

Welcome to Rosedale

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Praise & Worship

Advent Candle: 'Hope'..... Gail Mowat

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM

Celebration of Believer's Baptism

Benediction

What is Advent?

Advent is a season observed in many Christian Churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. The word 'advent' comes from the Latin word meaning 'coming' (Greek = *'parousia'*). For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for His Second Coming. The Advent wreath and candles were first introduced by Martin Luther as a way to instruct his congregation, and have since been adopted by many Christian Churches. On each Sunday of Advent a purple candle is lit representing the blessings Jesus' coming has brought to us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. On Christmas Eve the final white candle is lit (called the 'Christ candle'), reminding us that Jesus is the light of the world.

This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am
Budget/ Nominations Meeting – 9:30 am

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

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Believer's Baptism: This morning we have the privilege of witnessing the Baptism of the following men and women who have expressed their desire to give a public declaration of their faith in Jesus Christ: Percy Robinson, Mary Jones, Tammy Ottaway, Pam Furry, Gail Fidler. We invite you to remain after the morning service for refreshments in our fellowship hall and an opportunity to encourage our brother and sisters who have taken this important step of obedience.

Women's Waffle Breakfast: Saturday December 10th at 9:00am. Cost - \$5. This event has become a yearly Christmas tradition here at Rosedale and is an excellent opportunity to invite a friend to hear the gospel message. Sign up in the foyer and take a few invitations home.

Budget and Nominations Meeting: Our annual Budget and Nominations meeting is scheduled for next Saturday (December 3rd) at 9:30am. Copies of the proposed 2017 Budget and Nominations List are available from one of our ushers. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting and members are especially encouraged to be present.

Open Arms Mission: Seats are still available at the December 2nd fundraising banquet for Open Arms. To reserve your spot call the mission at 905-788-3800.

New in the Rosedale Library:



Bonhoeffer (DVD): The true story of the heroic rebellion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a highly regarded Lutheran minister during World War II who could have kept his peace and saved his life, but instead paid the ultimate price.

Families of the Week

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

<u>Monday</u>	Nagy, Joe & Anita
<u>Tuesday</u>	Olsen, Jake & Cindy Zander
<u>Wednesday</u>	Olynyk, Steve
<u>Thursday</u>	Ottaway, Tammy
<u>Friday</u>	Parise, Adrien
<u>Saturday</u>	Pettit, Bryon & Jessica Eden, Isabella, Myka

**ROSEDALE
BAPTIST CHURCH**



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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