

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday June 11, 2017

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

A CASE OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE – PART I

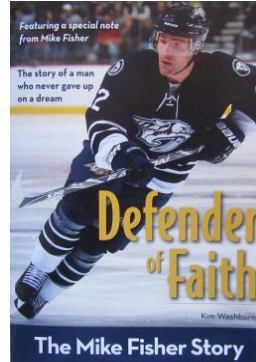
Final Song

Benediction

“In virtually every preindustrial culture – sons were expected to ‘imitate’ their fathers. Vocationally, if the father was a baker, the son would likely become a baker; if the father was a sheep farmer, that is what the son would almost certainly become. The son was expected to carry on family values, family heritage, family name. With that cultural expectation controlling his analogy, Paul argues that if he became the ‘father’ to the Corinthians, they ought to imitate him... He does not expect them to suffer in exactly the same way he does; he does not demand that they all become apostles or plant churches in distant lands. What he does expect of them is that they will imitate his values, his stance with respect to the world, his priorities, and his valuation of the exclusive centrality of the gospel of the crucified Messiah.”

- D.A. Carson

Featured in the Rosedale Library:



Defender of Faith (book): The story of Mike Fisher – captain of the Nashville Predators hockey team and husband of Carrie Underwood. He puts his faith in Christ first which enables him to demonstrate his love for God both on and off the ice.

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Bertin, Jeanne
- Tuesday** Blanchard, Terry & Pam
- Wednesday** Cerone, Richard & Carole
Jeremy, Johnathan, Tiffany
- Thursday** Denis, David
- Friday** Denis, Gaston & Kim
- Saturday** Denis, Esther

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
Hopeful Hearts – 12:00 pm

Thursday: International Café – 7:00 pm

Friday: Youth Group – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Outdoor Service – 10:00 am

Outdoor Service/ Days in the Park: Rosedale Baptist will be participating in the Rose Festival Days in the Park on June 17-18. Please sign up in the foyer for a time slot. In addition to our table in the park, we have been asked to organize an outdoor Church Service next Sunday in Chippewa Park at 10am! Plan to come early for the Open Arms breakfast and stay for the outdoor service.

Uprooting Anger: Elisha House will be offering this Biblical Healing Group Thursdays from 7-9pm beginning on June 20th. Everyone experiences anger but few of us handle it in a Christ-centered way. This course is designed to offer a Biblically based, practical guide to having our hearts transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By uprooting these heart problems, participants will learn to express anger in a God-glorifying way and see the fruit of lasting change in their lives.

Elisha House Baby Bottle Campaign: Due to the outdoor service next week we would ask that you do not bring Baby Bottles to the park! Bottles can be dropped off at Rosedale on June 25th.

A Case of Church Discipline – Part I

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

I. The Situation Requiring Discipline – vv. 1-2

- 1) Sexual Immorality in the Church
 - a. The word translated 'sexual immorality' in v. 1 is *porneia* – a broad Greek word that covers every kind of sexual sin
 - i. Corinth was the 'sin city' of the Roman world because of its many prostitutes
 - ii. The sexually charged atmosphere of ancient Corinth had started to infiltrate the Church
 - b. A Case of Incest
 - i. A member of the Church was in a sexual relationship with his step-mother
 - The sexual relationship was ongoing
 - The man involved was not repentant
 - The woman was likely not a Christian
 - ii. Incest was strongly condemned in the Moral Law of the Old Testament (*cf.* Leviticus 18)
 - iii. Even in a pagan city like Corinth, incest was considered to be a repulsive moral vice
- 2) Tolerance and False Humility
 - a. The Church was condoning an outrageous sin
 - i. Perhaps they had an antinomian streak – '*let's continue in sin so that grace may abound!*' (*cf.* Romans 6:1-2)
 - ii. Perhaps they prided themselves on being 'open-minded' and 'tolerant'
 - iii. Perhaps this man was a 'somebody' and they were too intimidated to confront him
 - b. Their tolerance of sin was an expression of spiritual arrogance, not spiritual humility

Application:

- Many Christians today see Church Discipline as 'legalistic', 'arrogant', 'un-Christlike', and 'judgmental'. Paul challenges this way of thinking by telling us that an

unwillingness to deal properly with sin in our Churches is a form of spiritual 'arrogance' and rebellion.

- Tolerance of unrepentant sin in the Church will destroy our witness to a watching world
- In a society that celebrates all kinds of destructive, unbiblical, and ungodly attitudes toward sex, gender, and sexuality we must hold firm to Biblical standards within our homes and our Churches. In days to come the Church in Canada will face tremendous pressure to conform to the new sexual ethic of our culture:
 - legal and social repercussions
 - indoctrination of our children in public schools
 - belief that the Bible is outdated and irrelevant
 - attempts to revise Biblical interpretation in an effort to ease the cultural tension and maintain influence
 - painful defection of popular leaders and teachers

II. The Strategy Regarding Discipline– vv. 3-5

- 1) The Corinthians are instructed to 'remove' the evil man from the Church
 - a. Excommunication is the final step in a Biblical process of Church Discipline
 - b. The entire process is outlined by Jesus in **Matthew 18:15-20:**
 - Step 1:** Personal & private confrontation
 - Step 2:** Confrontation with witnesses
 - Step 3:** Intervention of the Church
 - Step 4:** Excommunication
- 2) Paul's Instruction Regarding Excommunication
 - a. It involves the removal of membership & suspension from the Lord's Table
 - b. It involves the entire congregation
 - c. It requires the intentional interruption of Christian fellowship – v. 11
 - d. It is intended to lead the person to genuine repentance and spiritual restoration
 - e. It is intended to protect the rest of the Church from spiritual harm