the new Church building. Please pray for funds and workers to complete the auditorium.”

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Muir, Muriel
- Tuesday** Muir, Stuart
- Wednesday** Muller, Joe
- Thursday** Nagy, Joe & Anita
- Friday** Olsen, Jake & Cindy
 Zander, Arielle
- Saturday** Olynyk, Steve

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 Meeting – 7:00 pm

Friday: Youth Group – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Garage Sale Benefit – 8:00 am

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

Summer Kid's Club: This summer our week long kid's club will run from July 31 – August 4. Many volunteers will be needed to help run this event (games, snacks, crafts, teaching, skits, music etc.) so please contact Anita Nagy if you are available to help in some way.

Easter Offering: The total amount raised for the Persecuted Church in Syria was \$3497. Thank you for giving generously and please continue to pray for the persecuted Church around the world.

Garage Sale: Next Saturday (May 6th) we will be having a Garage Sale at Rosedale in support of Open Arms.

Believer's Baptism: We are in the process of planning our next Baptismal service. If you are a believer who has not yet been baptized by immersion please speak to Pastor John.

Pastor on Vacation: Please be aware that Pastor John and family will be on vacation from May 1-15th. If you need Pastoral care please contact one of the other Elders: Ron Latulippe and Glen Johnston

Wise Builders - 1 Corinthians 3:5-23

- In seeking to address the disunity and division in Corinth, Paul instructs the Church with 3 illustrations: 1) A Developing Baby (vv. 1-4); 2) A Farming Operation (vv. 5-9); 3) A Building Project (vv. 10-17). Today we will focus on the second and third of these illustrations.

I. A Farming Operation – vv. 5-9

- 1) Divided Loyalties in Corinth
 - a. Paul reviews the problem of division over Church leaders introduced back in 1:10-17
 - b. Loyalty to human leaders was more important in Corinth than loyalty to Jesus Christ
- 2) Illustration of a 'field'
 - a. The field is the Church
 - b. The owner of the field is God
 - c. The labourers in the field are the Church leaders (ie. Pastors/ Elders)
 - i. Paul depersonalizes himself and Apollos by saying 'What' rather than 'Who' in v. 5. The emphasis is on the importance of the task, not on the importance of the person
 - ii. Each leader in the Church has a common mission and a different role to play
 - iii. Although human activities are necessary in building a Church, they are not sufficient for growth apart from divine grace!

Application:

- Church leadership is not a means to gain power and popularity – it is a means to accomplish the mission given to us by the Lord! Respect the leaders God has placed in the Church but do not idolize them (1 Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 12:7, 17)
- Church Leaders must always remember that the 'field' belongs to God and not to them. Leaders come and go but the Church of Christ remains
- Leaders should never compete with one another, and parishioners should not pit the strengths of one leader

against the weaknesses of another. God has made every person unique and we do not all have the same gifts and abilities. Different giftings and personalities should be celebrated, not criticized (cf. 1 Corinthians 12)
- We should never live under the delusion that we can make converts or grow a Church apart from God's supernatural power. All Christian ministry should be done with complete dependence upon God. (Colossians 1:28-29; John 15:5)

II. A Building Project – vv. 10-17

- 1) Laying the Foundation
 - a. Paul was the 'wise master builder'
 - i. He founded the Church in Corinth
 - ii. As an Apostle, Paul laid the foundation for future generations of Christians (cf. Ephesians 2:20; Revelation 21:14)
 - iii. He is 'wise' in the sense that he built on the only legitimate foundation: Jesus Christ!
 - b. There is only one foundation for the Church
- 2) Building Wisely on the Foundation
 - a. Using the Right Material
 - i. Paul distinguishes between materials that can and cannot withstand the intense heat of a fire
 - ii. Precious metals were commonly used for the construction of a Temple (Temple = Church)
 - b. Expecting the Work to be Tested by God
 - i. Judgment Day/ Day of the Lord – v. 13
 - ii. Possible Outcomes:
 - The wise builder receives a reward
 - The foolish builder receives a rebuke
 - The destroyer of the temple is destroyed

Application:

- There is only one foundation for the Church. If the foundation is not the 'word of the cross' there may be lots of people and activity but it is not the Church!
- How are you building? Are your motives and priorities right before God? Are you using or neglecting your spiritual gift? Do you live with eternity in view?