

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday July 2, 2017

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

A CASE OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE – PART II

Lord's Table

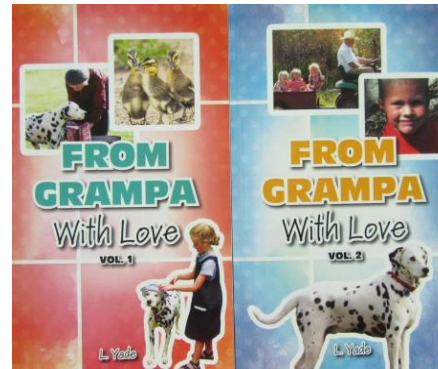
Final Song

Benediction

“Reproof is unavoidable. God’s Word demands it when a brother falls into open sin. The practice of discipline in a congregation begins in the smallest circles. Where defection from God’s Word in doctrine or life imperils the family fellowship and with it the whole congregation, the word of admonition and rebuke must be ventured. Nothing can be more cruel than the tenderness that consigns another to his sin. Nothing can be more compassionate than the severe rebuke that calls a brother back from the path of sin. “

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Featured in the Rosedale Library:



From Grampa With Love (2 books): Written by Mr. Lorne Yade (our own Sue Dube’s father), these delightful stories are suitable for children of all ages – those who enjoy reading as well as those who enjoy climbing onto a lap to listen.

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Gyugyei, Andy & Hilda
<u>Tuesday</u>	Harris, Joe & Doreen
<u>Wednesday</u>	Jean, Dorothy
<u>Thursday</u>	John, Aileen
<u>Friday</u>	Johnston, Glen & Wil
<u>Saturday</u>	Johnston, Tom

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

Saturday: Men's Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

Elisha House Campaign: Baby bottles are due back. If you have not yet returned your bottle please make arrangements with Sue St. Amour this morning. Thank you for generously supporting this important ministry in our community.

Worship on the Water: The Evangelical Churches of Welland are once again partnering in a city-wide Church service that will take place tonight at 6pm at the Canal amphitheatre. Before the service there will be a event in the park beginning at 3:30 and a Manic Drive Concert beginning at 4pm.

Summer Kids Club: Our week long kid's club will run from July 31- August 4. Flyers are available from Anita Nagy

Outdoor Service & Picnic: Our annual outdoor service and Church picnic will be happening on July 30th. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Blue Jays Social: We are planning a trip to Toronto on August 26th to watch the Blue Jays play the Twins. A sign up sheet is available in the foyer. If at least 20 people commit to coming the ticket price will be \$25 for Adults and \$14 for Children (14 and under). If you own a minivan and are able to drive please let Pastor John know.

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